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It may say New Hampton Newspapers, twice, but the old building that housed the publishing company for many years is now home to Bennett Pharmacy, where Vicky Converse heads to get a shingles shot Saturday.

It's not a newspaper building any more!

Though not giving COVID shots, pharmacy puts old Tribune building to use

By DOROTHY HUBER
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For years, patrons would stop into the New Hampton Tribune office at 10 North Chestnut to buy a subscription. Well, there were times they would stop in and ask if they could renew their prescription, but employees would point out that they could do that next door at Bennett Pharmacy, then the people would laugh and say they guess it's a subscription they needed and the transaction would be made.

Those days are gone. As a handful of people filed into the building Saturday, pharmacist Tom Rasmussen explained the shingles shot he was about to give and answered any questions, not only about shingles shots, but COVID vaccines.

Anyone that wanted a subscription would have needed to go a couple blocks west to 121 West Main, on the north side of the Edward Jones business. Rasmussen was quick to point out the pharmacy is not currently offering COVID shots. But if they were, last year's purchase of the Tribune building by Bennett Pharmacy owner Mark Vogt would come in handy.

"At the time, we wondered why would he spend money on this building," Rasmussen said. "As it turned out he was a vaccine visionary. We've repurposed the building and overall it's worked out very well."

As the Shingrex recipients filed into the office, they sat in what used to be the newsroom, in chairs placed six feet apart. That wouldn't have been possible at the Bennett building, where space is at a premium.

"Originally when Mark bought this it basically was a place for us to eat lunch."

But by the time the newspaper business vacated the premises, COVID, while not in full swing in the area, had shut

Pharmacist Tom Rasmussen gives Julie Baltes a shingles vaccination Saturday and has help from Bennett Pharmacy employee Leon Blong in organizing paperwork.

down much of the country. "We started thinking, 'what are we going to do if we have to give vaccines?' We knocked around a couple ideas and came up with this."

The counter where customers used to buy their subscriptions now holds a sanitizer hand pump and Rasmussen had the sound system that the newspaper left behind cranked up. Tables that used to house old Tribune books now provided a sturdy surface for people to sign forms and a cart held Rasmussen's supplies, which he rolled around to each individual.

"If we were giving the COVID vaccination," Rasmussen said while pointing to the chairs, "each person would get the shot, then there would be 10-15 minutes lecture time. I'd ask if there was any shortness of breath and screen for any other signs of anaphylaxis. We could get people in and out of here in a half-hour, then we'd sanitize everything, right down to the pens they used."

Even if they don't end up giving the COVID shots, the space will come in handy for flu shots and vaccinations such as the

shingles one, which was scheduled online.

"We wanted to give online scheduling a try and work out all the bugs. When and if we do get a COVID vaccine we'll have a younger demographic that will be able to use smart phones and

computers to schedule. Other than that, we haven't had to do much here. Brought in some folding chairs and a computer."

And it hasn't affected the original purchase purpose. Rasmussen still has his lunch room.

5K next month will promote mental health, suicide awareness

A new 5K is coming to New Hampton this year as friends and family of the late Brittney Heying will remember her and others who have died from suicide with an event titled "Their Fight Is Our Fight" on Friday, April 30.

The run/walk will begin and end at New Hampton's Mikkelson Park and is scheduled for 6 p.m. on the date that would have been Brittney's 24th birthday.

The entry fee is \$25 by April 20, and a t-shirt is included. The fee after April 20 is \$35. Those 12 and under will be allowed to run or walk for free, and t-shirts are also available at Zip's Outfitters.

To register, visit the group's Facebook page at TheirFightIsOurFightNHIA, the Chickasaw Wellness Complex, the New Hampton Parks and Recreation office and Office World. The event will include a silent auction from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and a light supper will be served for a freewill donation after the race.

Organizers are also putting together a memorial video, and anyone who would like to contribute a photo of a loved one lost to suicide and an up-to-100-words essay to dawnheyings@gmail.com.

All proceeds will be donated to local organizations that promote mental health and suicide prevention awareness.

For more on this event, see the March 30 Tribune.



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PALM SUNDAY REMINDS US OF THE ENIGMA OF THE CROSS

About midway through the accounts of his public ministry, Jesus' focus starts to shift from Galilee, the small town he grew up to Jerusalem, the capital city of the nation, the heart of his people's culture and aspirations. Jesus wanted to go to Jerusalem, but it was a dangerous idea that in fact scared to death his disciples.

Not willing to go to Jerusalem, they tried to persuade Jesus to stay with them in Galilee. But Jesus was determined to set foot in Jerusalem. They couldn't have picked the worst time to go to Jerusalem. It was Passover. Passover was known as the worst, the most volatile, and most dangerous time to set foot in Jerusalem.

The city is full of pilgrims. They have come to celebrate the liberation of their people from slavery in Egypt centuries before. Because there were so many people in town, the Romans were concerned that the people could revolt against them, so additional troops from Rome were called in. In every corner of the city, there were Romans soldiers patrolling and keeping eyes on the crowd.

It was a tense, dan-

gerous and volatile time that Jesus and his disciples found themselves in. How did he enter the city, he rode on a donkey as it was predicted by prophet Zechariah when he says, "oh Jerusalem, here comes your messiah, humble and lowly is he, riding on a donkey?"

When the crowd saw him, they chanted patriotic songs, "hosanna, blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." they tore branches from the trees, they took off their coats and lay them on his path." It was a moment never seen before. There was a euphoria, so much excitement, so much promises. It was a political act in the name of religion.

While it might be an exaggeration to say that the whole city was stirred up, it is, however, not an exaggeration to assert that Jesus entry to Jerusalem got the attention of both the religious and political authorities. They were nervous.

Looming over the drama of Jesus entry to Jerusalem is the shadow of the cross and the critical issue of why, why in the name of God did Jesus do what he did. Why would God, who

we believe is present, incarnate, in the life of Jesus, why would God become so involved in such a messy, political, potentially violent event, an event of human pain, suffering and death?

It is a question that philosophers since the antiquity have been wrestling with. They asked, does God really understand us, does God know what it is like to be a human being? Does God in any way enter in our life, share our experience?

Does God laugh and rejoice like we do, suffer and weep like we do? To most of the philosophers, they conclude that God cannot suffer and be God. If God is perfection, they say, perfection is not disturbed. There is no way that God can have feelings, suffer or weep like we do.

To the Greek philosophers in particular, included Aristotle, Plato and others, the idea that God understands our pain, that he suffers with us, was preposterous to them. A perfect God, they argue does not get in the messy of imperfect people.

The same question the philosophers asked century ago, continued,



Pastor Willy Mafuta serves the First United Methodist Church in New Hampton, which holds weekly services at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

however, to linger in our own understanding of God's relation to human suffering and tragedy. Where was God, when COVID-19 hit?

The entry of Jesus in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday brings us to the reality of the brutal death of God on the cross. Moltmann, one of the greatest theologians of our times, in his book, "The Crucified God," says that, "it is not enough to say that Jesus died for our sins.

What needs to be said, he argues, is that He also died for sufferers, he died for everyone who suffers or who will suffer, he died for us. He took the pain of our loved one, and will take the pain of those who will suffer.

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Depending on the nature of your business, you may have spent the past several months more concerned about today than tomorrow, given the serious economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is still placing stress on a great many business owners across the country.

If your business has been adversely affected by the pandemic, you might be eligible for a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan. As you may know, recent legislation provided \$285 billion more for this program. To learn more, and to start the application process, visit the Small Business Administration website at www.sba.gov. You have until March 31 to apply for a PPP loan. Other relief also may be available.

But regardless of whether you apply for one of these loans, you can take other steps to help maximize the benefits you get from your business – and perhaps even extend its longevity.

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Establish a retirement plan.** If you don’t already have a retirement plan, it’s never too late to set one up. As a business owner, you have several options, including an “owner-only” 401(k), a SIMPLE IRA and a SEP-IRA. All these plans are fairly easy to establish and can offer potential tax advantages, as well as providing you with a source of retirement income in the future. You may want to work with a financial professional to pick the right plan for your needs.

- **Coordinate your business assets with your investment portfolio.** Like most business



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owners, you may have a great deal of your personal wealth tied up in your business. And, as the past year has certainly shown, this can be risky. Consequently, you’ll need to weigh this risk factor when deciding on investing in your retirement plan or in other investment accounts. This doesn’t mean you should try to avoid all risk only by pursuing the most conservative vehicles – which would be counterproductive to achieving enough growth to meet your retirement income goals – but you will need to pay close attention to your investment mix to ensure it provides you with an appropriate balance to what you’ve invested in your business.

- **Develop a transition strategy.** How will you make the transition from business owner to the next phase of your life? Will you sell the business outright? Will you gradually transfer it to a family member? If so, what mechanism will you use? It’s a good idea to have these types of plans in place well before you need to enact them, so you may want to consult with your financial, legal and tax advisors soon.

A “Mom and Pop” business may sound quaint and carefree – but, as you know, running a business of any size can be an all-consuming endeavor and always involves significant financial concerns. Get the help you need to meet these challenges.

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Governor opens vaccines to all

Public Health administrator says county will begin compiling list next week

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Let’s face it, there have been a lot of lists when it comes to the COVID-19 vaccination process that began late in 2020.

There was the medical professional list. There was the nursing home residents list. There was the fire, police and emergency responders list. There was the 65 and older list. There was the under 65 with underlying conditions list.

And beginning next Monday, March 29, there will be the “anybody list.”

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced last week that she was opening up vaccines to the entire general public, and Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services will begin compiling the names of the newest list, beginning next Monday, by calling 641-229-8013, but Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter emphasized that number won’t be live until March 29.

Welter also said it was critical for residents to understand that Public Health can

It’s another ‘light’ COVID week in county

Chickasaw County once again had relatively few positive tests of COVID-19 reported last week.

According to Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter, just six residents tested positive during the week. Welter said as of Friday, the county had six active cases of COVID-19.

Since the pandemic arrived in Iowa a year ago, 1,203 residents have tested positive for the Coronavirus.

only do so much.

“We’re still getting the 200 vaccines a week and we’re using 100 percent of them,” she said, “and I think in the next couple of weeks, we should finish everyone up 65 and older and those with underlying conditions. But it all depends on the number

of vaccines we get so we’re asking residents for their patience and understanding while we work through the list.”

She also took issue with a report on KWWL-TV late last week that purported the county had just 6 percent of its population vaccinated.

“There are a lot of factors at work there, but I just don’t believe that number is accurate, or even close to it,” Welter said, pointing out that her department has provided vaccination to more than 2,000 people. “By law, I can’t deny the vaccine to out-of-county residents, but the vast majority of the people we’ve vaccinated have been from Chickasaw [County].”

She did say the range of side effects that come with the vaccine run the gamut.

“It all depends and there is no rhyme or reason, just like COVID itself,” she said. “We have people who don’t have any. Some get the sore arm, some get a fever, tiredness and headaches. But most of what we’ve heard is those symptoms don’t last more than a day or two.”



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Lawler Irish Fest Committee members have decided to cancel the annual town festival for a second straight year because of concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, but two other celebrations — New Hampton’s Heartland Days and Nashua’s Water Over the Dam Days — are a go for this June.

Lawler looks at scaled-down festival later

IRISH FEST: FROM 1

June 18-19 event earlier than later.

“The world is still greatly affected by COVID-19, and we cannot in good conscience, risk the health and well-being of the community, artists and volunteers, nor can we risk the financial outlay if we would need to cancel closer to the event date,” the committee said in a statement it released last week. “Our actions are in the best interest of the community based on the info we have in front of us today.”

Plans are being discussed for a scaled-down event later in the summer or fall as “more people will be vaccinated.”

The committee does plan to install a new electronic scoreboard at Junko Park that will be paid for by funds generated from previous celebrations.

Little Light of Mine committee will lead parade

HEARTLAND DAYS: FROM 1

2021, and Speltz said organizers are planning a big bash.

“We’re definitely a go,” Speltz said, “and we’re so excited. We’ve got a big weekend planned.”

Heartland Days will be held June 11-12, with most of the activities set for Mikkelson Park.

Speltz said the parade will return to its normal Friday evening slot, and will be led by Grand Marshals Lee and Lisa Pool and the Little Light of Mine Committee.

The Pools were scheduled to lead the

parade in 2020, and Speltz said the only difference this year will be that the couple asked other committee members who put on the holiday light display to be included.

Although a firm schedule is not yet in place, this year’s celebration will include two bands — The Dweebs on Friday evening and the Vic Ferrari Band on Saturday night — and that the fireworks that will be shot off by J&M Displays’ Jason Rude will also be held Saturday night.

Speltz said a number of activities are planned for Saturday at the park. Among the activities that will be held will be a coed softball tournament, a bean-bag tour-

nament, kids activities, the New Hampton FFA kiddie tractor pull and a pickleball tournament.

“We’re really looking forward to getting back to normal,” Speltz said. “By the time we get to Heartland Days, most of us will be vaccinated, and we feel comfortable that we can move ahead with our celebration.”

He paused and laughed. “And the good news is that unlike last year, I can start worrying about the weather for Heartland Days,” he said. “I didn’t realize how much I missed it until it didn’t matter last year.”

Coordinator says Water Over the Dam Days set for late June

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Nashua’s annual Water Over the Dam Days is set to return this June after a one-year hiatus because of COVID-19 concerns.

And trust us, Tori Ulrichs can’t wait.

“I think we’re all looking forward to having it and putting

all this stuff behind us,” said Ulrichs, who heads up the committee that puts on Nashua’s annual town celebration. “We’ve got the bands booked, the tents and now, hopefully, we’ll be far enough along in the vaccinations to be able to have a good old-fashioned party, Nashua style.”

A year ago, officials first

pushed Water Over the Dam Days back from June to August because of concerns about spreading COVID and eventually called off the event because of the pandemic.

But Ulrichs said the committee was able to “rebook” the bands that had signed on for the 2020 celebration, which means Farm Rock, Endless Summer

and Standing Hampton are all signed up for this June’s festival.

Ulrichs said plans for the rest of the celebration are being put together, and she said organizers are looking for new events because for the first time in years, Water Over the Dam Days will not have a Mud Run this year.

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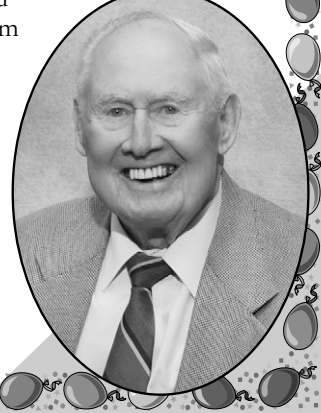
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To hold a spot for your child for the 2021-2022 school year, you will need to complete the online enrollment form by Tuesday, April 6th.



Online Poll

Half of last week's poll respondents don't believe PreK-12 schools need any "spring break" at all, 30 percent like New Hampton's Good Friday-Easter Monday break, 15 percent think the kids deserve a week-long break while 6 percent wouldn't mind a Wednesday-through-Friday break like Nashua-Plainfield has. This week we're asking our online readers about the ambulance contract agreement. Vote today online at nhtrib.com.

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Thursday: Mostly sunny; high 50, low 31.
Friday: Mostly cloudy with rain possible; high 47, low 30.
Early weekend forecast: Partly cloudy with slight chance of rain or snow overnight on Saturday; highs near 50 both days, lows in the 30s.

History

- In 1775, during the second Virginia Convention, delegate Patrick Henry utters his famous line "give me liberty or give me death."
- In 1839, the initials "O.K." are first published in The Boston Morning Post, and it was meant as an abbreviation for "oll korrekt," a popular slang misspelling of "all correct" at the time.
- In 1983, President Reagan proposes that the U.S. embark on a program to develop antimissile technology — the so-called "Star Wars" defense — that would make the country nearly impervious to attack by nuclear missiles
- In 1998, the movie "Titanic" is awarded 11 Academy Awards, tying the 1959 film "Ben Hur" for the most Oscars won in a year.

Birthdays

- Wernher von Braun, the German rocket scientist who after World War II was instrumental in America's space program, was born in 1912.
- Roger Bannister, the Brit who broke the four-minute barrier in the mile, was born in 1929.
- NBA star Kyrie Irving turns 29.

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Francis M. Zeien, 89

Francis M. Zeien, age 89 of New Hampton, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully at home on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at Immaculate Conception Church in North Washington, with Father Brian Dellaert celebrating the mass.
There will be a two hour visitation prior to the funeral mass at the church on Tuesday.
If you are unable to attend in person, please join the family online via the Conway-Markham Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Online condolences may be left at www.conway-markham-fh.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.

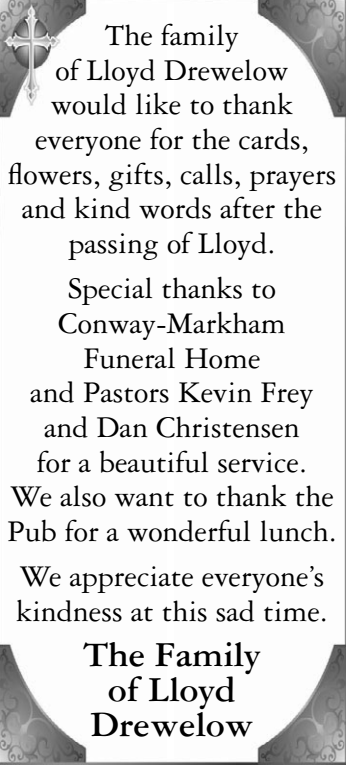
Francis Matthew was born Feb. 2, 1932, the son of John and Wilhelmina (Schwickerath) Zeien in New Hampton. He attended school at St. Mary's in North Washington.

After completing his education, Francis began his lifelong career in farming until he enlisted in the United States Army. Francis proudly served his country as a corporal for the military police. After returning from Japan, he received his honorable discharge in 1955.

When Francis returned home, he completed his education through the G.I. Bill and worked as a carpenter.

While enjoying time away from work, Francis met the love of his life, Rita Reicherts, at a dance in Lawler. The couple were united in marriage on June 2, 1955, and made their home on a farm near North Washington. Together they welcomed their six children — four boys, Leon, Leonard, Randy and Richard and two girls, Luann and Sandy. However, during the week he raised six boys when the girls worked hard right alongside their brothers.

Francis shared his work ethic with his children, making sure they knew the value of hard and honest work. He retired from farming in 1996,



To the family and friends of the late Myrtle Rosonke, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your kindnesses, and for the condolences and support that we have received. Thanks to St. Croix Hospice, the nurses and aides who were an immense help and comfort. Thanks to Father Dellaert and Conway Markham Funeral Home for everything you have done and the beautiful mass. Your compassion and help was very much appreciated. Your sympathy and kindness will always be remembered.

Mike & Lori Rosonke
Pat Rosonke & Mildred Rinnels
Jim & Donna Rosonke



Francis Zeien

when he and Rita moved into New Hampton.

Away from farming, Francis was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in North Washington, Farm Bureau and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Throughout the years, Francis could be found on an Allis Chalmers D17 series 4 on many tractor rides around the countryside and parades. In retirement, Francis returned to woodworking, specializing in scroll saw techniques. He created unique and beautiful pieces and received numerous awards.

He loved watching his family grow and was always willing to lend a helping hand wherever he was needed.

Those left to honor his memory are his wife of 65 years, Rita Zeien of New Hampton; his children, Leon (Linda) Zeien of North Washington, Luann (Ken) Heying of North Washington, Leonard (Deb) Zeien of Floyd, Sandy (Joe) Attleson of Kasson, Minnesota, Randy (Vicki) Zeien of Chandler, Arizona, and Richard (Sharon) Zeien of New Hampton; his 21 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one brother, Vincent Zeien of Waverly; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Wilhelmina Zeien; and his siblings, Alvin Zeien, Elmer Zeien, Ramona (Joe) Ryant, Louis (Lucille) Zeien, and Agnes (Guido) Brincks.

Kimberly ‘Kim’ Marie Stroud, 33

Kimberly “Kim” Marie Stroud age 33 of Nashua died unexpectedly, Thursday, March 18, 2021 at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Kayak float set for April 8 a Sweet Marsh

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will hold a kayak float on April at Sweet Marsh Wildlife Area near Tripoli.

The event begins at 6 p.m. and pre-registration is required and can be made by calling 641-394-4714.

Cora LaVonne Hartson, 85



LaVonne Hartson

Cora LaVonne Hartson, age 85 of Fredericksburg, passed away peacefully Monday, March 15, 2021, at UnityPoint Health-Allen Hospital in Waterloo due to complications from emergency surgery late Saturday night.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2021, at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg with the Rev. Scott Smith officiating.

Interment was held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg with David Bormann, Joel Franzen, Jamie Beatty, Brett Franzen, Justin Franzen, Brittany McNeil, Tyler Hartson, Trenton Hartson, Brianna Drewelow, Morgan Price, and Trey Hartson serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2021, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg where there was a 6:30 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Cora LaVonne Hartson was born on Nov. 30, 1935, to Raymond and Lulu (Coen) Shannon in Nashua, IA and she grew up in the Nashua, Greene, and Powersville area before her family moved to Fredericksburg.

LaVonne attended country school before going to Fredericksburg High School, where she played 6-on-6 basketball for the Falcons and served as the school's drum majorette before graduating with the Class of 1954.

She graduated from Upper Iowa University with a degree in elementary education and began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse just north of Fredericksburg. She also taught at Fredericksburg Elementary before accepting an offer in 1964 to join the teaching staff at Tripoli Elementary, where she taught until she

retired in 2000.

LaVonne had a gift when it came to teaching. She had high expectations of her students, but they also knew that their teacher would always be their advocate. Countless times over the years, LaVonne's children have heard the phrase “she was the best teacher I ever had.”

She met James Hartson in high school; he was a year ahead of LaVonne in school. They began dating, fell in love, and were married on July 14, 1957, at the Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg, and their family grew to include Diana, Dorreen, Dennis, and Daryl.

LaVonne and Jim loved to go dancing and always were members of a card club. LaVonne also enjoyed sewing, and her kids remember the matching outfits Mom made for them. They will also tell you that their mom was a social butterfly; whether it be when out dancing, playing cards, or when the family went camping. In LaVonne's world, everyone was a friend.

Three years after she retired from teaching, LaVonne's husband passed away, and although it was difficult for her to lose the love of her life, she dealt with her sadness by becoming even more involved. She served

on the Fredericksburg Library Board, the Plum Creek Golf Course Board, and the Plum Creek Art Gallery Council. She was particularly proud that she was able to play a part in bringing an art gallery and studio to the small town she called home for much of her life.

She was an active member of the Peace Church, belonged to Curves, and loved quilting and going on quilting retreats; in other words, she never had a problem “filling” her days. She also enjoyed a glass of wine or two when she was with her family and friends playing cards or just visiting.

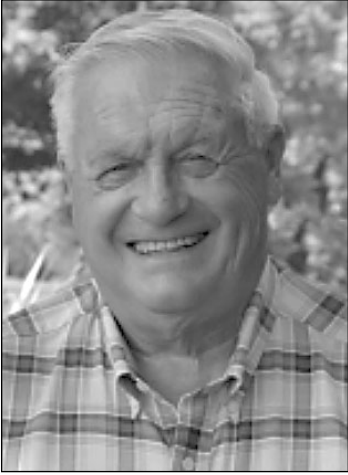
But the best days for LaVonne came when she was able to be with her 11 grandchildren and her 17 great-grandchildren. She was a great mom, don't get us wrong, but she was a fabulous grandma who loved showing off her uniquely painted fingernails to one and all.

LaVonne was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of so many through her 85 years. She created lifelong memories for her children, her grandchildren, her “greats,” her friends, and the hundreds of school children she taught over the years. As sad as they are at her passing, they know her faith has reunited her with Jim and the couple is dancing and playing cards in heaven.

LaVonne is survived by four children, Diana Bispig, Dorreen (Jim) Franzen, Dennis (Sheryl) Hartson, Daryl (Kimberlee) Hartson all of Fredericksburg; 11 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren with one on the way; one brother, Duane Coen of Decorah; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jim in 2003; one sister, Carol Annett; three step-brothers, Clarence, John, and Raymond Shannon; one step-sister, Allene Roeder; and many aunts and uncles.

Donald Dean LaRue, 83



Don LaRue

Donald Dean LaRue, age 83 of Nashua, died Thursday, March 18, 2021, at UnityPoint Health-Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

A private funeral service will take place at a later date. Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory/Olson Chapel is entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences for Don's family may be left at hugeback-funeralhome.com

A celebration of life will be held in Don's honor at Iowa Base on Oct. 9, 2021, 1616 270th St. Nashua, IA 50658. More details and times for this event are to come.

Donald Dean LaRue was born on June 17, 1937, in the small north-central Iowa town of Woden to Norman and Dena (Steenhard) LaRue. He was the oldest of the couple's four children and grew up on a farm in the Meservey and Alexander area.

Like most farm kids in that era, Don learned at an early age the value of hard work, helping his parents and his grandparents with chores and fieldwork on their farms. He attended school and was a member of the Class of 1955 at Meservey High School.

Don enlisted in the National Guard Ironman Battalion and the 34th Infantry Division, where he served as 1st Sergeant Donald LaRue, serving our country for twenty-seven plus years. When he was on leave, he went with some friends to Dumont. Don would eventually travel the world, but that trek to Dumont may have been the

most important trip of his life for it was there that he met a pretty young girl named Patty Bohner.

The couple began dating, fell in love, and were married on Jan. 16, 1959, in Dows, and their family grew to include two sons — Joel and Troy.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, Don worked several jobs before he took a job at Hydrotile in Nashua, where the family moved in 1964. During his long career at the Nashua manufacturer, he traveled to places like Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Panama — just to name a few — to help install his company's products.

Growing up, his boys remember that they had a dad who was the epitome of a “hard-working man,” and Don loved hunting, fishing, and, of course, telling tales about them.

When Hydrotile closed in the late 1980s, he worked for Featherlite for a couple of years

before starting a concrete consulting business that took him all over the country.

In 2000, he founded Iowa Base, a precast concrete firm based in Nashua, and Don rarely, if ever, missed a day of work; in fact, he put in his last day at the company he built from scratch just two days before he passed away.

Don was proud of his family, and he loved spending time with his grandchildren and swapping stories with them.

He was also a longtime member of the Nashua Fishing and Game Club, he loved being a part of the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum and was dedicated to his community through his involvement in the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce.

This hard-working man will be dearly missed by his sons, grandchildren, friends, and the community he served so well, but they are comforted knowing that Don is now reunited with Patty.

Donald is survived by two sons, Joel (Michelle) LaRue of Charles City, and Troy (Lisa) LaRue of Ionia; two grandchildren, Morgan (Wayne) Adams and Hannah LaRue; three step-grandchildren, Jennifer (Justin) Beals, Christine (Gregory) Jennings, and Angela (Nicholas) Otis; eight step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Norma (Butch) Whipple of Dows; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patty LaRue in 2018; and two brothers, Dewayne and Durwood LaRue.

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News Bits From Our Past

Week of March 21 1946 (75 years ago)

- John Ball, sophomore student from New Hampton, is the 155-pound entry of Iowa State Teachers College in the annual National Collegiate Athletic Associations wrestling tournament in Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- He will be competing against the outstanding 155-pound grapplers in the nation during the two-day event at the Oklahoma A&M. This will be Ball’s first appearance in national tourney competition.
- Florian Winter of nearby Waucoma who attends school in St. Lucas, fell during the noon hour last week Friday and broke the bone in his elbow. Tuesday, he returned to New Hampton, when his arm was put in a cast.
- At the time of the accident the arm was swollen so badly this had to be delayed. Unfortunately, it was the right arm that was injured.
- 1971 (50 years ago)**
- Spring arrived Sunday, but not before the “Lion of March” unleashed his fury on the area Thursday with one of the worst storm of the season.
- A total of 12 inches of snow fell during the storm that ended the following day.
- In addition to the heavy snow, driving winds pelted the snow against buildings and vehicles and into trees.
- Temperatures remained in the cold range over the weekend and little snow had melted on Monday. The high temperature for the week was 45 degrees on Wednesday, March 17, and the low for the week was 16 degrees on Saturday, March 20.

New Hampton native promoted to colonel

Jason Thomas Huffman, a New Hampton native who lives in Johnson, has been promoted from major to lieutenant colonel.

Huffman received congratulations from Brig. Gen. Steven B. McLaughlin, who said “your selection speaks volumes about your exemplary career and it speaks to the Army’s confidence in your potential to lead the institution into the future.”

Huffman served 18 years with the Iowa National Guard and has now served the last two years with the Army Reserve where he serves as command and general staff officer course instructor.

Over the years of service, Huffman has served as a company commander, an officer candidate school instructor and a battalion and brigade commander.

Huffman has served overseas, and in Afghanistan, he worked as an embedded advisor with the Afghan National Army as well as the Afghan Police Forces.

It was in Afghanistan that Huffman was promoted to captain and then major.

A graduate of New Hampton High School in 1999, Huffman graduated in 2003 from the University of Iowa and Drake Law School in 2006.

Working as an attorney and project manager, Huffman is also an artist and inventor. He is CEO of Battle Hardened Games as well as the creator of “1750 Britain vs. France.”

He and his wife Megan have four sons.

Area ties include his parents Ruth and Jim (deceased) Huffman and Jason’s brother, Ryan Huffman, a teacher and coach at Osage Community Schools.

Huffman’s grandparents are the late Roy and Rae Huffman of New Hampton and Joe and Ann Boeding, St. Lucas.



Huffman

- The appointment of Robert R. Rigler of New Hampton to a four-year term on the Iowa Highway Commission was unanimously confirmed by members of the Iowa Senate, where he had served for 16 years.
- The motion to confirm Rigler’s appointment was made by George Shawver, Republican of Fredericksburg, who was elected last to the seat in the Senate vacated by Rigler, who did not choose to seek re-election. Rigler will assume the Highway Commission post on July 1.
- 1996 (25 years ago)**
- New Hampton’s Trees Forever program will expand its conservation program thanks to recent grand awards.
- A \$1,500 grant from People’s Natural Gas and a \$1,000 grant from the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant as well as contributions from Tri/Mark, Vern Laures Auto Center and Stone’s Ford Mercury will finance tree plantings at several public and semi-public sites this spring.
- Virgil, Jr. and Pam Pickar will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 30. An open house from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will precede a dance from p.m. to midnight at Chip’s in Lawler. Pam Schwickerath and Virgil Pickar were married on March 20, 1971, at Immaculate Conception Church in North Washington.
- They are parents of Michael and his wife, Sarah Pickar; Kristen and her husband, Carl Reicks; and Matthew, Daniel, Brian, Steven and Jonathon at home.
- 2011 (10 years ago)**
- Dozens of dignitaries, several shoppers and a number of employees were on hand to help the local store celebrate its grand re-opening as Fareway celebrated its recent renovation project.
- The store began its renovation project last summer that included adding space to its product and meat departments, constructing an addition for more storage space, building new restrooms and adding upright coolers, a walk-in beer cooler, a checkout counter, new aisles and parking space.
- The store also added more space for its dairy products, put up a new sign and completed other aesthetic projects.
- The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors has set the fee it charges for law enforcement in cities. Incorporated communities in the county will see a 3 percent increase to the cost of either law enforcement or communications with the county.

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board is seeking quotes for acquisition of an eight foot rotary mower. Anyone interested in the specifications for this acquisition should call Brian Moore at 641-394-4714

Quotes are due Monday, April 5, 2021 at 12:00pm at the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office, Courthouse, PO Box 311, New Hampton, IA 50659, or Chickasaw County Conservation Board, 1811-240th St., Ionia, IA 50645

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed New Hampton School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Location of Public Hearing:

Date of Hearing:

Time of Hearing:

New Hampton High School Media Center

710 West Main Street

4/5/2021

6:30 p.m.

New Hampton, IA 50659

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2021/22 school budget at the above-noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

		Budget 2022	Re-est. 2021	Actual 2020	Avg %20-22
Taxes Levied on Property	1	5,629,083	5,439,973	5,687,339	-0.5%
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	283,875	265,611	290,695	-1.2%
Income Surtaxes	3	533,438	535,427	530,632	0.3%
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	557,539	541,299	541,300	
Earnings on Investments	5	113,393	158,887	104,039	
Nutrition Program Sales	6	312,403	303,304	180,510	
Student Activities and Sales	7	505,725	481,514	481,514	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	167,275	1,137,656	416,304	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10	5,517,879	5,348,600	5,357,244	
Instructional Support State Aid	11	17,622	0	0	
Other State Sources	12	973,914	85,667	1,096,648	
Commercial & Industrial State Replacement	13	102,395	79,956	83,149	
Title I Grants	14	145,331	141,098	130,002	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	589,543	544,765	516,514	
Total Revenues	16	15,449,415	15,063,757	15,415,890	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0	
Transfers In	18	0	0	797,544	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	16,760	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	15,449,415	15,063,757	16,230,194	
Beginning Fund Balance	22	4,905,344	5,343,207	9,050,238	
Total Resources	23	20,354,759	20,406,964	25,280,432	
*Instruction	24	9,806,596	9,153,663	8,347,848	8.4%
Student Support Services	25	212,266	217,620	254,195	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	636,945	615,075	635,625	
General Administration	27	768,298	719,376	544,519	
School Administration	28	706,768	673,112	667,985	
Business & Central Administration	29	189,744	161,113	147,853	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	1,762,502	1,467,237	1,135,794	
Student Transportation	31	689,731	588,938	540,256	
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*Total Support Services (lines 25-32)	2A	4,966,254	4,442,471	3,926,227	12.5%
*Noninstructional Programs	33	0	0	533,577	-100.0%
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	34	113,625	327,484	4,372,412	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	35	1,509,661	491,787	1,512,580	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	36	488,657	442,725	442,297	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 34-36)	6A	2,111,943	1,261,996	6,327,289	-42.2%
Total Expenditures	37	16,884,793	14,858,130	19,134,941	
Transfers Out	38	768,490	643,490	797,544	
Other Uses	39	0	0	4,740	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	40	17,653,283	15,501,620	19,937,225	
Ending Fund Balance	41	2,701,476	4,905,344	5,343,207	
Total Requirements	42	20,354,759	20,406,964	25,280,432	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)			11.04999		

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<p>The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, March 15, 2021 in the High School Media Center. President Rosonke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors Matthews, Denner, Baltes and Schwickerath, Superintendent Jurens, Board Secretary Roethlis, student board members Zoe Worpel and Jacob Reicks present.</p> <p>Director Denner moved to approve the agenda. Director Baltes seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner and Rosonke. Nays: none.</p> <p>Director Matthews moved to approve the consent agenda items. Approve the minutes of the February 15, 2021 regular meeting. Approve the February 2021 monthly financial report and the March 2021 bill listing. Accept the following resignations: Sara Baltes (elementary teacher), Patty Hammel (middle school paraeducator). Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner and Rosonke. Nays: none.</p> <p>Director Matthews moved to appoint Emily Steele as the new Elementary Principal and her salary of \$93,000.00. Her duties will begin August 2nd. Direc-</p>	<p>tor Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Matthews, Baltes, Denner and Rosonke. Nays: none.</p> <p>Director Denner moved to approve the teaching staff for the 2021-2022 school year. Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Baltes, Matthews, Schwickerath and Rosonke. Nays: none</p> <p>Director Baltes moved to approve the Iowa Big North SNAP Supply Drive Fundraiser. Director Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Baltes, Matthews, Schwickerath and Rosonke. Nays: none</p> <p>Director Denner moved to approve the summer food program. Director Matthews seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Baltes, Matthews, Schwickerath and Rosonke. Nays: none</p> <p>Director Schwickerath moved to approve the Soccer Scratch Cupcake Fundraiser. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Baltes, Matthews, Schwickerath and Rosonke. Nays: none</p> <p>Superintendent Jurens presented information on the FY 22 Budget. Jurens informed the board that the school budget is due April 15th, which is before the April meeting. Jurens would prefer a public hearing the beginning of April to</p>	<p>Approve the FY22 Budget.</p> <p>Director Matthews moved to schedule the FY22 budget hearing for April 5, 2021 at 6:30pm in the High School Media Center. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Baltes, Matthews, Schwickerath and Rosonke. Nays: none</p> <p>Next regular meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>Director Schwickerath moved to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Schwickerath, Baltes, Matthews, Denner and Rosonke. Nays: none.</p> <p>Aerus Electrolux96.98 LS Supply & Rental21.12 AFLAC90.27 Maas, Bradley66.30 Ag Vantage FS1,526.07 Madison National Life Insurance1,766.55 Amazon Capital Services3,853.07 Mick Gage Plumbing2,132.82 Apple Computer Inc.1,794.00 Midwest Group Benefits, Inc.300.00 Black Hills Energy13,496.19 Miller, Lisa42.50 Carolina Biological Supply191.60 New Hampton Auto Body125.00</p>	<p>CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON227.88 New Hampton Electric.....245.74 Chickasaw Chassis42.50 New Hampton Tribune169.61 City Laundering Co.....1,028.57 NHMU Fiber80.00 City of New Hampton.....11,632.65 Northeast Iowa Comm. 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District will save interest costs, but drop levy tax rate

SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

School officials believe concrete would, at a minimum, double the cost of the project — but board members wanted more information before making a final decision.

During last Monday’s board meeting, Jurrens told board members that the district may have to hire an architect and/or engineer if board members decided to use concrete for the lot, that it would take two to three summers to finish a concrete parking lot and questions had arisen over the need to “tile” the lot, which would raise the cost of the lot.

“It’s been an issue ever since I’ve been on the board,” said Rosonke, who was first elected in 2009, “and I know we thought we could get it done this summer, but I’m not sure we’re going to have anything done before I’m gone.”

Rosonke has indicated it was highly unlikely he would seek re-election when his term expires this fall, but as much as he’d like to see the parking lot project through completion, or at least see it start while he’s one the board, he’s not sure that’s possible.

“You can’t get caught up in just getting it done to get done,” he said, “because you also want to do it right the first time so it doesn’t cost you down the road. ... All I know is we have this beautiful school and a lot of the people who come to our events, all they remember is that parking lot.”



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The New Hampton High School parking lot offers students, staff and visitors a rocky road these days, which is common in the spring as potholes form and melting snow leads to plenty of parking lot “ponds.”

Board members are expected to discuss the lot again at its April 19 meeting.

But they will meet once before that date because the regularly scheduled board meeting in April falls after the state deadline for school districts to certify their 2021-22 budgets and tax levies.

Jurrens last Monday “previewed” that budget and asked board members how aggressively they wanted to pay back bonds that were sold after voters approved a \$19.415 million referendum in March 2017.

In reality, the district has little power in setting its tax levy because much of the levy is determined by state formulas.

A year ago, the School Board added an additional 25 cents per \$1,000 valuation on its debt levy because the overall levy would not increase from the previ-

ous year.

Jurrens asked the board if it wanted to do the same this year — pointing out that it would raise an additional \$135,000 and save the district another \$68,040 in interest payments over the life of the bonds.

During the board’s February meeting, board members asked Jurrens to consider adding more to the debt levy as long as it overall levy would remain stagnant, and last week, board members agreed to add an additional 45 cents to the levy to pay off bonds early, meaning the district will save more than \$120,000 in interest payments over the life of the bonds.

That will mean the levy for 2021-22 will be \$11.04999 per \$1,000 valuation next year. The levy for this fiscal year

that ends June 30 was \$11.15735 per \$1,000 valuation.

Jurrens pointed out that the extra revenue will be put into an escrow account until 2024, the first year the bonds are “callable.”

The School Board also will hold its annual public hearing on the budget and tax levy at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 5. The board usually holds the hearing and approves its budget during the March meeting, but because the state was delayed in sending out the levy formula, the district had no choice but to move the hearing into April.

And New Hampton’s next regular meeting is set for Monday, April 19, which is four days after the deadline the state has for schools to certify their budgets and levies.

Cedar Valley Hospice wins workplace award

For the second year in a row, Cedar Valley Hospice has been awarded the Gallup Exceptional Workplace Award.

This award is Gallup’s premier recognition for engaged workplace cultures, presented only to organizations that meet rigorous standards of excellence.

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Applicants are compared to Gallup’s extensive database and must measure up to the most productive and successful organizations in the world.

With offices closed to the public and staff working remotely with very limited in-person meetings, its leaders initiated a variety of endeavors to keep communication frequent, transparent and fun.

“Cedar Valley Hospice is a special place to work, and our culture relies on professionalism and compassion as we care for people with a terminal illness,” said Human Resources Director Katie Unland. “We do a good job of taking care of each other because the work we do is difficult and emotional. During 2020, we had to pivot and found new ways to connect with staff.”

New administrator has ties to New Hampton, Northeast Iowa

PRINCIPAL: FROM 1

Steele said she was attracted to New Hampton for a number of reasons ranging from the size of the city to the fact that her sister, Amanda Carolan, is a nurse practitioner at MercyOne

New Hampton Family Clinic to the fact that it will bring her growing family closer to her husband’s family.

She is married to Luke Steele, who grew up in Hudson and is the son of longtime KWWL-TV anchorman Ron Steele.

“I love the size of the district,” she said. “Both Luke and I went to smaller schools, and as much as we love the [Des Moines] metro area, I think cities like New Hampton are great for kids.”

The couple — as of Friday, at least — has two children,

4-year-old Anderson and 2-year-old Josephine. But as she did the interview on Friday, she was two days away from her due date for their third child.

“We’re ready, definitely ready,” she said when asked about the impending birth, and

then added with a laugh, “or at least I’m ready. Seriously, one of the things as a young family that we put as a priority is to make sure our kids grow up in a town with a good school district. And New Hampton definitely qualifies.”

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Photos courtesy of Lavonne Suhr
Eleven-year-old Ely Suhr (left) shows off one of his white homing pigeons this past weekend, eight months after another pigeon (right) in his flock won the grand championship at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show.



It's National Ag Day!

What Is Ag Day?

It's a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture.

Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture to not only our nation but to countries around the globe.

When Is Ag Day?

Ag Day is being celebrated today (Tuesday), and it always falls during National Agriculture Week, which began on Sunday and runs through Saturday.

Who Hosts Ag Day?

The Agriculture Council of America hosts the campaign on a national level. However, the awareness efforts in communities across America are as influential - if not more - than the broad-scale effort.

Again this year, the Ag Day Planning Guide has been created to help communities and organizations more effectively host Ag Day events.

What Is Ag Day All About?

Ag Day is about recognizing - and celebrating - the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.

Why Celebrate Agriculture?

Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. But too few people truly understand this contribution.

This is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training.

By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture.

Each American farmer feeds more than 165 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s.

Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more - and doing it better.

As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced by the agricultural industry in the United States.

— SOURCE: agday.org

A FARM KID WITH A TWIST

YOUNG ELY SUHR IS A 'WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA' WHEN IT COMES TO HIS PIGEONS

BY BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Ely Suhr is plain and simple a farm kid. The 11-year-old lives on his family's farm that is located a few miles northwest of Fredericksburg and — like his two sisters, one older, one younger — he helps his parents with a variety of chores, ranging from field work to tending livestock.

"I like the freedom you have when you live on a farm," he said. "I don't think I'm the kind of kid who would be very good living in town."

But the fifth-grader at Summer-Fredericksburg Middle School is also branching out on his own. He's raising pigeons.

Yes, pigeons.

It all started when the Suhrs headed over to a neighbor's place for a bonfire.

"The guy was saying 'look at those stupid pigeons, they fly into the barn,' so I said something like 'I'd be interested in catching a couple of them,'" Suhr said. "I ended up getting five. Three escaped, but I still have two and now I'm building it up."

Indeed, he is.

He has 13 adults, three babies and four eggs, and he's got a plan.

One day — in a year or two — he'll have enough white homing pigeons to release at events like weddings and funerals.

"They're like white doves, except doves don't

know to go home," he said. "Seriously, it's going to be pretty cool. I have to train them, but pigeons are actually really smart and they will go home."

His mother laughed when she was asked about her son's affinity for pigeons.

"Ely is seriously a walking encyclopedia when it comes to them," she said. "It's amazing what he knows about them. I can honestly say I never thought I'd be on a farm where we raised pigeons, but here we are."

First, thing he must do is — as he puts it — "breed them up." And then he'll begin training them.

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FOOD Brings Everyone to the Table

AG DOES MORE THAN BRING FOOD TO THE TABLE

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) has announced the 2021 National Ag Day video and written essay winners.

The winners were chosen based on the theme: How American Agriculture Brings Food to the Table. The theme presented an opportunity for high school students to address how agriculture brings everyone together by feeding a growing population.

Entrants chose to either write an essay or create a video. A first-place written winner and a video winner were selected.

“CHS has long supported rural youth education and leadership programs and we are proud to give this year’s essay contest winners a platform that lets them share their ideas with a broader audience,” said CHS Inc. Marketing Communications Director Annette Degnan said. She also serves on the Agriculture Council of America board.

The national written essay winner, Jaxon Rauber of High Point, North Carolina, receives a \$1,000 prize and will read his winning essay at the virtual Ag Day event today (Tuesday). The contest also named two merit winners who receive \$100 and blog posts featuring their essays.

The Ag Day Essay Contest is sponsored by CHS Inc., National Association of Farm Broadcasting and Farm Progress.

Founded in 1973, National Ag Day encourages every American to understand how food and fiber products are produced; appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products; value the essential role of agricul-

ture in maintaining a strong economy and acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

This year’s winning essay follows:

My great-grandfather was an ag teacher in western New York. By the time I arrived, he had long since retired. His hands were strong, and seemed permanently stained with the earth.

When I was young, he would put us to work picking strawberries and green beans from the garden, or cracking piles of walnuts. He would walk us out back to feed the cows and goats in the neighbor’s pasture. Sometimes he would teach us about the trees, advising us how to tell the difference between white oak and black oak. Friends stopped by to visit and often came bearing gifts from their own crops.

My great-grandmother worked magic in a small farmhouse kitchen as she prepared a mouth-watering spread with all that we had gathered.

I feel fortunate to have had these early experiences. We all know food brings everyone to the table, but agriculture makes it all happen.

Agriculture has evolved significantly over time, from its simplistic beginnings, which allowed people to begin settling in communities, to modern practices of vertical farming and the use of robotics and drones.

According to recent studies, precision agriculture allows farmers more accurate techniques for planting and growing

crops, which in turn increases efficiency and cost management. (Ku). This focus on advancing farming practices is essential, as our population continues to increase.

By the year 2050, farmers will have to produce 70% more food to feed our growing population. (Shearing). The role of technology in agriculture is now more important than ever to meet the demands of the future.

Whereas the advancements in agricultural practices have allowed for more efficient food production, a growing focus on healthy, clean eating has increased the demand for food.

In addition to grocery store purchases, many people and restaurants are buying more produce at local farmers markets. According to the USDA, the number of registered farmers markets nearly doubled in a decade, reaching almost 8,700 in 2016 and leveled off just shy of 8,800 in 2019. (Maixner). Healthy eating habits are dependent upon the ability to access a wide variety of nutritious food, solidifying that agriculture is essential to our health and well-being.

While the world of agriculture is in a state of exciting technological advances that strive to meet the needs of our growing population, it is important that we not forget the vital roots of its existence. Agriculture not only brings food to the table, it brings family and friends. It builds tradition and reminds us of the importance of simplicity in life and the significance of those who share it.

Fifth-grader focused on building his flock

PIGEONS: FROM 9

The pigeon uninitiated might be asking how one trains pigeons?

“Wherever a baby pigeon sees its first sunlight,” he said, “that’s the place that they’re always going to think of as home. So you start by going a little ways out, releasing them and then make sure they go home. And then you just move farther and farther out.”

Trust us, the kid’s done his research. His mom has a friend in Wisconsin, for example, who is a professional pigeon racer.

“They can go like a 1,000 miles and they can get up to like 80, 90 miles per hour,” Ely said. “I mean seriously, I looked it up. Scientists have studied them and they actually have really high IQs and adapt to things pretty fast.”

And while the 11-year-old isn’t thinking about becoming a professional pigeon racer, he said he wouldn’t mind one day “doing a few races” just for fun.

For now, though, he’s going to continue to work to give

those celebrating a wedding or mourning the loss of a loved one something special — the release of birds that, albeit smaller, look like doves.

Ely has already tasted success when it comes to pigeons. At the 2020 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show, one of his pigeons claimed the grand champion of the fair’s poultry show.

“That was pretty cool,” he said. “I’ve been going to the fair since I was a little kid and that’s the first time anyone brought a pigeon. And it won, can you believe that?”

As for the longterm future? Suhr wants to follow in his parents’ footsteps and farm.

But he also said he’ll “probably need a side job.”

That, however, is years away.

Right now, he’s focused on feeding and watering his growing flock, and he’s appreciative of his parents’ support.

“Yeah, if we lived in town, I don’t think mom would have let me do this,” he said, “but you can do so much on a farm.”



Photo courtesy of Lavonne Suhr

Ely Suhr “bands” one of his white pigeons Sunday afternoon in the trailer-turned-coop on his family’s farm.

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Bringing some 'cute' ag to the classroom

A visit by Joanne Tupper and a few of her family farm's piglets has become an annual event in Dennis Pagel's fourth-grade classroom at New Hampton Elementary School.

And the kids, for the most part, love it. Sure, there are a few who aren't quite sure if they want to hold the baby pigs, but most ... well, they can't wait to check them out.

Joanne and her husband, Larry, are Pagel's Ag in the Classroom partners, and each year, Joanne shares information about the "pork" side of their farm, and while the piglets are the highlight, Tupper also gives the students a first-hand lesson in the importance of math and how it's used in the real world, especially in agriculture.

Iowa ag secretary touts 'Choose Iowa' contest

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 booth in the Varied Industries Building during the State Fair.

"I encourage students of all ages and backgrounds to participate in the Choose Iowa calendar contest. It's a great opportunity to learn about food production, the broader agriculture community, and the profound impact it has on our state," Naig said. "Through this process, I hope students will realize there are a variety of

career opportunities in agriculture, right here in our state."

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. Each submission should include an entry form, which lists the artist's name, age, school, hometown and contact information.

Technology plays key role in American agriculture

Modern industry is driven by technology. Advancements in technology have changed how business is conducted, with some industries undergoing dramatic changes since the dawn of the 21st century.

While agriculture might not be the first industry people think of when reflecting on the changing nature of industry, The National Institute of Food and Agriculture notes that modern farms are vastly different than those from a few decades ago.

Farmers have long relied on technology to make their operations as efficient, productive and profitable as possible.

Precision agriculture, which refers to technological advances designed to propel agriculture into the modern, computerized and information-based world, is helping the agricultural sector become more profitable and efficient while also improving safety and making agriculture more eco-friendly.

In addition, the NIFA notes that the modern agricultural industry employs technology such as robots, temperature and moisture sensors, aerial images, and global positioning systems.

If it sounds complicated, that's because it is. For exam-



ple, modern sensors can detect soil conditions, potentially producing hundreds of readings per second. These sensors help farmers know the best possible time to plant seeds so they can reach their full potential. That improves both the efficiency of modern farms as well as their output.

The NIFA also notes that

agricultural technology has reduced waste.

For instance, thanks to agricultural technology, farmers no longer have to apply water, fertilizers and pesticides uniformly across entire fields. Technology has shown that farmers can simply target specific areas or even treat individual plants differently.

That saves time and allows farmers to use only minimal quantities of water, fertilizer and pesticides. In addition, according to the NIFA, employing agricultural technology in this fashion leads to higher crop productivity and reduces runoff of chemicals into rivers and groundwater, thereby reducing the farm's impact on local ecosystems.

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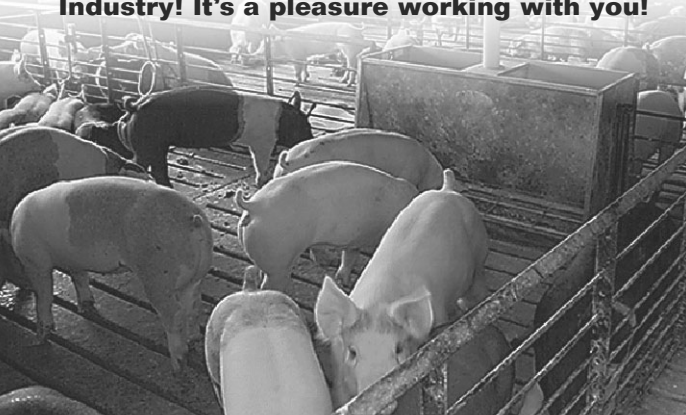
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Awards go to those who helped feed Iowans in pandemic

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig recently announced the recipients of the 2021 Secretary's Iowa Ag Leader Awards, which are given to people and organizations that make exceptional contributions to the state's agriculture community.

This year's honorees include the Iowa Food Bank Association and the Iowa State University Meats Laboratory for their extraordinary efforts to help livestock producers overcome supply chain disruptions and feed hungry Iowans during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ISU Meats Lab, the Iowa Food Bank Association and its six regional food banks, played vital roles in the state's food security initiatives, including Pass the Pork, Beef Up Iowa and Turkey to Table. These programs were developed by the Governor's Feeding Iowans Task Force in 2020, in part, to help livestock producers market their protein when the COVID-19 pandemic reduced meat processing capacity at the state's large processing facilities.

The programs strengthened the local food chain by connecting Iowa pork, beef and turkey producers with the Iowa Food Bank Association who served the donated meals to Iowans in need.

"Our partners at the ISU Meats Lab and Iowa Food Bank Association embody the spirit of the Secretary's Iowa Ag Leader Award. When times got tough, these groups found creative solutions to help livestock producers and food insecure Iowans who were going through a very difficult time," said Secretary Naig. "I am pleased to be able to acknowledge and thank them for their hard work and contributions to the Feeding Iowans food security programs."

Iowa State University Meats Laboratory – Secretary's Iowa Ag Leader Award for Leadership in Collaboration

The Iowa State University Meats Lab received the Secretary's Iowa Ag Leader Award for Leadership in Collaboration.

When the COVID-19 pandemic limited the state's meat processing capacity, the ISU Meats Lab re-opened its doors and started processing Iowa-grown pork and beef from local producers. These actions provided needed relief for producers who were struggling to market their livestock and gave the ISU Meats Science students



Photo courtesy of Iowa Department of Agriculture

Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig (left) presents the Iowa State University Meats Lab with the 2021 Iowa Ag Leader Award.

invaluable hands-on experience and training.

"Iowa State University serves Iowans. We provide world-class teaching and training in animal and meat science," said Dr. Dan Thomson, chair of the Iowa State University Department of Animal Science. "While many times our teaching focus is on science with practice, this project allowed us to teach our students meat science while serving humanity. It connected us with the beef and pork industries on a daily basis and it connected us to the food pantries that work so hard to help those in need. We have the facilities, the people and we care. It was a highlight of our year."

The Iowa Food Bank Association and its regional partners — Food Bank of Siouxland, Food Bank for the Heartland, Food Bank of Iowa, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, HACAP Food Reservoir and River Bend Foodbank — received the Secretary's Iowa Ag Leader Award for Leadership in Community.

During a period of unprecedented food insecurity, the Iowa Food Bank Association worked alongside the Governor's Feeding Iowan's Task Force, Iowa Department of

Agriculture and Land Stewardship, ISU Meats Laboratory and producer-led agriculture groups to deliver pork, beef, turkey, dairy and eggs to its regional food banks.

"On behalf of the Feeding America food banks serving Iowans, our deepest appreciation goes to all who have made the Pass the Pork, Beef Up Iowa and Turkey to Table programs a reality," said Linda Gorkow, executive director of the Iowa Food Bank Association.

"These innovative initiatives are making an impact to ensure essential protein is available to thousands of Iowans in need of food assistance. The pandemic resulted in double-digit increases in the number of Iowans in need of food. The Pass the Pork, Beef Up Iowa and Turkey to Table programs exemplify the strong spirit, caring hearts and hard work of Iowans helping to nourish one another during a time of crisis due to the pandemic."

To date, the ISU Meats Lab has processed 201,201 pounds of ground beef and pork for the Governor's Feeding Iowans programs, which provides 804,804 servings of Iowa-grown protein for the Iowa Food Bank Association.

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 - Hogs and Pigs Value
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 - Total Layer Inventory
 - Capacity of Off-Farm Storage Facilities
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 - Pig Crop
 - Pork Export Value
 - Principal Crops Harvested Acreage
 - Sows Farrowed
 - Total Capacity of Storage Facilities
- SECOND**
- Cash Receipts
 - Farm Production Expenditures
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 - Soybean Export Value
 - Soybean Production
 - Total Value of Agricultural Exports
- THIRD**
- Milk Goat Inventory
 - Number of Farms

- Principal Crops Total Value
- FOURTH**
- Beef Export Value
 - Cash Rent per Acre for Cropland
 - Cattle on Feed Inventory, January 1
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 - Oat Production
- SEVENTH**
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 - All Cattle and Calves Value
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- EIGHTH**
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One day at a time adds up to 25 years

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I've got to be honest, I really don't remember much about what was happening in the world in early 1996 in general and on March 23, 1996, in particular.

I had to look it up, actually. And here's what I found out. Celine's Dion "Because You Loved Me" moved to No. 1 on the Billboard Top 100 charts, finally dislodging "One Sweet Day" by Boyz II Men and Mariah Carey, which had been the No. 1 song in the land since Dec. 2.

"The Birdcage," one of the few Robin Williams' movies I haven't seen, was the top movie in the land while "ER," "Seinfeld" and "Friends" were in the midst of a heck of a battle to be the No. 1 show for the 1995-96 season. NBC's emergency room drama won the title, besting the two comedies that also aired on the network.

I mean I knew Bill Clinton was president and that Bob Dole was going to in all likelihood be the Republican nominee for that fall's general election. I knew the Olympics were coming up that summer in Atlanta. I mean

I wasn't totally brain dead.

But I was a drunk.

When Saturday, March 23, 1996, dawned (and I use that word very loosely because in my drinking days, noon was, in my world, dawn), I didn't know it but my life would forever change that day.

In many ways, it was a typical start to a typical Bob Fenske day. My head hurt, I wasn't exactly sure what had happened the night before and I told myself, as I had every day since I had relapsed "for good" in late December, that "this has to stop."

My apartment was a mess. My life was a mess.

I dragged my butt out of bed, walked into the bathroom and something had changed.

I just gave up. Right there, right then all I wanted to do was die.

I had put together 18 months of sobriety that ended with that relapse on my birthday in October 1996. After that night, I didn't drink for a month. I was cured. I mean if I got drunk just once a month, I was normal, right? Absolutely, alcoholism told me.

It's a disease that lies its you know what off, so I went back out and drank sometime in November. Then I went two weeks without picking up a bottle. I mean who doesn't get drunk at least every once two weeks, right? No one, alcoholism told me.

Then it was a week, then it was a few days and then by Christmas, I was drinking every day again. You're fine, alcoholism said, don't worry about it, and I freaking listened to the disease.

I broke my rules. I drank alone. I drank when I got up. I drank at work — running out to my car to have a little vodka here and a little whiskey there, topped off by the strongest breath mints I could find.

That March 23 morning I made a plan to myself out of my misery. I was going to drive my car — a Ford Aspire — into a semi-trailer truck. The least I could do was give my mom and dad my life insurance money. But first I had to clean my apartment. I couldn't let my mom see the squalor I called home. And then I needed to deliver a letter of recommendation from Ottumwa to Pella, where one of my former part-timers was attending Central College.

I cleaned. I drove to Pella. I delivered the letter of recommendation to Mary Bohenske, one of the most idealistic kids I have ever known. We went for pizza. We talked. And, somewhere in that conversation, I decided that life was worth living. I didn't want to die anymore. But I also didn't want to drink anymore.

I struggled through that night at home. I never in my life have been so happy for 2 a.m. to roll around because for a few hours, I couldn't buy alcohol. I stayed with friends the next few days and then drove from Ottumwa to Mason City to go to the treatment center where I first admitted I had a problem with alcohol in April 1994.

I needed someone, anyone, to tell me what to do next.

The counselors at Prairie Ridge Addictions Treatment Center helped me start my sober journey. Hundreds of AA members kept me on the path for years, and honestly, I probably need to go back to those rooms where 12-step meetings are held but I've had some very close friends help me make it to today.

A quarter of a century without drinking. I remember going to AA meetings when I was in treatment and someone would say they had been sober for 10 years, 20 years, 30 years and I must be honest: I thought they were lying because no one could go that long without drinking.

Turns out they weren't, because holy crap, if I can go 25 years — trust me, if you knew me back in my drinking days, you'd heartily agree — anyone can.

I am not one of those AA members who is an anti-drinker. I don't believe in Prohibition, except for people like me.

If I had continued drinking, I know I'd be dead by now. Alcoholism, depression and anxiety — especially as far advanced as my alcoholism was — add up to a lethal combination.

It hasn't been the smoothest ride ever. I suck at marriage, and I have a 0-for-2 record to prove it. I can't shake the depression and have had to take two "vacations" to deal with it since I sobered up. I get caught up in all the things I haven't done in my life, and I do it way too often. Both my parents have died during my sobriety. My step-daughter Sam did, too. The person I care about the most in the world ... oh hell, the list is long enough.

None of it has led me to drink.

Without sobriety, I never meet my first wife. I never have kids. I never move here. I never get the experiences — the good ones, the bad ones and the ones in between — I've had for the past 25 years.

Twenty-five years is a long time. If I've learned anything in that time it is that ending this column with "here's to 25 more years" would be the worst possible conclusion. It's a one-day-at-a-time deal. Period.

Instead, I'll leave it at this: Here's to one more sober day.



Bob Fenske has been the editor of the New Hampton Tribune since 2009, and he can be reached by email at editor@nhtrib.com.



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A rocking good time on the ol' stage

New Hampton Middle School students performed their annual musical this past Thursday and Friday, and hit a home run with their performances in "Rock Around the Block" that was directed by Carolin Remmen and Jill Cantu and included more than 50 seventh- and eighth-graders in the cast and crew.



As Iowans, now is the time for us to focus on the positives

U.S. News and World Report recently ranked Iowa as the No. 1 state for opportunity, continuing the consistent positive trend from the past several years.

Unfortunately, this type of positive news can be drowned out by noise on other splashier headlines like Iowa being closed for business and opposed to growth. The fact is, the bills that have seen the most intense breathless coverage this year have not passed both legislative chambers including the bathroom bill, Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and bills aimed toward eliminating tenure.

More important work, to lean into the opportunities that exist in Iowa, have been overwhelmingly bipartisan and their prospects seem much more likely, with far less fan fair.

Childcare has become an extremely important workforce development issue to integrate moms and dads into the workforce by ensuring safe and affordable options for their children.

Gov. Kim Reynolds has outlined an additional \$3 million in spending in her budget for Child Care Challenge Fund and there are multiple other bills moving



Dustin Miller is the executive director of the Iowa Chamber Alliance, a non-partisan coalition that represents 17,000 members who range from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies

through the chambers that provide a variety of tools to address this complex problem.

Both parties are working together with a mutual understanding that reintegration of stay at home parents is just one strategy to address our talent needs. The Iowa House of Representatives sent eight bills to the Iowa Senate for consideration that would address the childcare needs by creating incentives for employers and developers, providing grants, and addressing the cliff effect.

Housing needs exist across the state in both rural and urban communities. The Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board outlined broad needs for housing and the Legislature is working, in an overwhelmingly bipartisan manner, to provide up to an additional 25,000 units through a diverse housing omnibus bill.

With work from home and virtual classes for some students, the COVID-19 pandemic further brought into focus the vast needs for broadband in both commercial, residential and industrial settings.

The governor's bold push for \$450 million over three years will put Iowa ahead of neighboring states and provide a necessary competitive advantage for manufacturing and economic development potentials. Both republican and democrat legislators have supported the governor's proposal and continue to work together to find an agreeable solution.

Combined these three efforts have

accumulated over 800 votes in support through subcommittees, committees and on the floor of a chamber with less than 50 votes against in total.

There is still much work to be done but there is no doubt these incredibly important baseline efforts will pass. With increased funding and positive changes to policy for childcare, housing and broadband.

In addition to these efforts being bipartisan, these proposed investments have all been done in a fiscally responsible manner while other states in the Midwest struggle to meet basic budgetary requirements.

Iowa was ranked the best state in the country to respond to COVID-19 from the nonpartisan Council of State Governments after ending the fiscal year with a \$305 million surplus.

Despite the pandemic, businesses have continued to see growth opportunities and remain open for business. Iowa leaders continued efforts to remain fiscally responsible provided the opportunity to make large investments and assist both Iowans and businesses during the pandemic.

Iowa continues to address economic needs for both Iowans and businesses in Iowa to ensure the recovery and continued growth. It is important to accentuate the positive steps forward the state is taking rather than the less favorable bills that have failed to gain traction. Iowa continues to remain affordable and a leader in economic opportunity.

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CHICKASAW- CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY ANGELA D. HOPKINS, Plaintiffs
Unknown claimants of the following described real estate situated in Chickasaw County, Iowa: Lots 1, 2, 3, And one-half of the vacated alley West Of said lots and the vacated street, East Parallel to Lots 1, 2, 3, in Block 29 of the Village of Chickasaw, Chickasaw County, Iowa
Equity No CVCV004187
ORIGINAL NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as a defendant in this action, which petition prays that the Court quiet title on the property pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 643. The name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff(s) is William P. Baresel. The attorney's

phone number is 641-228-4500; facsimile number is 641-228-3143.
You must serve a motion or answer within 20 days, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Chickasaw County, at the courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.
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CHICKASAW- CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF IOWA JUDICIARY
Case No. CVCV004187
Chickasaw County
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/s/ Jennifer Hoeft
District Clerk of Chickasaw County
No. 20775
02/09/21 02/16/21 03/23/21

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
DANIEL P. HOUDEK, Plaintiff(s), vs. JENNIFER SUE JOHNSTON AND OTHER PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendant(s). CASE NO. SCSC007677
ORIGINAL NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as a defendant in this action, which petition prays for possession of 311 West Main Street, Apartment 4, New Hampton, Iowa 50659 for failure to pay rent when due. The name and address of the attorney for the plaintiff(s) is Nathaniel W. Schwickerath, 2069 170th Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659. The attorney's phone number is (641) 394-5252; facsimile number is (888) 872-8570.
You must appear for hearing on Forcible Entry and Detainer on March 25, 2021 at 9:45 a.m. at the Chickasaw County Courthouse, Room 1903 in New Hampton, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
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Chickasaw County Ambulance Council
March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes
1928 Linn Drive
New Hampton, IA 50659
Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Mueterthies at 6:00 pm
Ambulance Council members present were Amy Laures, David Geerts, Jacob Hackman, Scott Cewinske, Sheriton Dettmer, Mark Mueterthies, Bobby Schwickerath, Randy Taylor.
Absent: Jim Ashley
Guest's present were Jeff Bernatz, Nate Schwickerath, Stephanie Mashek, Jeremy McGrath, Aaron Flugum, Brannon Anderson, Matt Kuhn, Rick Kramer
Motion by Bobby Schwickerath, Seconded by Amy Laures to approve the agenda. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Motion by Randy Taylor, seconded by Heriton Dettmer to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2021 Chickasaw County Ambulance Council meeting minutes. All Ayes, Motion Carried.
Jacob Hackman advised the council that he took the ambulance service proposal to the Board of Supervisors and after discussion they did vote in favor of it. Jacob Hackman clarified the concerns of the Board; first payment will be a double payment on August 1 due to the auditor not having funds on July 1.
Mark Mueterthies advised the council that Lawler had a no vote consensus with the following concerns; Chickasaw County Ambulance Council should have the same termination conditions as the provider, would prefer to have an audit of funds, and transport all patients including Medicaid.
Sheriton Dettmer advised the council that Fredericksburg was also a no vote. Fredericksburg wants a full-time paramedic response. They also want the "back-up" rig to be scheduled. The clause about the temperature of the garage, Fredericksburg would like to know how that will be governed and the 10-minute requirement is unrealistic. If the service provider wants to alter the contract, an audit should be performed to see the need to alter. The county should be able to just transfer the call to another county if service is requested for a different service. Fredericksburg would like to have same termination conditions as the provider. Fredericksburg also re-

quest a 60-day subcontract for service in the event of death of the service owner. The proposed price was more than what they budgeted.
Amy Laures advised the council that Alta Vista was a no vote. Alta Vista wants the audit added and the price is a concern.
Randy Taylor advised the council that Ionia was a yes vote.
Bobby Schwickerath advised the council that New Hampton was also a no vote. New Hampton had issues with the below 60 degrees for more than 10 minutes in the garage, the price for service, and the audit of funds.
David Geerts advised the council that North Washington was a no vote. North Washington had most of the same concerns.
Scott Cewinske advised the council that Nashua was a no vote. Nashua advised that the price and Medicaid transports were the main issues.
Jeremy McGrath informed the ambulance council why maintaining temperature was so important with the drugs carried on the ambulances. Aaron Flugupoke of a refrigerator temp monitoring system that is used at the hospital and wasn't sure if there was something like that for the garage or if there was an insurance policy to cover the damages.
Jeremy McGrath and his attorney (Nate Schwickerath) address the concerns presented by the ambulance council.
First payment can be moved to on or before the 1st day of August.
Both parties can terminate with 180-day notification.
In the event of death of the service owner, Chickasaw Ambulance Service does have contingency plans in place for the next closest service to respond.
Chickasaw Ambulance Service does respond to all 911 call regardless of insurance, the Medicaid issue would be more with the interfacility transfers. Aaron Flugum expressed that even if the person is on Medicaid, they will still receive a full bill, then when they can't pay the bill the ambulance service is being subsidized with county dollars, that's the problem. Jeremy McGrath reminded Aaron Flugum that it is the hospital's responsibility to arrange for transport, not the ambulance service, or the county.

Jeremy McGrath asked, as a citizen, has all the cities paid the seed money to the new 28E agreement? Stephanie Mashek advised that Fredericksburg, Ionia, North Washington, and Chickasaw County has paid as of this meeting. Scott Cewinske advised that Nashua had approved it at their council meeting the night before, and Mark Mueterthies advised that Chickasaw County sent their check back to them for being two dollars too much, new amount was approved at last night's meeting.
Jacob Hackman addressed the chairman that there was a lot of verbiage changes that needed to be made and taken back to the city councils for approval again. Jeremy McGrath asked if the verbiage would guarantee a change in vote? Jeremy McGrath expressed that he did not want to pay his attorney to change the verbiage if it was not going to change the outcome.
Sheriton Dettmer advised from the fredericksburg standpoint, the increase of funds without any change in service was a big sticking point. Jeremy McGrath replied that the cost supplies and operation have increased. Mark Mueterthies advised that they had to take away from another department to balance the budget.
Aaron Flubum questioned the cities, what is it going to take to get this passed? Scott Cewinske advised that for Nashua, and Fredericksburg had just mentioned, the price increases but the service decreases. Scott Cewinske asked if there was even an active member of Chickasaw Ambulance Service in Nashua anymore? No. Jeremy McGrath advised that when the ambulance was pulled out of Nashua, those crew members joined Chickasaw County Rescue Squad & First Responders.
Jacob Hackman asked if it would pass at \$195,000 for one year? Jeremy McGrath advised with paying a paramedic \$47,500 he would probably not get anyone. Jeremy McGrath also advised that one paramedic said after what he saw happen here in 2019, he is not interested in working here.
Jacob asked the council with the new 28E agreement, is the fact that we are taking these back to our councils just being transparent? With the new 28E agreement it created its own governing

body.
Jeremy McGrath offered to show the payroll report, which is paid for with the subsidy and in a completely different bank, to a couple members of the ambulance council.
Stephanie Mashek sent out a per capita list to all the city clerks. Stephanie advised the first proposal was \$240,000 and the current price is \$195,000, an increase difference of \$45,000. If that was cut in half, that would be \$22,500. The new proposed price would be \$217,500. \$17.77 per capita.
Discussion was held reference to EMS Essential Service legislation.
Jeremy McGrath advised the council that the service does provide firefighter rehab at no charge.
Jeremy McGrath advised the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council that they would change the first payment to on or before August 1st, the temperature in the garage will be set at 60 degrees, the termination conditions will be equal, audit of county dollars.
If this new proposed amount (\$217,500) is agreed on, then the second year would have a 5% increase equalling \$10,875.00
Aaron Flugum advised that if Jeremy McGrath walks away, it is not only Chickasaw County that is losing an EMS resource but a five-county area as all these ambulance services support one another.
Mark Mueterthies advised the council that it would be \$18,500/mo. for the first year, and then a 5% increase for the second year would be \$19031/mo.
Motion by Jacob Hackman, Seconded by Sheriton Dettmer to take proposal with changes back to the city councils. All ayes. Motion carried.
Next meeting scheduled for March 16, 2021 at 6pm.
Motion by Amy Laures, seconded by Bobby Schwickerath to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried.
Mark Mueterthies, Chairman, Chickasaw County Ambulance Council. Jeff Bernatz, Secretary, Chickasaw County Ambulance Council
No. 20901
03/23/21

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IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETH L. O'DONOHUE, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR002927
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Beth L. O'Donohue, Deceased, who died on or about December 14, 2020:
You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of December, 2020, the Last Will and Testament of Beth L. O'Donohue, deceased, bearing date of the 26th day of May 2016, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Christopher F. O'Donohue 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

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IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MYRTLE L. ROSONKE, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR002945
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Myrtle L. Rosonke, Deceased, who died on or about March 3, 2021:
You are hereby notified that on March 16, 2021, the Last Will and Testament of Myrtle L. Rosonke, deceased, bearing date of May 16, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Michael Rosonke 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

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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY MARCH 15, 20217:00 P.M.
The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Perkins, Boos, Denner, Diirro and McDonald. Fisher was absent. Also in attendance were Zach Nobsisch, Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, Matt Kuhn, Aaron Flugum, Rick Kramer, Jacob Hackman, Bob Fenske and City Attorney Kevin Kennedy.
Moved by Perkins, seconded by Boos; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Absent-Fisher. Motion carried.
Moved by Perkins, seconded by Diirro; That the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 1, 2021, be approved. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Absent-Fisher. Motion carried.
Moved by Denner, seconded by McDonald; that claims in the amount of \$113,687.74, be approved. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Absent-Fisher. Motion carried.
Mayor Bobby Schwickerath shared with the council an updated agreement from the Chickasaw Ambulance Council (CAC). The council was concerned about the large increase in the annual fee for Chickasaw Ambulance Service from FY2020-2021 to FY2021-2022. Mayor Schwickerath shared the increase costs were due to materials cost and payroll. Moved by Perkins, seconded by McDonald; To direct Mayor Schwickerath to sign the agreement for Chickasaw County Ambulance Council and Northeast Iowa, EMS, Inc d/b/a Chickasaw Ambulance Service, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, be approved. Ayes - Perkins, Denner, Diirro, McDonald. Nay - Boos. Absent - Fisher. Motion carried.
Mayor Schwickerath informed the CAC of the City of New Hampton's decision.
Mayor Schwickerath requested that the council determine a fair market value for the rent and utilities for the use of the City of New Hampton garage space for the ambulance service. The total estimated cost of \$21,186 includes \$1,500.00 monthly rent and monthly utilities of \$266. Moved by Perkins, seconded by Diirro; That the recommendation of \$21,186 for the annual fee for rental of the north half of the building at 20 South Locust and request Mayor Schwickerath share this recommendation with the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council, be approved. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - Fisher. Motion carried.
Rick Kramer, representative of the TRIBE Trail Committee, request the council approve an agreement with SEH, Inc. for Phase III of the TRIBE Trail Project. Moved by Denner, seconded by Diirro; That Resolution No. 6463 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SEH, INC FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR PHASE III OF THE

TRIBE TRAIL PROJECT, be approved. Ayes-Perkins, Boos, Denner, Diirro, McDonald. Nays-None. Absent - Fisher. Resolution approved.
Moved by Perkins, seconded by McDonald; That the request from Windstream Communications LLC to dig in the right of way for Job #7134120070000 (OSP25490) at 450 Bailey Avenue, be approved. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Absent-Fisher. Motion carried.
Moved by McDonald, seconded by Boos; That the request from Windstream Communications LLC to dig in the right of way for Job #713492232 (OSP25501), be approved. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Absent-Fisher. Motion carried.
The Committee as a Whole met at 6:00 pm, prior to the council meeting and determined the water and sewer rates need to be increased. Public Works Director (PWD) Mai requested that rates increase by at least 2.5% per year. The City attorney, public works director and city clerk will meet to prepare the appropriate ordinance changes for council approval.
PWD Mai also requested an increase in permit fees, but due to lack of time in the Committee as a Whole meeting, permit fees didn't get discussed. A committee meeting will be held on April 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
Moved by Perkins, seconded by Boos ; To approve the liquor license #LCV92947 for the Locker Room, be approved. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Absent-Fisher. Motion carried.
Moved by Denner, seconded by Perkins; That the 5K run/walk route for the "Their Fight Is Our Fight" committee on April 30, 2021 from 6:00 - 7:15 pm, be approved. Ayes-Five. Nays-None. Absent-Fisher. Motion carried.
City Attorney Kevin Kennedy reported on the Board of Adjustment hearing held at 5:30 pm for Don Heim. The board requested Heim to match the new structure with his existing house and he agreed to comply.
GENERAL\$48,368.61
.....\$216,672.25
ROAD USE TAX\$32,128.78
.....\$32,057.40
SPECIAL REV/EMPLOYEE BEN\$86,336.52
.....\$25,714.65
TIF- INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL\$358.99
.....\$0.00
DEBT SERVICE\$786.16
.....\$0.00
LIBRARY SPECIAL PROJECTS\$81.00
.....\$268.15
SWIMMING POOL RENOVATION\$0.00
.....\$0.00
COMM CENTER RENOVATION\$0.00
.....\$940.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS\$7,399.00
.....\$18,009.96
WATER UTILITY\$27,018.47
.....\$19,518.41
SEWER UTILITY\$90,682.65
.....\$52,286.11

SOLID WASTE\$8,581.00
.....\$9,453.60
INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVEL\$0.00
.....\$0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-WATER\$8.00
.....\$0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SEWER\$61,055.92
.....\$0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-SANITARY SR\$0.00
.....\$0.00
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS\$1,160.00
.....\$2,597.00
TRUST & AGENCY\$108.00
.....\$0.00
TOTAL\$364,073.10
.....\$377,517.53
Moved by Perkins, seconded by Denner ; that the Finance Reports for February 2021, be approved. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - Fisher. Motion carried.
Moved by McDonald, seconded by Denner; that the following minutes and correspondence be accepted and place on file. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - Fisher. Motion carried.
Library Board Minutes of March 2, 2021
Department Head Minutes of March 2, 2021
Fire Department Minutes of March 1, 2021
Park & Rec Minutes of March 10, 2021
Moved by Denner, seconded by Perkins; that the meeting adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - Fisher. Motion carried.
ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor. ATTEST: KAREN CLEMES, City Clerk
CITY - WRITTEN SINCE MARCH 1, 2021
54224 USPS Postage for Utility Bills (Water Sewer) 88.20....
WA SR
54225 Payroll Account Salaries.....
.....75746.13....
Gen WA SR RUT EmpB
54235 Jendro Recycling Service February (1428 x \$6.62) 9453.36....
SW
54247 Verizon Data Charges (Police) ..
.....160.22
Gen
54297 USPS Postage for Utility Bills (Water Sewer) 82.14....
WA SR
TOTAL WRITTEN 85530.05....
CITY - TO BE WRITTEN
54319 Aable Pest Control Monthly Pest Control55....
Gen
54320 Axon Enterprise Basic Instructor School (Police) 375....
Gen
54321 CarQuest . Flasher, Transmission Fluid, Filter, Starter (Street)
.....478.25....
RUT

54322 Culligan DI Equipment Rental, Carbon Filter (Sewer)369.85....
SR
54323 Five Star Coop Gas, Diesel (Street Water Sewer) Supplies (St Wa SR)786.62
WA SR RUT
54324 Hawkins Chlorine, Polyphosphates (Water) 95.28....
WA
54325 Jendro Sanitation Refuse Pickup (Fire PD Clerk Cust SR) Garbage Bags (SW) 591.18....
Gen SR SW
54326 Kirby Company of Oelwein Roller for Vacuum (Police Custodial) 109
Gen
54327 Kwik Star Gas (Police Street)1936.93....
Gen RUT
54328 L&R Manufacturing Snow Plow Project (Snow) 192.89....
RUT
54329 Mitko Dump Truck Hose, Ends (Street) 68.83....
RUT
54330 NAPA Shop Supplies (Street).....
.....49.96
RUT
54331 New Hampton Electric Lighting for Boiler Room (Sewer) . 108.80....
SR
54332 New Hampton Tribune Council Minutes, Publications (Clerk) Steak Diner Ad(Trail) 748.1....
Gen CapProj
54332 New Hampton Tribune ... Bid Ad, Hydrant Ad (Fire) Wastewater Supervisor Ad(SR) 236.25....
Gen SR
54333 New Hampton, City of Utilities (Clerk PD St Fire Carnegie WA SR)14061.57....
Gen WA SR RUT
54334..... North Central Labs....
Lab Supplies (Sewer)2126.88....
SR
54335
Petty Cash Certified Letters- I/O, Snow, Nuisance (Clerk) Postage (SR)
.....55.50
Gen SR
54336. Phillips Plumbing & Heating....
Faucet Repair (Community Center).65.00
ComCtr
54337 Rapid Printers.. Steak Tickets (Tribe Trail) Office Supplies (Clerk)42.29
CapProj Gen
54338
Riley's Inc Copy Fee, Toner (Clerk) Copy Fee (SR Econ PD) .. 504.94....
Gen SR
54339 Schueth Ace Hardware Supplies (Police Water Street Fire) . 81.70....
Gen WA RUT
54340 Speicher Excavating Repair Waterleak on Hamilton/ Locust (Water)2040
WA
54341 State Hygienic Lab Testing Fees (Water) 54.00....
WA
54342 Thomson Reuters Monthly Westlaw Charge 295.00....
Gen

54343 Tri-T Finishing.. Board (Fire)....
.....3.5....
Gen
54344 US Cellular Cell Phone & Data Charges (Street Sewer Fire PW)
.....234.79....
Gen WA SR RUT
54345Utility Equipment Fittings. (Water) 251.74....
WA
54346.....
Vanguard Publishing Regional Job Board Ad (Grant Funds) 46.5....
CapProj
54347 Visa Zoom Fee (Clerk) Lighting, TV Cables (PD) Tool Box (St)
.....923.14....
Gen RUT
54347 Visa Wifi Routers, Gear Wash, Mats, Soap Dispenser (Fire)
.....1144.01....
Gen
Total28132.5....
Plus City Written..... 85530.05....
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED
.....113662.55....
PAYROLL -WRITTEN SINCE MARCH 1, 2021
EFT EFTPS.... FICA & Federal Tax....
.....10403.85....
8572 Iowa Dept of Revenue Payroll Withholding 167.99....
EFT Mass Mutual ... Deferred Comp.....
.....425....
.....10996.84....
PARK & REC -TO BE WRITTEN
54333..... New Hampton, City of...
Utilities (Park)..... 513.84....
54344US Cellular Cell Phone Service (P&R) 56.61....
54347 Visa Sprinkler Controller, Face-book Job Ad 256.71....
.....827.16....
LIBRARY -TO BE WRITTEN
54333 New Hampton, City of Utilities (Library) 467.73....
54339 Schueth Ace Hardware Paint (Library) 57.58....
54347 Visa Pizza for Book Club, Cricut Access Fee 122.05....
..... 647.36....
CEMETERY -TO BE WRITTEN
54325 Jendro Sanitation Refuse Pickup17....
54333 New Hampton, City of Utilities (Cemetery) 55.4....
..... 72.4....
LIBRARY-WRITTEN SINCE MARCH 1, 2021
54085 20/20 FX Install New Hard drive70....
54123 Amazon Books, DVDs, Misc Supplies 1080.57....
54124 Baker & Taylor Books....
.....746.41....
54125 Black Hills Energy Gas Service.....
.....256.29....
54126 Center Point Large Print Books .
.....325.11....
54127 Dollywood Foundation Subscription Books 268.15....
54128 Jendro Garbage & Recycling.....
.....47....
54129Kanopy Streaming Services....
.....2....
54130 Kingsley Replacement Flap for Drop Box 21.75....
54131 Library Journal Magazine....

.....157.99....
54132 Lookout Books Books....
.....305.40....
54133 Mick Gage Plumbing Repair Nuisance 517.17....
54134 New Hampton Tribune . Help Wanted Ad 59.25....
54135 Petty Cash Postage, Program Supplies, Misc 57.69....
54136 Riley's Copy Fee 50....
54137 Windstream Phone & Internet
.....268.23....
54250 20/20 FX Microphone, Repairs.....
.....82....
54251 Amazon Books, DVDs, Misc Supplies..... 455.69....
54252 Angell Electric Replace Lights, Remove Heater 303.3....
54253 Baker & Taylor Books 621.93....
54254 Becker, Carrie Reimburse for Program Supplies 9.52....
54255 Black Hills Energy Gas Service.....
.....230.64....
54256 Cengage Books 202.74....
54257 VOID.....
.....0....
54258 Des Moines Register Newspaper Subscription 192.46....
54259 Dollywood Foundation Subscription Books 305.21....
54260 Iowa Communications Network Long Distance Charges 4.3....
54261 Jendro. Garbage & Recycling.....
.....47....
54262 Junior Library Guild . Books.....
.....106.3....
54263 Kanopy ... Streaming Services.....
.....11....
54264 Klinkel, Lydia Reimburse for Program Supplies 13.05....
54265 New Hampton Tribune . Help Wanted Ad 59.25....
54266 Riley's Copy Fee, Ink.....
.....179.04....
54267 Visa Book Covers, Library Bags, Furniture for Kids Room 1846.41....
54268 Windstream Phone & Internet
.....267.89....
54269 Center Point Large Print Books .
.....98.68....
54270 Petty Cash Postage, Program Supplies, Misc54.84....
.....9324.26....
PARK & REC-WRITTEN SINCE MARCH 1, 2021
54300 AgVantage FS ... LP for Shop.....
.....337.48....
54301 New Horizons Chamber Father/Daughter Dance- Half of Profit.....
.....210....
54302 Rapid Printers Paper for Flyers.....
.....40.4....
54303 Sandy's Sign Shop Truck Decals180....
54304 Schueth Ace No Smoking Decal3.23....
54305 The Pub at the Pinicon Father/Daughter Dance Meals 1200....
54306 Windstream Pool Phone.....
.....72.71....
..... 2043.82
no. 20909
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Alta Vista Aces to hold a unique Easter hunt April 3

The Alta Vista Aces held their March meeting at the VFW in Alta Vista. The meeting was called to order on March 7 at 3:22 p.m. by Hattie Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ellette Haefflinger. The roll call question for the meeting was “What is your favorite hobby?” It was answered by 10 members, two leaders and four visitors.

The Secretary’s report was given by Samara Haefflinger. Troy Federspiel made a motion to approve the Secretary’s report, Olivia Horner seconded it. The Treasurer’s report was read by Emily Geerts. Miranda Buckley made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Samara Haefflinger seconded it.

Committee Reports: Our Easter Committee this year is Emily Geerts, Olivia Horner and Josi Andera.

Old Business: Sponsoring the Senior

High Point Horse plaque. Family potluck was changed to pizza party and presentations. Fair booklet cover was due Feb. 16.

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 repay Liz Geerts for the pizza. Fair entry will be officially open May 20 for entries into individual classes. No entries will be accepted after 4:30 on the 16th of June.

You may request a copy of the fair booklet by calling the extension office before March 26. All clubbers who will be entering animals into the Fair will have to have their animal’s IDs registered on 4H online before May 15 and must also have completed their YQCA training. Clubbers will need to call the

extension office and get your coupon code when signing up for a free class on either April 27 from 6 – 8 p.m. or May 2 from 2 – 4 p.m. otherwise in person class will cost \$3 and online will cost \$12.

This year the Alta Vista Aces will be hold an Easter Bunny Hunt April 3.

This year the clubbers will be dressed as the Easter bunny for kids to find. The kids will have a paper egg to be stamped by the different Easter bunnies at the end of the Hunt the kids will receive treat bag.

Participants will need to wear masks and there will socially distanced activities while waiting for their turn. Flyers and posters will be up soon with all the information.

After the meeting ended the clubbers gave their presentations. Hattie Miller

started us off by giving her presentation on her drum line part for tin buckets, and her original piece written for her schools drum section. Next was Olivia Horner who gave her presentation on how to play the game Farkle. After her was Josie Andera about training a service dog and Troy Federspiel gave his about his dad who trains dogs. Elena Federspiel gave her presentation about making earrings, she was followed by Ellette Haefflinger who showed us how to make paper plate calla lilies. Gibson Haefflinger gave a report on how to make three types of paper gliders. Miranda Buckley showed us all how to paint old CDs. Samara Haefflinger’s presentation was on origami butterflies and lastly Emily Geertz gave her presentation on how to take care of baby pigs.

Reporter Samara Haefflinger

That’s a wrap for the women’s pool season



Submitted

The Chickasaw Women’s pool league held its year end pool tournament on Saturday March 13, with first place going to Staci Vrzak (left) and Jessica McCabe.



Second place winners were Candy Schoba, left, and Helen Geerts.



Third place went to Leslie Noehl, left, and Cathy Knutson.



Tribune file photo

New Hampton senior Alex Kriener watches a putt head toward the hole during the 2019 Class 2A sectional meet.

New Hampton girls host NEIC meet

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the system to help improve each of their player’s swings.

The New Hampton girls team has not played in a scheduled meet since June of 2019. The boys team finished up its state tournament in late May, where they finished sixth. The second day of competition at the state meet held in Newton that year was canceled because of thunderstorms, thus making the first-day totals the final official results.

It’s weather like that – especially up in northeast Iowa – that can wreak havoc on a golfer’s itinerary.

“One thing that’s not in our control is the weather, but it’s the same for everyone up here,” said Glenn. “I’ve felt like, at least since 2017, the last four years, we’ve done well when it hasn’t been good weather. We’ve had tough kids that could handle it mentally.”

Glenn has senior Alex Kriener back this year. Kriener competed at state as sophomore, where he placed 55th individually.

“Two through six is kind of up in the air,” said Glenn.

Glenn also said junior Mason Lane and a bunch of freshmen could also make an impact and crack the varsity top six. Glenn said he has 13 boys out this spring.

Olson has just seven girls out, but there’s plenty of talent to make up for the lack of numbers.

“I guess right now where

we’re at is kind of next girl in,” said Olson.

When New Hampton does get outside, which Olson said may be possible this week out on the driving range, it will signal another start to a season that seems to always begin with high hopes.

The Chickasaw girls team has won the Northeast Iowa Conference meet for five years in a row. New Hampton was supposed to host the league meet last year, but was afforded the right to host it this year as well as the 2020 season was canceled. Because New Hampton is hosting the NEIC tourney, every conference foe will play at the New Hampton Country Club in dual competition in order to practice and get ready for the league tournament when it is held there in mid-May.

League foes will surely be gunning for the Chickasaws again this year – solidifying the fact that it’s better to be chased than doing the chasing when a winning formula has been set in motion.

“One of our mottos is ‘Protect the Tradition,’” said Olson. “When I started we didn’t have much of a tradition. We had a tradition of losing. We turned that around.”

Olson and Glenn are each starting their 11th seasons as head coach of the New Hampton golf teams.

The Chickasaws girls team begins play at Dike-New Hartford on Thursday, April 8. The NH boys tee off the spring

season on Friday, April 9 at Charles City.

“We’re just excited that we’re getting the opportunity to play and we’re going to make the best of it,” said Olson. “It’s our title until somebody takes it from us.”

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1. The Magistrate must be a resident of Chickasaw County or a resident of a county contiguous to this county during the term of office and does not qualify for appointment if at the time of appointment if the applicant will have reached age seventy-two (72).

2. A magistrate shall be an attorney licensed to practice law in Iowa.

3. To qualify for appointment, one must file a certified application on the forms approved by the Supreme Court. The application forms may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of District Court between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The

completed application forms (with letter of interest and resume of qualifications attached) and six (6) additional copies must be returned to:

Judge Richard Stochl, Chair of the Magistrate Appointing Commission

Chickasaw County Courthouse

8 East Prospect

New Hampton, IA 50659

By 4:00 p.m. on April 23, 2021.

4. The present salary for a Judicial Magistrate is \$41,232.00 per year.

5. The Magistrate shall work in other counties of the district, when necessary, as assigned by the Chief Judge. The Magistrate may be required to handle mental commitment hearings.

6. The person appointed shall attend the annual school of instruction for Magistrates.

7. For information on Judicial Magistrate appointments, jurisdiction and procedures, see Iowa code sections 602.6403 through 602.6405.

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Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency
Unapproved - Full Board Minutes
March 11, 2021
On Thursday, March 11, 2021 in the Meeting Room at the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw landfill at 5:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Full Board, of the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency was held in person and by Zoom.

Chairman, Tim Zoll, was in the Chair and Full Board Members Al Anhorn, Marguerite Ashley, Butch Betsinger, Rick Bodensteiner, David Geerts, Gerald Haar, Keith Horgen, Jerry Joerger, Joe Keeling, Tracy Merfeld, Lauri Rietz, Steve Smolik, Dave Swenumson, Jay Uhlenhake in person and by Zoom – Kevin Crooks, Karen Damjanovic, Scott Johnson, Doug Kamm, and Cindy Lantow.

Absent: Roger Brumm, David Bublitz, Bobby Schwickerath, Daniel Shane, Jeff Wright, Pam Wendel and the representative for Rudd.

Employees Present were Christian Fox, Lori King. Also, present Joel Voaklander as landfill consultant.

Guests Present – Gordon Lockie, Michael Lockie and Todd Whipple of HLW.

A motion was made by Jerry Joerger second by Steve Smolik to approve the consent agenda as presented including Minutes of the November 2020 Full Board Meeting and the Summary List of Bills for February 2021. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Citizen Forum – Gordon Lockie expressed his concerns of the trees being taken down that border the landfill as these trees were planted for line screening to help with paper, noise, and smell. He is upset and has a problem with the

trees coming down. It was explained that more trees would be planted to replace the ones being taken down and if the landfill doesn’t take them down the electric company most likely will as the trees are getting bad and need to come down. No action taken at this time.

Approval of Audit – Sarah Reynolds from Gardiner + Company went over the 2019 / 2020 audit with the board. After discussion, a motion was made by Rick Bodensteiner second by Jerry Joerger to approve the audit as presented. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Annual Water Report & Financial Assurance Documents – Todd Whipple went over this with the board – stated that all is good with the test wells and are being tested as required. For the Financial Assurance – to be fully funded for closure / post closure the Landfill will need to contribute \$1,471.00 by June 1, 2021. After discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Joerger second by Joe Keeling to approve the Annual Water Report and the Financial Assurance Documents. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Financial Statements – Jerry Joerger went over the February 2021 financials. All looks to be on track and in good shape. After discussion, a motion was made by Dave Swenumson second by Doug Kamm to approve as presented. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Unit Base Pricing Resolution – The Unit Based Pricing Resolution was presented for Board Approval - A Resolution Setting a standard for all entities within the 28E to implement a unit-based pricing program and to define the size of the maximum unit for unit-based pricing (UBP). Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Floyd-Mitch-

ell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency located in Mitchell County, Iowa, that the following is defined as the maximum container limit for a base price service at or below 95-gallon tote of solid waste per household per week. Residential dumpsters are prohibited to be used for residential garbage except during construction or renovation. Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste management Agency located in Mitchell County, Iowa that all of the cities within the planning area will be required to follow this resolution as set and that all of the cities within the planning area must have ordinances that require unit-based collection programs, and that the maximum container limit is at or below the 95-gallon tote of solid waste per household per week. A motion was made by Rick Bodensteiner second by Gerald Haar to approve the Resolution as presented. All members voting aye, motion carried.

Raising Tipping Fees – Discussion was held on raising the tipping fees at the landfill. Joel informed the Board on several fees that other landfills charge and we are pretty low. It takes a lot to operate the landfill and to keep the equipment up to date and in good operating order. After much discussion, a motion was made by Jerry Joerger to increase the tipping fees by \$3.00 which would put them at \$44.00 per ton and to tie the increase to the CPI each year second by Al Anhorn. Gerald Haar made a motion to amend the motion made by Jerry Joerger to raise the tipping fees by \$2.00, which would put the tipping fee to \$43.00 per ton and to tie to the CPI seconded by Joe Keeling and that this would begin October 1, 2021. There were 5 members voting nay to this motion but motion carried as the majority

of the Board voted aye, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the 5-year plan and the convenience area of the landfill and after discussion a motion was made by Al Anhorn second by Jerry Joerger to go out for bids for the convenience area. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Change Members on the HR Committee – Cindy Lantow has asked to be removed from the HR committee as she is unable to get to the meetings as needed due to her full-time job at the City of Fredericksburg. A motion was made by Jerry Joerger second by Dave Swenumson to take Cindy off of the HR Committee and to add Doug Kamm to the HR Committee. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Add Luana Savings Bank to Depository List – A motion was made by Jerry Joerger second by Rick Bodensteiner to add the Luana Savings Bank to the FMC Depository list with up to a \$4,000,000 limit. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Job Descriptions for Landfill Director and Assistant Director – The Board discussed the need to hire another landfill operator as it is good practice to have 2 people out back working. Following discussion, a motion was made by Rick Bodensteiner second by Joe Keeling to put out ads for a landfill operator. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Director’s Report – Christian Fox is the new director at the FMC landfill and Tyler Wright is the new Assistant Director.

We welcome them both! Christian stated that he had been director for 72 hours and all was going well! No action taken during this report.

Old Business – none

There being no further items requiring board action, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. with a motion by Chairman Tim Zoll.

April minutes will be published in the Enterprise Journal. A copy of these minutes can be also found on our website fmclandfill.org.

Tim Zoll, Chairman
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Is that your final answer, because I have no clue

Bracket busted? Duh.

Mine’s shattered to pieces. Teenie, tiny shards of hope are all that remain.

I’m left with one undeniable truth after the first week of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament pulverized my “sheet of integrity.”

We don’t know anything.

I might as well have filled out my bracket blindfolded with both hands tied behind my back while sitting upside down.

Maybe the blood rushing to my head would have produced at least one solid sleeper pick that managed to slide into the next round.

Oral Roberts, Abilene Christian, Ohio, Oregon State, North Texas, Loyola ... and that’s just through the first game played Sunday?

Are you kidding me?

All those upset specials were the least favorite selections to pull off shockers in their respective seeds. Yet they all defied logic and survived in what was a wacky weekend — but an absolute joy to watch.

North Carolina State and Villanova these “David’s” are not — but we still have plenty of rounds left to decide a champion in Indianapolis.

Trust me, Goliath can be slayed. All it takes is one stone to find its mark. My prospective picks decided to choose many rocks and then proceeded to rifle them to the rim in vain.

Now I’m not here to regale scripture, but obviously strange things can happen and the mighty have fallen. People have won millions of dollars by picking those long-shots in this crazy tournament that elicits just as much sadness as it does madness.

But don’t bet on it. (Read my last column).

Who knows if there could be another reincarnation of Jimmy Valvano running around and looking for a hug like he did in 1983 in Albuquerque? Or Rollic Massimino being carried off the court by his victorious players in Lexington two years later?

Those were Cinderellas for the ages. They’re out there — just ask Butler.

But they’re even harder to predict. Experts get it wrong, professionals misfire and somehow little old Betty from San Bernardino manages to pick all Sweet 16 entrants correctly and she has never even watched a basketball game in her long and productive life.

There is no Betty from San Bernardino (There actually probably is). It’s a metaphor.

A way to explain this insanity or at least break down March Madness into simpler terms.

Flipping a coin may have been a better route taken than my “diligent research.”

Heck, you could have lowered me into an Olympic-sized swimming pool, forced me to hold my breath and I would have come up with better results than the chicken scratches that were my picks for the Sweet 16. I came up with those “gems” on dry land and with an unlimited supply of oxygen.

Houdini I am not, but the single bracket I filled out did produce some magic — as in my team’s disappearing from the tournament all together.

Poof, they mysteriously vanished and cannot be found.

I have not sent out a search party to retrieve and rescue those underachievers and utter disappointments that seemed like they couldn’t throw a ball into the ocean.

I think they’re best left to stick to masonry on solid soil — because they were pretty good at piling up brick after brick.

No, this is not a standup comedy routine, but I am a tad frazzled around the edges. It doesn’t take much. Basketball to me is the most high-energy and stressful sport I watch.

There is no close second.

But that gets me back to my original point — just who do we think we are?

And when I say “we,” I mean anyone with a pulse and a functioning cerebral cortex.

I don’t care if you study for hours or days or even months to try to nail this bracket right — you will more than likely fail.

With information at my fingertips that would make Encyclopedia Britannica blush, I could not produce a winner.

And I’m far from being even remotely considered an expert on this sport James Naismith created in the late 19th Century.

This sport millions of us love is 130 years old.

In this the Information Age and 24-hour news cycle, we process data at an alarming rate on our smartphones, iPads or tablets or laptops or whatever heck the kids are using nowadays to learn.

Maybe that is the problem. Maybe we need to slow down and breathe, take a step back and just go for a walk — get some fresh air circulating through our lungs.

Or talk to somebody face to face instead of staring into the abyss of a computer screen.

Technology is great, but it can also be a very dangerous weapon if not used correctly.

I remember cutting out the NCAA men’s hoops tourney bracket from the newspaper every year starting in 1983. I continued that trend well into the 2000s. And yes, I also made sure my scissors cut correctly to nab a copy of the women’s tournament bracket as well. I filled them out and followed each team’s progress.

I would also write every team down on a piece of paper and then carefully cut them down to size and throw them into a hat. Then my family members would select a small piece of paper with their team’s name on it.

I can’t remember what we were playing for, other than to proclaim yourself the winner if your team was the last one to not be ripped up and thrown into the trash.

That’s what I’m doing next year to pick my favorites that I think will make it far in the “Dance.”

Or maybe I’ll call Betty from San Bernardino for a tip.

Maybe she’ll let me in on her secret to success and has some advice she can throw my way.

Roaming rates need not apply.



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New Hampton senior Lola Lemke works on her putting green as the Chickasaws’ boys and girls team kicked off practice for the 2021 season last week at the teams’ indoor facility.

Chickasaws ready to tee it up

After lost season, New Hampton golf teams appreciate chance to play this spring

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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There may never be another squad like the 2019 New Hampton Chickasaw girls golf team.

Strictly from a talent standpoint, they were one of the state’s best, defeating second-place Okoboji by a whopping 59 strokes at the state meet two years ago.

But to be a two-year defending state champ after claiming just one state title will surely set them apart from almost any team after the 2020 spring sports season was cancelled because of COVID-19.

That means the Chickasaws are still defending their Class 2A crown almost two years later.

“We called dibs, I guess,” laughed NH head coach Eric Olson. “Until somebody beats us we’re still state champs.”

With the amount of talent Olson had back in 2020 in twin sisters Allison and Morgan Nuss — don’t think New Hampton couldn’t be declaring themselves two-time defending state champs.

But such is life as curve balls are thrown at you on occasion, but that is what makes New Hampton this year so intriguing.

“We would have had five of the six back,” said Olson. “We had people waiting in the wings to take that last spot.”

The Nuss sisters have since graduated and now play for the University of Northern Iowa, but several Chickasaws are back in 2021 that sport state experience in seniors Emma Ewert, Lola Lemke and junior Sanja Djukic.

“We’re going to plug people in and I truly think we’re one of the favorites in 2A,” said Olson.

That’s a solid assessment coming from Olson, who has guided New Hampton to back-to-back state runner-up finishes in 2017 and 2018 and a fourth-place state showing in 2015.

The Chickasaws started practice last week but have yet to hit the links outside or break out the big clubs on the driving range because of the weather.

That’s where technology comes in handy.

The Chickasaws, along with the New Hampton boys team coached by Bill Glenn, utilize several simulators that allow for optimum performance to help work on your game while still indoors. There aren’t many in the state on the high school level that are afforded that luxury.

“I feel really fortunate to have this,” said Glenn.

Glenn said they have had indoor putting greens for quite some time, but the expensive equipment such as the simulators that help hone in a golf game makes a whale of a difference.

“That made huge strides in our program with just putting,” said Glenn. “But now to be able to do it all — chip, putt and hit. I really feel like there is nobody around with this indoor facility for high school golf.”

Normally, New Hampton would just hit golf balls into a net at the Chickasaw Wellness Center without any feedback as to whether or not it was a good drive or not.

“What we would be doing in a year without these is we would be at the CWC (Chickasaw Wellness Center) hitting in a net — literally five feet in front

of us and then saying, ‘well, it sounded good,’” said Olson. “We had no idea where it went. At least this gives us some great, positive feedback.”

That was prior to the community stepping forward and allowing the charitable donation to happen in 2019. The ramifications and results because of that benevolence have been noteworthy.

“They can see how close they are to the pin and kind of get their shots and yardages dialed in,” said Olson.

Glenn guided the Chickasaws to the state tournament that same year New Hampton received the technology. Simulators can chart spin rates and allows coaches the ability to analyze a plethora of data from

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At long last, 'world's game' arrives

After pandemic cancels their debut soccer season, Chickasaws prepare to take pitch

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Sometimes the first step forward can be the hardest when you're starting from scratch.

Open box, empty contents and stir might sound easy, but every winning recipe has its potential pitfalls.

Shannon Maas and her New Hampton Chickasaws are up for the challenge and ready to get cooking.

It just took them a little while to preheat the oven.

The path to break in a new soccer program such as Maas' — which will feature a co-ed roster for the time being — can also be filled with plenty of excitement and positive energy in an attempt to break new ground and build a strong foundation.

Maas seems to be a perfect fit for the job and is eager to get the ball rolling and begin competition next month.

"This is the first team I've ever coached, so I'm kind of figuring it out too as I go. I'm also the school counselor at the high school. It's really just creating a positive and encouraging environment for kids to learn and grow both on and off the field," said Maas.

This will be the first season of prep soccer ever in New Hampton High School's history of athletic competition.

The Chickasaws began practice for the first time last week and while the roster is co-ed with a mix of girls and boys,

the squad is officially listed as a boys team.

Maas has 22 kids out that are trying their best to achieve success by meshing together and building bonds, both on and off the pitch.

"We have a wide variety of kids out. We've got girls. We've got guys. We've got kids who have played their whole life. We've got kids who have never played before," said Maas. "We've got a wide range of abilities, but despite those differences, I'm really excited about the group cohesion that we've formed."

For Maas, it's been a great start to practice for the 2012 Waverly-Shell Rock grad that competed on the collegiate soccer level at Wartburg.

"There's just a lot of diversity and it is fun to see the kids come together," said Maas.

New Hampton's first season of official competition was supposed to be in 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic had other plans.

"Last year it was a day before our first practice and the world was shut down and so we weren't able to have it," said Maas.

Maas — who said she has been involved with soccer since when she was in kindergarten — said the reason the team is currently co-ed is because there are not enough numbers out to create separate boys and girls teams.

"We are technically considered a boys team and play a



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Adyn Ries (above) takes part in a drill during a New Hampton Soccer practice that was led by head coach Shannon Maas (below) last week in the high school competition gymnasium. The good news is that the Chickasaws were able to take their game outside on Friday for the first outdoor soccer practice in school history.

boys schedule," said Maas.

Wins and losses are important, but just getting out there and competing is perhaps the biggest goal right now for the Chickasaws.

"We're not putting a ton of pressure on the year is I guess is what I would say. We're just

grateful we can have a season. In the years to come, yes, we want it to grow," said Maas.

Maas said she is providing a lot of structure in the first practices of the year because her players need that. She also said it's important to make sure you're enjoying what you are

doing as well.

"The big thing is to have fun," said Maas.

New Hampton will play 10 matches this spring and one tournament. The Chickasaws open the season at Charles City on Thursday, April 1. The Comets are also just starting

out their program and are also co-ed.

Maas said the New Hampton team captains are Ivan Camarillo and Diego Nunez.

The state of Iowa sanctioned prep soccer in 1991 and the first state tournament was held three years later.



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