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Chickasaw County board votes 3-2 to approve 2021-22 tax levy

By BOB FENSKE
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Dorothy Huber and Bob Fenske/Tribune

Pastor Peter Faugstad (above), who serves three area Lutheran churches, believes the pandemic taught Christians lesson on the importance of not only God’s word but also the gift that comes with worshipping together while Dungey’s Furniture and Flooring owners Mark and Trace Dungey (below) found that many customers used the pandemic to upgrade their homes.

KEEPING THE FAITH

CHURCHES FIND NEW WAYS TO CONNECT DURING THE PANDEMIC

By DOROTHY HUBER
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When the pandemic closed churches a year ago, area pastors and priests didn’t just close the doors and nap for a month.

If anything, their jobs became that much tougher.

Though Pastor Kevin Frey, Father Brian Dellaert and Pastor Peter Faugstad all missed their congregations during that time, all followed recommendations to protect parishioners. All

were anxious to reopen, and all did so cautiously.

None of the men knew of any outbreak caused by church services in the year of COVID-19 and all are looking forward to Easter week 2021.

JERICO LUTHERAN CHURCH, which celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2017, holds 300 parishioners with Pastor Peter Faugstad

SEE CHURCHES, 2

RESIDENTS FOCUS ON THEIR HOMES

‘STAYING HOME’ WASN’T ALL BAD FOR BUSINESSES LIKE DUNGEY’S

By BOB FENSKE
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Mark and Trace Dungey don’t want to go through a pandemic again, trust us on that, but the brothers who own Dungey’s Furniture and Flooring will also tell you that the business has not only survived but thrived over the course of the past 12 months.

"People couldn’t go anywhere," Trace said,

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Two NHHS students earn All-State honors

In a normal year, New Hampton High School students Elliot Thronndson and Catherine Pethoud would have enjoyed a day off of school on Monday.

Unfortunately, this hasn’t exactly been a normal year.

Still, both Thronndson and Pethoud had plenty to celebrate last week when they both received nominations to the All-State Individual Speech Festival, which was supposed to be held in Cedar Falls on Monday.

However, the festival was called off, so the New Hampton duo will have to settle for the highest honor an individual speech competitor can gain.

— See STORY, Next week’s Trib

Sign shop lovingly wraps unique trailer

Local business provides final touch to new trailer for Fort Sam Houston Caisson Platoon

By BOB FENSKE
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Don’t get Sandy Boeding or Elizabeth Holthaus wrong, when they “wrap” a trailer — any vehicle, really — they do so with loving care.

But one of their latest projects completed by Sandy’s Sign Shop touched them deeply.

"I’ve always considered myself pretty patriotic," said Boeding, who has owned her shop for the past 20 years, "but when you do something like this, I think it hits you just a little more. When you realize what this trailer will do ... well,

you want it to be perfect."

Boeding and Holthaus — along with their husbands — recently finished wrapping a horse trailer that will be used by the United States Army 3rd Infantry Regiment, The Old Guard, that is assigned to U.S. Army North.

Based at Fort Sam Houston, the unit is tasked with conducting memorials and funeral honors in southern Texas.

"Our solemn duty is to ride the horses as part of the cassion in a military funeral procession to bring a fallen service member

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Sandy’s Sign Shop’s Elizabeth Holthaus and Sandy Boeding pose in front of the trailer the New Hampton company had a hand in building for a unique Army unit in San Antonio, Texas.

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FFA celebrates its year!

New Hampton High School FFA chapter grateful that it at least got its banquet this year

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New Hampton High to play its first-ever soccer match Thursday

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at the helm. He also pastors at Saude Lutheran Church and Redeemer in New Hampton.

He remembers hearing about the virus in January or February on National Public Radio.

“They were finding it in other places around the world, then in March, when you heard about cases in the U.S. on the coast, I had every expectation it would get to the midwest,” he said. “But I did not expect a shutdown in the middle of March.”

The parish was deciding whether or not to have an after-church gathering when the topic became closed for discussion.

“We went from talking about maybe not having a lunch to canceling everything.”

The shutdown, where Gov. Kim Reynolds prohibited gatherings of 10 or more people may have taken Pastor Faugstad by surprise, but did he think the measures were too restrictive?

“Not at the time, we didn’t know the extent of the virus and how it would affect people. Not knowing any differently we just wanted to do our part.”

Pastor Faugstad still needed to connect with his parishioners. Among other things, he sent out letters and made his sermons available online.

“My goal was to call all members — I didn’t get there — but I did meet with some. I think if you’ll talk to other pastors they’ll say the same thing, different people are on opposite ends of the spectrum. Some are OK with meeting, some wouldn’t leave the house.”

The restrictions continued Easter week. “We had multiple services that Monday, Wednesday and Good Friday with less than 10 people, then Easter Sunday we had planned outside services, but that didn’t work out.”

After all, how often is Iowa weather nice on Easter Sunday?

So plan B took effect, where Pastor Faugstad livestreamed. With no internet connection in the church, he did so out of his living room.

“We did that on Easter and for two weeks after, my kids [five of them, ranging in age from 12 to 3] sang, they love to sing. But when restrictions were lifted, it was important for all of us to connect again.”

The pastor talked about measures taken to mitigate the spread of the virus once the church was open again in May.

“So, I suggested people leave a pew between family groups, we didn’t mandates masks right away, some wore them and some didn’t...” He smiled as he continued, “ultimately people did what they wanted. The way we run our church is different than the big churches in town. Our church can hold 300 people, we have maybe 30 on average.”

During the time closed down no funerals were scheduled. “I feel sad for people that weren’t able to have those gatherings. We did have a wedding with around 100 people and had no spread from that event, at least not that we heard of.”

Attendance was strong when the doors were opened again. “People missed the sacraments. Our belief is that through His word and sacrament Jesus comes to visit us with his blessing, he comes to forgive us, strength-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Holy Family Parish members (above) take part in a Mass on Palm Sunday this past weekend while Trinity Lutheran Church members (below) take part in a Christmas Eve candlelight service in which the church limited attendance but also added two additional services because of the pandemic.



en us, comfort us and give us hope. Even though there are some risks, people want to come.”

With Easter week fast approaching, Pastor Faugstad wants to make up for last year. “I’m very excited to have Easter services this year. Since we shut down we realized what a gift it is to be together.”

MANY EVENTS HAVE been reinvented because of the pandemic, and many have gone to a drive-through format. Pastor Kevin Frey of Trinity Lutheran in New Hampton added a drive-in church service one Sunday a month during the warm months that he said was very popular. “People didn’t have to dress up to come to church, they could drink their coffee while attending. People liked it so much we’ve considered keeping that practice even after the pandemic is over.”

Frey says a short distance transmitter sends the spoken word to car radios. He had help setting up the outfit.

“I know just enough about technology to be dangerous,” he admitted.

Since he had already been livestreaming services before the pandemic, that didn’t change.

“At Christmas time we had more services, our capacity was limited because every other pew is closed. I think I had maybe five or six services, usually I have three. We had two barn services instead of one. I think services — it was just a matter of planning with the congregation.” Frey said there are 1,450 in the congregation, with a normal attendance of a little over 300.

Not being able to see older people weighed heavily on the pastor, who has been at Trinity for 21 years. “Especially shut-ins and people in nursing homes and hospitals. I felt so bad for the families, it was a rough year for those folks.”

Frey also had to suspend the monthly services held at nursing homes and assisted living. “There were a lot of changes made overall, not just in church life. People working from home, that might continue. It’ll be interesting to see what life is like after the pandemic and what things

do continue.”

His congregation followed — still follows — mask requirements.

“We asked them to wear masks and we have 100 percent participation. Maybe not at first, but once the numbers started to pick up in the county people got a little more serious.”

About this time last year the churches were closed, by the end of May Trinity had reopened, but kept online services.

“The oddest part was missing Lenten services, never, ever would I imagine not celebrating in-house at Easter. I’m looking forward to it this year.”

The pastor said sunrise Easter services are the highlight of his Easter. “We get 50-60 people out at Dean and Nancy Morris’ place, we go back by their pond and people light fires, it’s a nice way to start the day.”

THE LARGEST congregation in the county is the Holy Family Catholic Church under the direction of Father Brian Dellaert, who is also the priest at North Washington and Ionia.

The Catholic Church was a little later in its reopening. The decision by the Archbishop of the Dubuque Diocese was to reopen at the end of May last year.

“I ask for people’s patience all the time,” said Father Dellaert. “I told them ‘this is my first pandemic, we’ll keep learning together.’ Waiting until May gave us extra time to have a good plan in place and I think our measures have been safe and effective. I prayed very often people would be safe, that they would use the appropriate measures and stay home if they felt the least bit sick.”

When it came time to open, Father Dellaert, with roughly 2,500 parishioners, did a balancing act.

“I would make a point that worship should be essential. People have a right to gather and worship, but churches also have a responsibility to keep the public safe. I think our local churches have been very careful to ensure opening was done as safely as possible. We tried to find the balance and I think other churches have done the same.”

A priest in the area for five years, Father Dellaert said he has seen more than 60 burials in the past year.

“Some were a direct cause of COVID, but more were an indirect cause,” he said. “Loneliness, isolation, people not seeing a doctor as often or not getting out and exercising as much.”

Father Dellaert also has the St. Joseph School in his care. “I’m so grateful our school is open and we’ve effectively been able to manage the safety precautions. It’s taken a lot of time and energy but it’s been worth it. Some schools in our country are not open. But children, I think, show a certain resiliency. You look at children, and they’re going about their day like nothing is wrong. If anything, adults are a little more reticent to change — as we age we tend to get more stubborn and resistant to change — so children can be a reminder to us to adapt.”

Mask wearing hit a high point around November and December, when the Father said he had around 95 to 99 percent wearing masks after an uptick in the county.

“If local circumstances show the need, people will respond accordingly.”

In the school, though, he said the phrase “mask mandate” wasn’t used.

“Sometimes I think that phrase strikes a bad note with people, I think you almost get more cooperation with goodwill and encouragement rather than strong-arm.”

While there’s no hand-shaking, no sharing wine from a chalice, no hymn books or missalettes that can’t be sanitized, Father Dellaert is cautiously optimistic things will get back to normal soon.

“You can’t use too much haste in going back to the old routine,” he said, “but then again, you can’t live in fear.”

He says the pandemic has a silver lining.

“When people are suffering, sometimes it opens a door to God and shows us how much we need each other. People talk about getting back to normal, but I hope for a new normal. I hope we treasure each other more, treasure our faith more and come to church more.”





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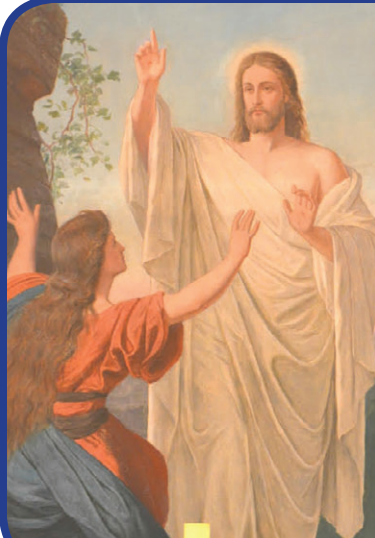
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Photos courtesy of Sandy Boeding and Elizabeth Holthaus

One side of the trailer (below) that was wrapped by Sandy’s Sign Shop shows the soldiers and the horses of The Old Guard at a funeral service while the shop’s two employees — Sandy Boeding and Elizabeth Holthaus — begin the process of wrapping the trailer inside the garage at the business that is located on Highway 24 east of New Hampton.

Sign shop honored to wrap trailer

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to their final resting place," said Sergeant First Class (SFC) Timothy French, who serves as The Old Guard's platoon sergeant. "We are grateful to be able to carry on this humble tradition and continue to honor those who came before us."

And Boeding and Holthaus, too, are grateful to have the chance to be part of the tradition.

The trailer, which includes stalls for eight horses and room to store the cassion's equipment and uniforms, was built by Alum-Line in Cresco, and driven to Sandy's Sign Shop, which is located a few miles east of New Hampton.

There the two women, along with their husbands, went to work on the "wrap." Photos were provided by Charlotte Reavis, who works for U.S. Army North's Public Affairs Office, and Sandy's Sign Shop then began making the vinyl wraps that would go on the trailer.

"You have to do it in pieces," Boeding said, "and once you're done with them, you have to line them up perfectly. It's a process, but one that you have to complete perfectly. All the [panels] have to line up when you are done, and with any project we have, it's important that you're not off because it really stands out, at least to us, it does."

Her co-worker agreed.

"I think doing this you realize what they're going to use it for, and you just want it to be perfect," Holthaus said. "To be entrusted to do something like this, it means a lot. Like Sandy said, we're both very patriotic, and what this unit does is honor those who have served our country. There's no greater gift they could have given us."

SFC French, in an email interview, said the soldiers who make up the unit go through an extensive 10-week Basic Horsemanship Course that is, in a word, arduous.

"Those that do complete it are completely capable of understanding how to connect with the horses, can work within a team mentality, and understand that sacrifice is the bedrock of who we are," he said. "Our job is long hours, weekends, holidays. The soldiers that come here need to know that time is often fleeting and are capable and willing to give freely of their time while here to commit to what we do. All of them excel at this and it shows in all they accomplish."

The horses the unit uses also go through a training process — one that can last anywhere from a couple of weeks to a year or more.

The majority of the unit's work is conducted in the San Antonio area, which is home to the Fort



Sam Houston National Cemetery, but it also has traveled to places like El Paso and Fort Hood.

For the soldiers, SFC French said, there is a great sense of pride in providing this unique honor to veterans and their families.

"It is a humbling experience for sure and there is a desire in each and every one of us to get it right, as each family only gets one chance," he said. "So we know it has to be perfect each and every time. The standards we work on each and every day are standards we strive to exceed each

time we mount up so that each family gets only the best."

And wrapping the trailer was a humbling experience for the women who work at Sandy's Sign Shop and their husbands.

"It's one of those projects I will never forget," Boeding said. "It was an honor to be asked, and it was an honor to complete the trailer."

Briefs

Fredericksburg Lions Club hosts drive-through or dine in breakfast

On Sunday, April 11 the Fredericksburg Lions Club will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Fredericksburg Community Center from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The charge will be a free-will donation. For the drive-through, meals may be picked up at the back door of the community center, enter from N. Washington St. and exit to N. Woodward St. A new, gluten-free option is also available and everyone is welcome.

Charles City ChickFest returns this weekend

It is back and it is on! ChickFest returns to Charles City on Saturday, April 3, with a fun day of shopping, dining and hanging out with your lady friends.

Started in 2013 as a way to welcome spring and spotlight the wonderful shops and dining establishments the community has to offer, ChickFest has become a popular Charles City tradition. Many participating locations will be offering exciting activities, ranging from sampling and special services to prize drawings or informative presentations.

To award the early "chicks," the first 100 ladies, ages 18 and over, who line up at The Charles Theatre on April 3rd will be treated to a bag full of treats and offers from local merchants. Doors will open at 9 a.m.

A full list of participating merchants is available at <https://www.facebook.com/ShopCharlesCity>

Community information and directions will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Charles City Area Chamber of Commerce office at 401 North Main St., phone (641) 228-4234.

Iowa DNR to conduct prescribed fires on state managed areas

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be conducting prescribed burns this spring on wildlife management areas managed by the Iowa DNR's Cedar-Wapsi Wildlife Unit in Floyd, Chickasaw, Butler, Bremer and Buchanan counties.

Areas scheduled for burns are Restoration Marsh in Floyd County; Sweet Marsh, Aldo Leopold, Heffernan and Walnut Bend in Bremer County; Upper Wapsi and Wapsi Flats in Chickasaw County; Big Marsh, West Fork Access, Lower West Fork and Blackmun Prairie in Butler County; and Cedar Rock and Troy Mills in Buchanan County.

Prescribed burns are used to improve wildlife habitat, control invasive plant species, restore and maintain native plant communities and reduce wildfire potential. Burns vary in size from two acres to 300 acres or more. Areas are typically burned every one to five years.

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Bank Iowa putting on a virtual Easter egg hunt

The continued cancellation of some community Easter egg hunts across the state and continued socially distance restrictions has compelled Bank Iowa to host a second annual virtual Easter egg hunt.

Starting this past Saturday, New Hampton-area community members will be invited to participate in a digital hunt for Easter egg icons hidden throughout the Bank Iowa website (bankiowa.bank).

Over the course of five days, five eggs will be hidden on the site, with a new egg hidden each day.

Every day at noon, the egg will move to a new location on the site. Hunters who want a leg-up on the competition are encouraged to watch for clues on Bank Iowa's Facebook and Instagram pages (facebook.com/BankIowaBank and Instagram.com/bankiowabanks).

When hunters click on an egg, they will be taken to a form, which if completed, gives them a chance to win a flower arrangement from a local florist. Each person is allowed one entry per day, for a total of five possible entries throughout the hunt.

Seven winners of this statewide contest will be chosen on Thursday, and flowers will be delivered on Saturday, just in time for the Easter holiday on Sunday.

"Some of us are missing out on annual traditions, like community Easter Egg hunts, for the second year in a row," remarked Josh Fleming, vice president of marketing for the family-owned bank. "While some community events are forgoing a hunt in person, we thought renewing our virtual Easter Egg hunt is an eggcellent alternative. This time of year is a special time for many Iowans, so we hope this virtual egg hunt brightens even a few moments for our communities throughout the week."

State treasurer announces College Savings Iowa winners

State Treasurer Michael Fitzgerald recently awarded a \$529 College Savings Iowa contribution to the Hackman family of Ionia, as 13-year-old Hayden was randomly drawn as the Chickasaw County winner and the Kopp family of Elma, with 1-year-old Lucius drawn as the Howard County winner of the 2020 College Savings Iowa Year-End Giveaway.

"I'm happy to award this contribution as a way to help another family with their education savings journey," stated Fitzgerald. "College Savings Iowa giveaways are a great opportunity to reach individuals and families around the state and inform them about the benefits of saving with a 529 plan."

College Savings Iowa celebrated the year-end and gift-giving season with a giveaway in each of Iowa's 99 counties. The 99 county winners each received a \$529 College Savings Iowa contribution, and one grand prize winner received a \$1,529 College Savings Iowa contribution.

"Nothing is better than giving 100 gifts to 100 families around the state," Fitzgerald said. "I'm optimistic these contributions will inspire our future generations to pursue their education."

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Pastor Cory Orr
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Friday at First United
Methodist, 1:30 p.m., Easter
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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JOHN’S GOSPEL TELLS US THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t

know where they have put him.” At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with

that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

— John 20

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How Much Risk Should You Take Before Retirement?

If you're planning to retire in just a few years, you may be getting excited about this next phase of your life. However, your ability to enjoy retirement fully will depend, at least partially, on the resources you can draw from your investment portfolio. So, while you still have time to act, ask yourself if you're comfortable with your portfolio's risk level.

Your relationship with risk can change noticeably over time. When you started saving for retirement, you may have been willing to take on more investment risk, which translated into a relatively high percentage of stocks and stock-based mutual funds in your investment portfolio. As you know, stocks offer the potential for greater returns than other assets – such as bonds and certificates of deposit (CDs) – but they are also typically more volatile and carry more risk. But when you were many decades away from retirement, you had sufficient time to recover from market fluctuations. (Of course, there are no guarantees – it's possible that some stocks will lose value and never regain it.)

Now, fast forward to where you are now – closing in on retirement. Even at this stage of your life – and, in fact, even during your retirement – you will need some growth-oriented investments to help stay ahead of inflation. Over time, even a low inflation rate, such as we've had the past several years, can erode your purchasing power.

So, the issue isn't this: "Should I get rid of all my risk?" You shouldn't – and, in fact, you couldn't, because all investments, even the ones considered most "conservative," contain some type of risk, even if it isn't the risk of loss of principal. For instance, some investments run the risk of not keeping up with inflation. Instead, ask yourself these questions: "How much risk should I take within my portfolio?" "How much risk do I actually need to achieve my goals in retirement?"

Of course, there are no one-size-fits-all answers. You'll need



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to look at your investment portfolio to see if it's positioned to provide you with the income you'll require in your retirement years. You might have initially based your financial strategy on a specific type of retirement lifestyle, but now that you're nearing retirement, perhaps you've changed your mind. Your anticipated new lifestyle might require either more or less income than you had originally projected – and if that's the case, you may need to adjust the risk level in your portfolio or make other adjustments.

For example, suppose you had initially envisioned a rather quiet retirement, sticking around your home, volunteering and spending time with your grandchildren. But in recent years – and especially since the confinement many of us have felt during the COVID-19 pandemic – you may have thought that you'd now like to travel extensively. To achieve this goal, which will likely cost more than your original one, you may have to work longer, or invest more each year until you retire, or seek a higher return on your investments – which means accepting more risk.

As you can see, managing risk is a balancing act – and you may need to make some tough choices. But as long as you're aware of how much risk you can take, and how much risk you may need to take to reach your goals, you can develop a strategy that aligns with your objectives.

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Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Not his favorite book?
Tribune photographer Dorothy Huber caught this picture of Abel Abbas not seeming all that interested in a book being read by New Hampton Public Library's Lydia Kinkel during a storytime last Wednesday. Or maybe he just wanted to keep an eye on the photographer and make sure she wasn't up to no good?

Brothers appreciate their community

DUNGEY'S: FROM 1

"and so instead of spending money on entertainment, they put money into their homes."

And that money was spent on things like new flooring and new furniture as folks figured if they had to stay home, they were going to upgrade their living spaces.

"For all the unknowns that we had a year ago at this time," Mark said, "we actually had a very good year. We were busy because people decided if they weren't going to be able to go on their vacations because of COVID, they wanted to do something new at their houses."

And they also wanted to shop local more than ever before, or at least more than they had in the past 20 or 30 years. Dungey's wasn't the only New Hampton business to see sales grow during the pandemic.

"I know we never want to go through something like this again," New Horizons-Chamber Director Jason Speltz said, "but people did reconnect with shopping local. They didn't want to go to the big cities, the big boxes because there were so many unknowns. And a lot of people that shopped New Hampton found out not only do we have a lot to offer but we're going to give them way better customer service because the experience they have tells them that's a critical component of any business."

Take Dungey's as just one example.

Mark Dungey has been in the business for 43 years; Trace Dungey is a close second at 42 years. Joyce Laures has worked at Dungey's for 40 years. And Kymm Galligan, who works at the Osage store, has 24 years of experience.

Granted, they will tell you that the previous 12 months have been unlike any they have dealt with before.

There was the cleaning, there was the sanitizing, there was the unknown of would they be allowed to stay open.

"We've always run a clean store," Mark Dungey said, "but this kicked it up a notch. And it just wasn't door handles or countertops, it was everything. We wanted our customers to feel safe, we wanted to be safe, and at the end of the day, none of us got COVID at work, I can guarantee you that."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Dungey's Furniture and Flooring employee Bobby Schwickerath talks with a customer about the store's selection of couches.

Both brothers, though, said the key to Dungey's recent success was also adhering to the values that their father brought to the business when he opened his store in New Hampton back in 1963.

"You have to have quality products, you have to have fair prices and you have to be willing to work with customers," Mark said. "People say you can't put a value on customer service, and maybe they're right. But for businesses like ours, that willingness to listen to people, to find out what they want, is so important. Did things change because of COVID? Sure, they did, but treating our customers right didn't."

For Trace Dungey, it was in many ways a wild year with flooring.

"That was a biggie for a lot of people," he said. "There are two ways you can dramatically change the look of a room – flooring and paint. I'm sure if you talked to Ace, they'd tell you they sold a lot of paint, and I know we did a lot of flooring projects."

And today's flooring, he said, is not the flooring our parents bought.

"I think the biggest thing that has changed is you just have so many options," Trace said. "The wood laminate, the vinyl flooring that doesn't look vinyl, the tile and stone, the different options in carpeting ... there are a million different ways you can go. And then you throw in the radiant floor heating and there's even more options available."

As good as sales were, though, there was something else that made the pandemic enduring for the two brothers, who have experienced a lot in the past 10 years.

A decade ago, they were beginning to plan for Dungey's 50th anniversary celebration that took place in 2013. A year after the milestone, the New Hampton store was lost in a fire, and after several years of using the old Soy Basics Candle Outlet store as a temporary location, the brothers opened their new store located behind McDonald's and across the street from the New Hampton Light Plant.

"I think what I'll remember about this year is that I saw a lot of people come together," Mark Dungey said. "They shopped local, they supported each other, they showed just how important community is. And when this is all over, I hope we don't forget that."

Briefs

Public Health taking names COVID-19 vaccine list

Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services is asking all residents who want the COVID-19 vaccine and are not currently on a list to call a phone number that will be available only this week.

Gov. Kim Reynolds announced on March 17 that she was opening up vaccines to the entire general public, and Chickasaw County Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter said that residents can call 641-229-8013 this week.

But Welter emphasized that residents need to understand that Public Health is compiling a list and not saying exactly when those who get on the newest list will be vaccinated.

"It all depends on the amount of vaccine we receive," Welter said, "but we want to get a list ready so that once we do have the vaccine available, we can let people know when to come into our office."

Conservation Board to hold kayak float April 8 at Sweet Marsh

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will hold a Spring Migration kayak float on Thursday, April 8, at Sweet Marsh Wildlife Area near Tripoli.

Participants will talk about paddle safety before heading out to see what kinds of waterfowl and wildlife there is to be encountered. All participants will be required to wear life jackets.

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

Make sure that you dress with the possibility of getting wet and bring your binoculars.

Pony Express Camp Sunnyside fundraiser to ride again this Friday

It's been two years since the Pony Express has made its way though New Hampton, but it will return this Friday. Riders are expected to parade through the city sometime around 9:30 a.m. Friday morning as part of the two-day ride that raises money for Camp Sunnyside.

The Pony Express always has been held on Good Friday, but officials had to cancel last year's ride because of concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Online Poll

A majority of last week's poll respondents — 58 percent— said they were in favor of the ambulance contract agreement that was recently approved. Twenty-nine percent were opposed and 14 percent had no opinion.

This week we're having a little fun and asking our readers to pick their favorite Easter snack. Vote today online at nhtrib.com.

Almanac

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Monday	56	37	T
Tuesday	53	42	.70
Wednesday	47	33	.08
Thursday	46	34	--
Friday	50	38	--
Saturday	48	30	.26
Sunday	47	33	T

Forecast

Tuesday: Partly cloudy and windy with a high of 47 and a low of 35.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny but cold; high 38, low 22.

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 46 and a low of 33.

Friday: Sunny and warmer with a high of 61 and low of 42.

Early weekend forecast: Mostly sunny with highs in the 70s and lows in the 40s..

History

- In 1814, European forces allied against Napoleonic France march triumphantly into Paris, formally ending a decade of French domination on the Continent and Napoleon sent into his first exile.
- In 1867, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward signs a treaty with Russia leading to the purchase of Alaska for \$7 million.
- In 1870, following its ratification by the requisite three-fourths of the states, the 15th Amendment, granting African American men the right to vote, is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution.
- In 1980, a floating apartment for workers who worked on nearby oil platforms in the North Sea collapses during a strong storm, killing 123 people.
- In 1981, President Ronald Reagan is shot by deranged drifter John Hinckley Jr., after meeting with a group of labor leaders at a Washington, D.C. hotel.

Birthdays

- Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh was born in 1853.
- Country music star Thomas Rhett turns 31.
- Singer Celine Dion turns 53.
- Singer and guitarist Eric Clapton turns 76.
- American actor Warren Beatty turns 84.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.
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Leo H. Rasing, 88

Leo H. Rasing, age 88 of New Hampton, passed away on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab surrounded by his family.

A private family mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, March 27, 2021, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton, with Father Brian Dellaert celebrating the mass.

Burial was held at St. Boniface Cemetery in Ionia.

Online condolences for Leo's family may be left at www.conway-markhamfh.com. Memorials may be directed to Rita Rasing, 201 E Washington St, New Hampton, IA 50659.

Leo Herbert was born August 5, 1932, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Tillman) Rasing in New Hampton.

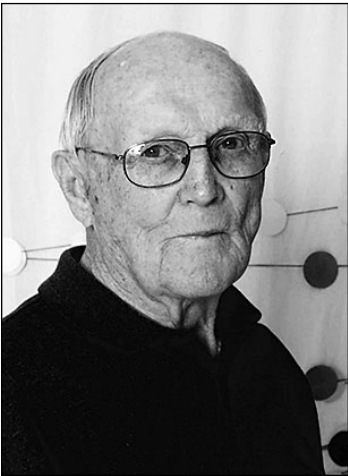
He attended and graduated from St. Boniface Catholic School in 1950.

After completing his education, Leo worked at Rath Packing Company.

He was then drafted into the United States Army where he served at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, until his honorable discharge. Upon his return home, he purchased the Rasing family farm.

While attending a dance in Lawler, Leo met the love of his life, Rita Jacobs. The couple were united in marriage on April 25, 1956 at Immaculate Conception in North Washington.

Leo and Rita welcomed their eight children — Joyce, Karen, Linda, Ken, Jim, Kevin, Melvin, and Bob. Leo made his life on the farm until his retirement which came with the fall harvest of 1994. Throughout the years, Leo taught his family the value of hard work, honesty and integrity. Together, he and



Leo Rasing

Rita were an example of faith and love.

He enjoyed playing cards, taking family trips and watching his Western TV shows.

Leo and Rita were members of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia.

Those left to honor Leo's memory are his wife, Rita of New Hampton; his children, Joyce Rasing of Hugo, Minnesota, Karen (Duane) Schwickerath of Waverly, Linda Woodruff of Rudd, Ken (Shari) Rasing of New Hampton, Jim Rasing of New Hampton, Kevin (Peney) Rasing of Fredericksburg, and Bob Rasing of New Hampton; his 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Roger (Kathleen) Rasing of Ankeny; one sister, Darlene Carver of Greenwood, Indiana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was welcomed home by his parents; his son, Melvin; grandson, Travis; son-in-law, Scott Woodruff; his siblings, Edwin (Anna Marie) Rasing, Alverna (Virgil) Schneider, and Father Linus E. Rasing; and his brother-in-law, Larry Carver.

Dorothy A. Stika, 92

Dorothy A. Stika, age 92 of Protivin, died Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at Accura Healthcare of Cresco.

A public Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 29, 2021, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Protivin, with burial in the church cemetery.

Public visitation was held from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, 2021, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Protivin. Visitation continued one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory is entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences for Dorothy's family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Kimberly Marie Stroud, 33

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

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel has been entrusted with Kim's arrangements. Online condolences for Kim's family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.


Fidelity Bank and Trust scholarship deadline is this Wednesday

Fidelity Bank & Trust has announced that scholarship applications are now available for the 2021 College Scholarship Program.

The forms are available at all locations of Fidelity Bank & Trust or visit www.bankfidelity.bank. Applications must be returned by this Wednesday.

Under the program, twenty eight \$500 scholarships will be awarded to area high school seniors who plan to attend a two or four year college or vocational school. The students and their parents are not required to be Fidelity Bank & Trust customers. The scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic standing, extra curricular activities, community involvement, financial need and a short essay on why the individual should be considered for this scholarship.

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The family of Shirley Ptacek would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, food, flowers, cards, memorials and support given to our family at this difficult time. The thoughtfulness of our friends, family and the community will never be forgotten. Special thanks to Colonial Manor of Elma for their wonderful care, Liz at Conway-Markham Funeral Home for handling the arrangements and Father Jerry Kopacek for the meaningful service to celebrate Shirley's life.

The Family of Shirley Ptacek

To the family and friends of the late Dorothy Nystel, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for your kindness and condolences that I've received.

Thanks to the first responders, ambulance crew and medical examiner for their quick response on the day Dorothy passed.

Special thanks to Liz and Conway-Markham Funeral Home for everything you have done and putting up with my constant phone calls.

Monetary memorials in Dorothy's memory were donated to SNAP in New Hampton and Save Our Strays in St. Ansgar, two causes that were near and dear to Dorothy's heart.

Your sympathy and kindness will always be remembered,
Irv Nystel and Family

Adolph Donald (Don) Swenson, 91

Adolph Donald (Don) Swenson, age 91 of Alta Vista, passed away on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at Colonial Manor in Elma.

A private visitation will be held at Conway & Markham Funeral Home and burial at Union Cemetery in Alta Vista for the immediate family.

Online condolences may be left at www.conway-markhamfh.com. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Colonial Manor in Elma, Iowa.

Adolph Donald (Don) Swenson was born June 26, 1929. He died of natural causes March 24, 2021, at Colonial Manor in Elma. He had been fully vaccinated and had lived through the pandemic.

He was the fourth of five boys who grew up in Saude, near the Little Turkey River.

Don married Lorraine Joachim on June 2, 1948. For over 50 years, they lived and



Don Swenson

farmed near Alta Vista, on the family's century farm.

Don also worked as a bus driver for the New Hampton Community Schools.

They were active at the Zion Lutheran Church and were excellent Pinochle players.

Lorraine preceded Don in

death after 69 years of marriage.

Don is survived by his three children and their spouses, Ruth (Wilbur) Woods of Bucyrus, Missouri, Doris (Roger) Swanson of Canton, Michigan, and Glenn (Karna) Swenson of Minneapolis; 12 grandchildren, Daniel (Emily) Woods, Michael Woods, Jeffrey (Janice) Baygents, Denise Barnett, Christopher (Christine) Swanson, Carrie (Michael Furgerson) Swanson, Casey (Amanda) Swanson, Scott (Amanda) Swenson, Matthew (Caitlin) Swenson, Dade (Emily Snavelly) Colberg, Ian McBrayer, and Ellis McBrayer; 12 great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Charles, Abbey, Cody, Kyleigh, Carter, Eli, Ashley, Bennett, Andrew, Hailey and Caleb; one brother, Joseph (Joe) Swenson; and numerous nephews and nieces.



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Marking the triumphant entry!
New Hampton United Methodist Church parishioners follow their pastor, Willy Mafuta, Sunday morning as the church marked Palm Sunday with a procession from the downtown area to the church. Palm Sunday begins Holy Week and remembers Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

News Bits From Our Past

- Week of March 28 1946 (75 years ago)**
 - Paul Hartson of this city has completed his arrangements and has opened what he calls the New Hampton Memorial Athletic Club with location on South Walnut Avenue, half a block from Main Street. He has received a number of monuments and markers which are on display and a large selection will be on display by April 11.
 - The building known as the Kottke Business place and home will also be used for this purpose as soon as the tenant can find another location to live. The space between this building and the Paul Hartson residence will be used for display. The monuments will be made by the large memorial works in Waterloo.
 - Shop at Penney's For Work Clothes For Men- Whatever Your Job: Work Shirts, \$1.98; Work Pants, \$1.98; Work Suits, \$3.98; Work Gloves, 65 cents; Sweat Shirts, \$1.06; Men's Rain Coat, \$4.98; Work Shoes, \$4.79; Sweaters, \$2.98; Men's Two-Buckle Rubbers, \$2.19.
 - Two former Chickasaws attended the National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling tournament at Stillwater, Oklahoma this past weekend. Sammy Kramer attends the Minnesota State University, wrestles in the 145 pound class and John Ball, who is on the I.S.T.C. team of Cedar Falls, wrestles in the 155 pound class.

This is the boys first appearance in the national tourney, they both lost their matches, but both have done well throughout the wrestling season.

- 1971 (50 years ago)**
 - Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Security State Bank Building to be constructed at the corner of North Chestnut Avenue and East Prospect Street were held last weekend with J.P. Rigler, Chairman of the Board of Security, officially breaking the ground. Other personnel and directors on hand for the ceremony were, Bob Linderbaum, Wayne Moetsch, James D. O'Connor, Ray Hutchinson, Robert Rigler, Phyllis Nulty, Marcella Kammeyer, Mary Lou Bruening, Marilyn Randall, Agnes Carmody and Sandra Uglum. L.D.

Snyder, a director, was unavailable for the ceremony. General contractors for the project are Stolz Construction of New Hampton.

- The Pepsi-Cola bowling team of New Hampton earned \$5,000 Saturday by defeating the ABC Championship Hamm's Beer team of the Minneapolis Traveling League in a head-on clash staged at Diamond Lakes Lanes in Minneapolis. The Pepsi quintette, a regular member of the Corn Bowl League at New Hampton Bowlaway Lanes, came in with a 3,174 to top the Hamm's score of 3,075.

The big roll-off at Minneapolis ended a contest that began last October. The competition stated with 10,000 teams from 26 states. The New Hampton quintette that survived the elimination and went on to the big prize were, Bob Mulick, Dave Nelson, Mark Kuennen, Bill Sweet and team captain, Dean Tjernagel.

- 1996 (25 years ago)**
 - Andy Sinnwell, a native of Alta Vista and a graduate of New Hampton, was named Iowa Ducks Unlimited Artist of the Year by winning the Print of the Year Art Contest held in Des Moines. Contest subject was either wild turkey

or white tailed deer. Andy Sinnwell entered the deer category and was judged the winner, with a painting named "Passing the Buck."

Sinwell's winning painting will be made into limited edition prints and will be seen by more than 200,000 people at 1500 Ducks Unlimited Chapter Events in 15 midwestern and western state through a multi-state program. Proceeds will be used towards wetland, conservation and habitat projects.

- A. Donald Johnson, New Hampton Mayor, signed the proclamation which proclaims April 1 thru April 7 as Pony Express Week in Chickasaw County. The Pony Express Riders of Iowa, Inc. is a group of thousands of volunteers who host fund-raising events in communities throughout Iowa to benefit Iowans with disabilities.

The funds that are raised each year are given to the Easter Seal Society of Iowa to be used to enhance the programs at Camp Sunnyside in Des Moines.

- 2011 (10 years ago)**
 - The Iowa senate unanimously approved a proposal by State Sen. Mary Jo Wilhelm, Democrat from Cresco, to place a statue of Norman Borlaug in the U.S. Capital Building. Borlaug was an American agronomist and humanitarian who was born in the small Northeast Iowa town of Saude He has been called the "Father of the Green Revolution" by many experts and in 1970, he received the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in increasing the world's food supply.

- A Fredericksburg man was announced as the new Chickasaw County veteran service officer at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting. Dave Jacobsen is a Marine Corps veteran who has lived in Fredericksburg for more than 20 years. He has served as commander of the AMVETS Post in Fredericksburg. He held positions on the district and state level with AMVETS as well. He maintains membership in the V.F.W., American Legion, Marine Corps League and the Marine Corps Force Recon Association. Jacobsen is married to Joan Adams, formerly of North Washington, Between them, the couple has five sons and seven grandchildren.

- 2016 (5 years ago)**
 - The Carnegie Cultural Center introduced the new administrator of the New Hampton museum, Jill Eike will be the first "paid administrator" of the facility that is celebrating its 20th year in existence. Eike was introduced by longtime volunteer Juanita Anderson.

Located in one of the original Carnegie libraries, the Carnegie Cultural Center is dedicated to the arts, history and cultural awareness. It is located at 7 North Water Avenue, New Hampton, just off the downtown's Main Street.

- A longtime Chickasaw County sheriff's deputy has announced that he will run for sheriff and will seek the Democratic nomination in the June 7 primary. Martin (Marty) Hemann is a 28-year law enforcement veteran and has spent the last 25 years with the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office. Hemann was hired by Sheriff Tom Bernatz and has worked for and learned some valuable skills from former sheriffs Bernatz, William Dean and Marty Larsen, along with current Sheriff Todd W. Miller.

— Compiled by Terri Josephson

After 40 years, insurance agent walks into retirement

Community Insurance of Iowa's Jill Hogeland will miss customers, co-workers but has plenty of ideas for next chapter

By BOB FENSKE
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Take the time machine back to 1981, step off it and ask Jill Hogeland about what was then for her a new job. Tell her you're from the future and that for the next 40 years, she'll work in the insurance industry.

"I would have laughed at you," she said. "I needed a job, and Don Lester offered me one. But I wasn't thinking I was going to work with insurance for 40 years. Never even crossed my mind."

And here she is 40 years later, getting ready to work her last day at Community Insurance of Iowa in New Hampton.

Her journey since that day in 1981

when she reported to work at Lester's office on North Chesnut Avenue has, for the most part, been a smooth one with a few different stops along the way.

She began as Lester's secretary, began taking certification courses and soon was selling insurance packages. For years, she ran — well, she was pretty much a one-person office — New Hampton's American Family Insurance agency. She tried a different career for nine months.

"Let's just say, not for me and move on," she said with a laugh.

In 2005, Joel Rochford returned to New Hampton to work with his father, Jerry, and offered Hogeland a job at what was then Rochford Insurance.

She accepted and never left ... until Wednesday, that is.

On that day, she will work her last day and walk out of the door retired.

There is more time to be spent at "the river" with her husband, Scott. There are grandchildren to spoil. There is the call of the south during the winter.

She is ready to see more of her three children — Chad, who lives in Ham Lake, Minnesota; Dustin, who lives in the Cedar Rapids area; and Garrett, who calls Marshall, Minnesota, home and recently became engaged.

In other words, she has plenty of plans for retirement.

That doesn't mean Wednesday's going to be easy. She didn't know it

back in 1981, but when she accepted that job offer from Lester, she had found her calling and a career.

"I like people, I like helping people," she said, "and in a lot of ways, that's what insurance does. You always say that you hope you never need it, but when you do, you really do. I'm going to miss my customers."

And as she talked about her impending departure, she fought back tears as she talked about her co-workers.

"I'm not going to lie, not seeing them every day ... that's going to be hard," she said. "We may not always agree — OK, we don't always agree — but they're like family. I'm going to miss them like crazy. It's not like New Hampton's a huge city and I'll never

see them, but it won't be the same. I won't see them every day. That's going to be the hard part."

And they, in turn, will miss her.

"Jill's been a great part of our team, and we've been blessed to have her," Rochford said. "Obviously, we're going to miss all she does here."

Yet, at the same time, after 40 years in insurance, in many ways, Hogeland is ready.

"There's so much I'll miss," she said as a smile crept across her face, "but it's time for a new chapter. And that's exciting, too."



Hogeland

At long last, movie theater popcorn returns

COVID-19 shutdown will end at the Charles later this week

By JAMES GROB
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Starting April 2, movies are back at the Charles Theatre in Charles City.

"We decided that we are going to give it a try," said Charles Theatre Manager Karen Youngerman. "A lot of people are getting vaccinated, the governor has eased up on the restrictions and there are some decent movies coming out."

Movies will be shown on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. for now, and the theater will reopen with the movie "News of the World" on the evenings of April 2-4.

"We're cutting back our nights to Friday, Saturday and Sunday, where before we were seven nights a week," said Youngerman.

Youngerman said a lot of area small town theaters are reopening in the coming weeks, and it is a step toward getting back to normal.

The Charles is opening up all its seats and asking people to behave safely and responsibly and distance themselves from each other.

Capacity at the theater is 316, and Youngerman said that at best, the theater would get half that many people, so movie-goers should be able to respect each other and keep a safe distance from each other.

She said that everything will still be well-sanitized, there will still be plexiglass up at the snack counter and people will still be asked to wear masks.

"Once they sit down, they can take them off, but when they're up and moving around, we'd really like them to wear the masks," she said.

All the typical snacks and drinks — and the theater's locally-famous popcorn — will be available for purchase.

The Charles Theatre had initially closed last March amid the spread of COVID-19. Since then it's been a lack of new movies



James Grob/Charles City Press

The marquee at the Charles Theatre says it all this past week; the closest movie house to New Hampton is set to reopen this Friday.

being released and customers' hesitance to go to the movies that have kept the theater closed.

The theater reopened briefly in August, but is wasn't long until its doors were closed again. Youngerman said only older movies were available at that time, and they didn't draw in enough people for the theater to break even.

The film "News of the World" is an American Western drama, released this past Christmas, based on the 2016 novel by Paulette Jiles. It stars Tom Hanks, who plays a Civil War veteran who must return a young girl taken in by Native Americans to her surviving family.

"I realize 'News of the World' has been out for quite a while, but it's a Tom Hanks movie, and a lot of people like him," Youngerman said.

She said a lot of people around Charles City would rather see the movie on the big screen, rather than pay to watch it streaming at home, and she hopes it will draw customers in.

The theater has scheduled three children's movies the following three weekends in April, "to give something for the younger kids to do," Youngerman said.

On the weekend of April 9, the theater will show the new "Tom and Jerry," and scheduled the following weekends are "The Croods," "Raya and the Last Dragon" and "The Courier."

Tickets are \$3 for an adult movie ticket and \$2 for a ticket for children (12-and-under) and seniors (55-and-older.)

"Right now, we don't have any matinees scheduled," Youngerman said. "I guess we'll just see how it goes."

The Charles Theatre, which was built in 1935, is one of only two theaters remaining in Iowa with an art-deco facade, and is the only one still operating. The theater is run by volunteers and owned by the Charles City Arts Council.

"We've been anxiously awaiting people coming back," Youngerman said. "We want them to have a safe experience at the theater."

County chairman says budget gives the county flexibility

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Hackman, who led the charge against the 2021-22 budget and levy said he felt supervisors could lower the rural levy of \$3.23884 per \$1,000 valuation and claimed that the Rural Services Basic fund will have around a 44 percent reserve, far above the minimum 25 percent reserve state officials recommend for counties.

"We just ballooned the ending [RSB] fund balance to \$395,000ish," Hackman said. "All we're doing is just taking the money from the taxpayer and throwing it in the ending fund balance."

That led to relatively heated arguments between Holthaus and Hackman, who had served as the board chairman for three years before being unseated by Holthaus earlier this year.

Holthaus conceded that the rural levy had been at around \$3 per \$1,000 valuation for what he called "decades," and that it was increased two years ago to provide funding for the ambulance contract that the county signed with the Chickasaw Ambulance Service.

The current chair also said that the "tax-asking" increase of \$154,000 — a number Hackman said should be \$196,000 because of the decrease in levies for mental health and debt service — was not a "big issue in the realm of a \$16 million budget."

Holthaus went on to say that if the ending fund balance remained high next year, "we should take a real hard look at it and do what we've done in the past and buy that down." He added that the budget on the table provided supervisors flexibility on a variety of issues — ranging from the fact that the county may be forced to hire a land-use coordinator (those duties are currently held by County Assessor Ray Armel) to increasing the budget for the Secondary Roads Department.

State law requires that 80 percent of the RSB must go to secondary roads, but at one time, the county devoted 90 percent of its RSB to the department, and during Monday's meeting, County Engineer Dusten Rolando said he would welcome additional money to his budget. He also pointed out that Secondary Roads has a reserve of \$800,000, far below the \$1.5 million recommended. Still, those who came to the

meeting expressed frustration with supervisors.

Former Chickasaw County Supervisor Dan Carolan said he didn't understand why the board approved salaries for the county's elected officials before finishing its budget.

"Putting these salaries out in January is backwards," he said. "I thought that when I was on the board, and I think that way today."

He also asked supervisors if they had cut any budgets, and Auditor Stephanie Mashek said they had — pointing out that the Conservation Board, Public Health, county attorney, sheriff, environmental health, the Emergency Management Agency and her own office will all have smaller budgets during the fiscal year that begins July 1 than they had during this fiscal year.

After the supervisors voted to approve the budget and levy, Carolan's wife, Laurie, asked Byrne, who defeated her husband at the polls in 2018, if he felt it was good for his constituents? "Yes, I do, if it's going to improve our roads, absolutely," he said.

Laurie Carolan, though, pressed the issue and asked why the supervisors would not listen to Hackman.

"If you have one supervisor, giving you all this information," she said, "why are you ignoring it?"

Holthaus bristled at her question and said that "Mr. Hackman was in Stephanie's office way more" than he should have been and added that he didn't trust Hackman's numbers.

By that time, though, supervisors had already approved the budget. Four times, Holthaus asked board members if they had any more discussion, but Zoll didn't suggest that supervisors could have decided to hold a special meeting later in the week to discuss lowering the levy until after the vote was taken.

Under the budget approved, the levy for urban property owners will be \$5.55499 per \$1,000 valuation. Rural property owners will pay that amount, plus the rural levy, so their levy rate will be \$8.79383 per \$1,000 valuation. Although the levy rates will drop, the county will receive about 3.65 percent more in local property tax dollars because valuations in the county increased.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It's good to be back

One of the first things "knocked out" by the COVID-19 pandemic was the annual banquet held by the FFA chapter at New Hampton High School, but after a "one-year hiatus," the banquet returned on Saturday night and played before a full, albeit "spread out" crowd. During the banquet, the 2020-21 officer team was honored, the 2021-22 officer team inducted and numerous award were handed out.

See FFA RECAP, next week's Tribune

Century Farm applications being accepted

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig encourages eligible farm owners to apply for the 2021 Century and Heritage Farm Program now.

The program was created by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to recognize families who have owned their farms for 100 years and 150 years, respectively.

"The Century and Heritage Farm program is a great way to recognize the strength and resiliency of Iowa's multi-generation farm families, especially after an exceptionally challenging year," said Secretary Naig. "I am very grateful for the investments they make to protect our rich farm-

land and their continued commitment to our state's agriculture community."

To apply, download the application on the Department's website at iowaagriculture.gov/century-and-heritage-farm-program.

Applications may also be requested from Kelley Reece, coordinator of the Century and Heritage Farm Program, at 515-281-3645 or Kelley.Reece@IowaAgriculture.gov.

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Nashua-Plainfield following ‘super’ plan as it searches for its new top administrator

Turner to retire at the end of the year; N-P, Rockford will continue to share superintendent

By Bob Fenske
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If the plan stays on track, Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools will know whom its next superintendent will be sometime early next month.

Retiring Superintendent Keith Turner said last week the two districts he serves — Nashua-Plainfield and Rockford — culled the 16 applicants to three finalists and the plan is to have them go through on-site interviews during the first full week of April.

“We’re on track to know who’s going to lead Rockford and Nashua-Plainfield relatively soon,” Turner said, “and I think so far the process has gone really well. The search firm we’re working from has done an excellent job. ... One of the reasons I announced my retirement as early as I did is that I wanted both our boards to have plenty of time to find the next superintendent.”

Turner announced his intention to retire in January, and both Rockford and Nashua-Plainfield decided it was in their best interests to continue sharing a superintendent.

The districts received 16 qualified candidates. Seven candidates have a specialist degree while another five had a “terminal degree,” i.e., a doctorate degree.

Eight of the candidates, according to a press release sent out last week, had four or more years of district leadership experience.

Ten were from Iowa; six were from out of the state.

Both Nashua-Plainfield and Rockford officials said they will share the names of the finalists “soon after the screening interviews” that took place during the joint board meeting last Tuesday night, but as of Monday morning, they had not done so because they were still waiting to see if all three finalists would agree to being interviewed.

According to the press release, the desired qualifications for a new superintendent, based on feedback from a stakeholder survey, include:

- Recruits, hires, supports, develops, and retain effective staff members
- Effectively manages district resources
- Promotes a community of care and support
- Strong instructional leader
- Is approachable, accessible, and welcoming
- Follows through on tasks and responsibilities
- Possesses strong communication skills
- Brings out success in others
- Demonstrates ethics and integrity

The two boards hope to name a shared superintendent “soon after the formal interviews,” which will include stakeholders in both districts.

“We have some excellent applicants,” Turner said, “and I feel confident that our boards are going to find the person to lead these two districts forward.”



We’re not quite sure what New Hampton FFA Advisor said to his daughter Elisa Russ-Poggemiller, but she appears to be giving her dad the “I’m-not-so-sure-about-that” look during Saturday’s FFA Banquet.

Reconnection, puck win, important event make for pretty good weekend

If it had been up to me, I would have headed home late Saturday afternoon, put on a comfy pair of sweatpants, flipped on the television and vegged out on the NCAA tournaments.

I would have watched basketball and hockey (you can take the boy out of Minnesota but you can’t take the Minnesota out of the boy) late into the night.

I seriously had a case of the lazies, and I have to admit, as I typed that word, I thought for sure the ol’ red squiggly line would pop up. It didn’t, which means we really can learn something new every day. And what I learned today is that “lazies” is a word, at least according to my Google Drive.

But I digress. Again.

It just had been a really long week. We had put out Persevering Through, the two extra sections in this paper, I was trying to figure out what the next step should be to get Noah a car (his transmission went to auto heaven ... about three weeks after he paid it off) and the damn depression had reared its ugly head again.

By Saturday evening, I just wanted to go home and wallow, but the New Hampton FFA Banquet was being held, and I knew we — as in the Tribune — needed to be there. Not only is it one of the biggest dates on the FFA calendar, so to speak, it also provides a page of pictures for the Tribune. And that page includes lots of “names and faces,” the lifeblood of a newspaper.

I grudgingly went.

This year’s banquet was a tad different than previous years. The biggest change was that we had assigned seats, so I stopped at the registration table and found that I was at “Table 5.”

And as I made my way to my table, I realized I was sitting with Jim and Sandra Russ, along with their two guests — their daughter Elisa and her husband, Mike



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Poggmiller.

I hadn’t seen Elisa in years and never met Mike, but when she was in school, she was one of those kids who gave me great hope when it came to our “future.”

There have been a number of amazing kids I have met working for newspapers in Mankato, Mason City, Ottumwa, Forest City and New Hampton, and it always gives me great joy to watch them grow into even more amazing adults.

And because I have this job, I get to see the beginning, if you will, and tell their stories.

As we talked — Elisa is now an ag instructor and the FFA advisor at Clear Lake High School — it was like we picked up right where we left off when I was interviewing her about this FFA accomplishment or that speech honor that she had received years ago.

I realized three hours after I thought I hated my job — the nights and weekends, the fact that I’ve never quite mastered the art of deadline, blah, blah, blah — that I truly love it.

So thanks Table 5 and the Russ and Poggemiller families. Thanks for reminding me that I have the best job in the world.

Part of my issue on that whole deadline thing is that I am easily distracted.

I know it. I get it.

I work best under pressure, I say to myself, but if I just worked, I probably wouldn’t have to deal with the pressure, if that makes any sense.

Take Sunday, for example.

Here I was, sitting in the office with my alma mater — Minnesota State University, Mankato, fresh off its first ever victory in the NCAA Division I hockey tournament the day before — playing for a trip to go to the Frozen Four.

The opponent was Minnesota, and for those who know me, I was a longtime Gopher fan ... in everything but hockey.

Loved the Maroon and Gold in football, basketball, baseball, wrestling, marbles, you get the idea right? Hated the Gopher hockey team, because it was like rooting for the Yankees. They spent more money than anyone else, they had the best faci-

ties and they got the best players.

To beat the Gophers to go to the Frozen Four (coolest name of an event in sports, by the way) would be perfect.

So as I worked, I streamed the hockey game. Or maybe a better way to put it is I streamed the hockey game and worked in between periods. Well, kind of worked in between periods because honestly, I spent most of my time in between periods texting my MSU friends around the nation.

Minnesota State 4, Minnesota 0.

That was the good news. No, that was the great news.

The bad news? In about 2 ½ hours, I wrote part of one story.

By Sunday night, I had run out of room.

So one of the stories I’m saving is one that may mean the most to me.

It deals with a new 5K run/walk in New Hampton — “Their Fight Is Our Fight” on Friday, April 30 — that not only honors the life of Brittney Heying but all those who have died from suicide and will also highlight the importance of mental health awareness.

April 30 would have been Brittney’s 24th birthday, and as many of you know, I have firsthand knowledge of the pain suicide causes.

So seriously, give this event some serious thought.

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 ScreenPrints.

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 dawnhey@gmail.com.

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

Letter to the Editor

Farm Bureau and members ag appreciate support

EDITOR’S NOTE: *This letter was originally submitted to run in the March 23 Tribune, and the Tribune apologizes for the fact that it did not run during National Agriculture Week.*

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau would like thank our community for their support of agriculture during National Agriculture Week.

As farmers, we know today more than ever you have plenty of food choices at the grocery store. Still though, many continue to fuel up with real meat, which is great for those of us who are livestock farmers as well.

Farm families work hard to raise animals that are healthy by keeping up to date with the best animal care practices and through strong relationships with our local veterinarians.

Family row crop farms also have great relationships with local agronomists to make sure our crops are producing in the safest ways to provide nutrients needed to make products like many of those foods on the grocery store shelf and more.

The Chickasaw County Farm Bureau supports our local communities in many ways. We especially feel it’s important for us to find ways to support individuals who are food insecure.

That’s why, even though we could not hold our annual grocery cart race this year, we still support local food banks through a monetary donation to assist them in fulfilling their needs.

Again, we want to wish everyone in the Ag sector a happy National Ag Week. Thank you to everyone that supports agriculture by buying local meat, drinking real milk or fueling up with ethanol at the pump, we appreciate you!

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It's a track season in which sophs are basically freshmen

TV BOYS: FROM 13

Juniors Collin Kleppe and Dale Schwamman will also be called upon to fill out spots and make their mark.

Freshmen Russell Nieman, Burke Busta, Sawyer Wickham and Oliver Schmitt are other newcomers to keep an eye on.

"As our young runners mature we will be competitive in the relays. Our sophomores are basically freshmen since the spring sports season was canceled in 2020," said Scott.

Scott said he'll also have depth in the hurdles and jumping field events. That means watch out for stellar finishes for the Trojans in the long jump and high jump.

Scott says he considers North Fayette Valley or South Winneshiek as the favorite to win conference.

Turkey Valley saw its opening meet at NFV postponed because of weather on Thursday. The Trojans officially start the season today at Sumner-Fredericksburg.

Turkey Valley girls lose first meet to weather, open season today in Sumner

TV GIRLS: FROM 13

Baumler, Olivia Drilling, Sayler Drilling and Hailey Elsbernd. Aleah Hackman, Alison Leibold, Breanna Moudry, Jacqlyn Schmitt and Olivia Snyder round out the 2021 squad for Turkey Valley.

The Trojans were supposed to run this past Thursday at North Fayette in the opening outdoor meet of the season but that was called off because of weather. The Trojans run at Sumner-Fredericksburg today.

TURKEY VALLEY GIRLS TRACK SCHEDULE			
March 30	at Sumner-Fredericksburg	4:30 p.m.	
April 6	at Postville	4:30 p.m.	
April 8	at Decorah	5 p.m.	
April 13	at Nashua-Plainfield	4:30 p.m.	
April 15	at New Hampton Co-Ed	5 p.m.	
April 19	at New Hampton	5 p.m.	
April 22	at Kee	4:30 p.m.	
April 26	at Sumner-Fredericksburg	4:30 p.m.	
April 27	at Clayton Ridge	4:30 p.m.	
April 30	at North Butler	4:30 p.m.	
May 3	at South Winneshiek	4:30 p.m.	
May 6	Upper Iowa Conference at NFV	4 p.m.	
May 13	Class 1A state qualifying meet	4 p.m.	
May 20-22	Class 1A state meet		TBA

Chickasaw boys golf team gets postseason assignment

New Hampton's boys golf team won't have to travel far when the postseason begins in May as the Chickasaws will play in a Class 2A district tournament at Pleasant Valley Golf Course in Clermont.

The Iowa High School Athletic Association announced postseason assignments this past week, and the Chickasaws were placed in an eight-team sectional that will be hosted by North Fayette Valley. In addition the Chickasaws and the TigerHawks, teams playing in the section tournament on Friday, May 14, include Jesup, Oelwein, Postville, Sumner-Fredericksburg, Waterloo Columbus and Waukon.

Teams and individuals that make it out of the sectional will compete in the district tournament at Gates Park Golf Course in Waterloo on Friday, May 21.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton senior Ivan Camarillo gets in a little "pre-practice" work during the first week of soccer practice.

Chickasaws finally get to play game they love

NH SOCCER: FROM 14

play. COVID-19, though, had other ideas, and when spring sports were canceled last year, it hit Camarillo and his teammates hard.

"We had done some open gyms and we were just so pumped," he said, "and then just like that, it was over. I know a lot of people had it worse and in the big picture and all that, not playing soccer was pretty minor, but I was starting to wonder if I'd ever get to play here."

But the big day is near.

New Hampton's coed team opened practice on March 15 — indoors, thanks to a snowstorm that hit the area that day — but by the time the Chickasaws head to Charles City on Thursday,

NEW HAMPTON SOCCER SCHEDULE			
April 1	at Charles City	5:30 p.m.	
April 6	Postville	5 p.m.	
April 10	at Postville tournament	9 a.m.	
April 12	at Clear Lake	5:30 p.m.	
April 16	Clayton Ridge	5 p.m.	
April 20	at Decorah	6 p.m.	
April 27	Charles City	5:30 p.m.	
April 29	at North Fayette V. (Upper Iowa U.)	5 p.m.	
May 4	at Postville	5 p.m.	
May 10	North Fayette Valley	5 p.m.	
May 14	at Clayton Ridge	5 p.m.	

they will have had almost two weeks of outdoor practices under their belt.

Head coach Shannon Maas said her team has steadily improved since the first day of practice, and she believes the

Chickasaws are at the point where they need a game.

"I think every coach always wants a little more time to practice," she said, "but I also get it. The kids want to play. They want to see someone else

besides their teammates and see where they're at. I've been amazed at how much team unity they have. The kids who have played soccer their whole lives are right with the kids who haven't played that much. And they're really picking it up."

And Camarillo's goal is simple: Enjoy the moment.

"It is cool being a part of history and being on the first team we've ever had here," he said. "I think the kids on our team who haven't played a lot have really come a long way."

"More than anything, though, we're giving all those little kids that play [Park and Recreation] soccer hope that when they're done playing that, they're going to be Chickasaws. That's pretty cool, to me."

A little primer for those unfamiliar with 'The World's Game'

Soccer is often called "The World's Game" because it is the most-played sport on the planet.

According to FIFA, the governing body of the sport, almost 300 million people around the globe play soccer, which is known as simply football in most other countries outside the U.S.

And more than half the world's population — 3.5 billion — consider soccer to be their favorite sport.

In the United States, there has been explosive growth in the number of soccer players and fans in recent years, but Thursday will mark the first time that New Hampton High School will field a team.

So here are a few questions we had for Chickasaw coach Shannon Maas before her team plays its first-ever match on Thursday:

How many players on a side?

Teams play with 11 players, but if a player received a red card (an ejection), the team

cannot replace that player on the field.

What are the positions?

In soccer, there are four main positions — defenders, mid-fielders, forwards and a goalkeeper. Only the goalkeeper is allowed to use his hands when "fielding" a ball.

Periods, quarters, halves?

A soccer match is divided into two halves. At the international level (the World Cup, for instance), halves last 45 minutes although "stoppage time" can be added at the end of the game.

How about in high school soccer?

Iowa soccer teams play 40-minute halves, and the clock, unlike in international play, does stop for injuries and there is no such thing as "stoppage time."

Substituting in soccer?

At the international level, a

player who is removed from the game is ineligible to return to the field, but in high school soccer, there is unlimited substitution although subs can only take the field at the referee's discretion.

Soccer terminology

- Bending the ball: A kick with spin that hooks while in the air. Players often "bend" the ball during corner kicks or to pass around defenders.
- Corner kick: When the ball crosses the goal line after last touching a defender, a member of the offense restarts play from the closest corner.
- Dribble: Keeping control of the ball while running by tapping, dragging, or rolling it in front of the body.
- Hand ball: The illegal action of touching the ball with an arm or hand.
- Header: Using the head to pass, shoot, block, or otherwise control the ball.

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Briefs

Medicare Open Advantage open enrollment ends this Wednesday

Iowans currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan have options to switch through the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment period that comes to an end this Wednesday. Iowans switching Medicare Advantage Plans or switching to Original Medicare with or without a Medicare drug plan, will have new coverage start the first day of the month after your new plan gets your request for coverage. The Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period isn't for people who are enrolled in Original Medicare or are enrolled in a Medicare Cost plan.

New Hampton announces dates for compost and branch pick-up

The city of New Hampton will hold two compost pick-up days, one in April and May, and the latter will include branch and brush pick-up. On Saturday, April 17, the city will have a compost-only pick-up day while on Saturday, May 15, the city will pick up both compost and branches. Compost bags and barrels must weigh 50 pounds or less, and brush will need to be less than two inches in diameter and

less than four inches long. Pickup will start at 5 a.m. both days. Food, shelter grant applications due by the end of the month

Chickasaw County has been awarded \$10,833 in federal funds to expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in the county. The funds are made available through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National (EFSP) Board Program.

Under the terms of the grant, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government, be eligible to receive federal funds, have an accounting system, practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

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

Legal Notice • Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY CITY OF ALTA VISTA, Plaintiff(s), vs. JENNIFER SCHRIEVER, Defendant(s).
CASE NO. SCSC007538
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 you pay \$261.72 plus interest and finance charges accruing after March 25, 2018 for utility services provided to you while a resident of the City of Alta Vista by the Alta Vista Municipal Utilities. 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 serve a motion or answer on or before May 4, 2021, and within a reasonable time thereafter, 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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No. 20918
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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

are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated This 17th day of March, 2021.
Date of second publication: 03/30/21
Christopher F. O'Donohue, Executor of the Estate, 271 S. Locust Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659
Christopher F. O'Donohue, AT0005848, Attorney for Executor, 101 North Locust Avenue, P.O. Box 310, New Hampton, IA 50659

No. 20904
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COUNTY BOARD MINUTES March 15th, 2021
The Board convened on Monday, March 15th, 2021, at 9:00 AM with the following members present Byrne, Kuhn, Holthaus, and Hackman in the Boardroom located on the second floor of the Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa. Zoll was absent. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holthaus. Present were Stephanie Mashek, Auditor, and Terry Johnson.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the agenda for March 15th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve the Board Minutes for March 8th, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.
9:05 AM Public Comment
Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to acknowledge the retirement of County Conservation Employee, Denise Straw, effective April 2, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Zoll absent. Motion Carried.
Tim Zoll present at 9:10 AM.
9:10 AM Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the purchase of a new copier machine from Riley's Radio Shack, for the Sheriff's Department, in the amount of \$4,600 after trade in value of the nine year old copier. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve the amendment of the Sheriff's Second Quarter Report to include Grant funds. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.
Lisa Welter and Andrea Kime present at 9:26 AM.

Dusty Rolando present at 9:30 AM.
9:30 AM Lisa Welter, COVID Update
Welter and Kime left at 9:45 AM.
9:45 AM Tower Project Update provided by Bernatz, presented by Hackman.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to accept bids for two dedicated 20 AMP twist lock outlets for the Sheriff's building. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Consensus of the board to allow Hackman to contact Michael Franke to inquire if land in Nashua may be sold to the County for the Tower Project.
Rolando left at 10:08 AM.
Hemann left at 10:12 AM.
Motion by Zoll, Second by Hackman to approve the Liquor License for the Old Bradford Pioneer Village gift shop. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.
Sue Breitbach present at 10:28 AM.
10:30 AM Sue Breitbach
Motion by Hackman, Second by Kuhn to approve Resolution 03-15-21-15 for Postponement of Tax Sale Under Iowa Code Chapter 446.7. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Zoll, Kuhn, Byrne, and Holthaus. Motion Carried.
Breitbach left at 10:33 AM.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve Larry Steege to serve as a Board of Trustee for the Benefited Fire District serving a term expiring December 31, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Motion by Byrne, Second Hackman to approve Brad Ellison to serve as Board of Trustee for the Benefited Fire District serving a term expiring December 31, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Motion by Zoll, Second by Byrne to approve Todd Wanke to serve as a

Board of Trustee for the Benefited Fire District serving a term expiring December 31, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
11:00 AM Elizabeth Nuss to discuss the labor and materials for paint in the Judges' room.
Dave Gorman present at 11:04 AM.
Motion by Hackman , Second by Zoll to have the County Custodians paint the Judges' room and address patch work in the ceiling. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Motion by Byrne, Second by Kuhn to approve change order #4 in the amount of \$6,132.00 for the LEMC building, located at 516 S. Linn Ave. New Hampton. Roll Call: Ayes- Byrne, Kuhn, and Holthaus. Nays- Hackman and Zoll. Motion Carried.
Gorman left at 12:12 PM.
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT UPDATE
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to approve claims in the amount of \$121,695.17. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Motion by Byrne, Second by Zoll to approve claims in the amount of \$3,093.64. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.
Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Updates for Willow Creek, LLC (ID #66596) located at 2165 120th Street New Hampton, Iowa 50659.
Motion by Hackman, Second by Byrne to adjourn at 12:59 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried
Rick Holthaus, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Stephanie Mashek, Auditor
No. 20920
03/30/21 NH
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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SCHEDULED HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA IN THE MATTER OF THE APPEAL OF EUGENE VOSS TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
You are hereby notified that the Board of Adjustment of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on the 5th day of April, 2021 in the City Hall of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, in the matter of the appeal of Eugene Voss from the denial of his application for the issuance of a building permit to construct a patio in the front yard. The property is located at 717 E. Sunrise, and is legally described as follows:
Lot 7, Block 4, Leichtman's Addition to New Hampton
This request for a building permit was denied because the patio does not comply with the front yard setback regulations as provided for in the zoning code. This appeal is a request for a variance from the provisions of the zoning ordinance of the City of New Hampton, Local Ordinance #835.
You are, therefore, notified that the hearing will be before the Board of Adjustment at the time, date, and place set forth above and that you may appear and make known to the Board any objections that you have to granting the requested variance from the terms of the zoning ordinance of the City of New Hampton, Iowa.
Dated This 26th day of March, 2021.
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA
By: Kevin J. Kennedy, City Attorney

No. 20929
03/30/21

Legal Notice • Legal Notice

The Lawler City Council met in special session on February 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM.
Mayor Mark Muetterthies presided. Council members present: Izer, King, Croell and Scheidel
Council members absent: Kuehner
Motion made by Croell to approve agenda. Second by Scheidel Ayes: Izer, King, Croell and Scheidel Naves: None
Motion made by Scheidel to open the Public Hearing to approve the Max Property Tax Levy FY21/22. Second by Croell. Ayes: Izer, King, Croell and Scheidel Naves: None Motion passed.
The Max Property Tax Levy FY21/22 was reviewed. No questions upon review.
Motion made by King to close the Public Hearing to approve the Max Property Tax Levy FY21/22. Second by Izer. Ayes: Izer, King, Croell, and Scheidel-Naves: None Motion Passed.
Motion made by King to set Public Hearing to approve Proposed Budget FY21/22. Second by Izer.
Ayes: Izer, King, Croell and Scheidel Naves:None Motion Passed.
Motion made by Croell and second by Izer to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. All Ayes. Motion passed.
Suzette Byrne, City Clerk

No. 20916
03/30/21

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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

are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated March 17, 2021
Date of second publication: 03/30/21
Michael Rosonke, Executor of the Estate, 1011 E. Spring Street, New Hampton, IA 50659
Mark E. Huegel, ICIS#AT0003690 Attorney for the Executor, 103 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 454, Charles City, IA 50616
No. 20902
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PROPOSED FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE ELECTRIC METER CUTOVER – PHASE 1 FOR NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA.
Notice is hereby given that the Electric Utility Board of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant, New Hampton, Iowa will meet at the Downtown Utilities Office, 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659 on April 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM, at which time and place the Electric Utility Board will consider the adoption of plans and specifications, proposed form of contract and estimate of cost for the above referenced improvement, which are now on file in the Downtown Utilities Office. At said meeting the Electric Utility Board will receive and consider any objections to said plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost made by any interested party.
The general nature of the work on which bids will be received consists of

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The work is part of a distribution system public improvement project which will be located at various locations throughout the City of New Hampton, Iowa.
Publication upon order of the Electric Utility Board of New Hampton Municipal Light Plant, New Hampton, Iowa.
Dated This 30th day of March 2021.
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA
By /s/ Brian Quirk, General Manager
ATTEST: Vonnice Van Oort, Office Manager
No. 20883
03/30/21

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NOTICE
In the Matter of the Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission For Chickasaw County
The Chickasaw County Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission will meet on April 29, 2021, at 4:00 pm at the Chickasaw County Courthouse, courtroom for the purpose of appointing (one) Magistrate for Chickasaw County for the term beginning August 1, 2021, and ending July 31st, 2025. All applicants must be personally present for interviews on that date.
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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Chickasaws to start year without their top runner

NH BOYS: FROM 14

of Nolan Usher, Dylan Usher, Lance Reicks and Joshua Holschlag. Nolan Usher graduated from that state qualifying team.

The wildcard this season will be whether or not Dylan Usher, a junior, will be able to compete this spring because of injury. Usher, who qualified for state in cross country this past fall, is for now holding off on scraping the spring running season and possibly waiting for a chance to get healthy.

“I told him I’d rather have him at 100 percent; if that means waiting until May, then we’ll take that. If that means not running this spring, we’re good with that,” said Jenkins.

Usher’s absence would be a huge blow for the Chickasaws.

“You can’t replace that talent or experience,” said Jenkins.

New Hampton has six letterwinners back this spring in seniors Austin Geerts, Stephen Holschlag, Josh Holschlag, Cael Leistikow along with Dylan Usher and Reicks, who are each juniors.

Jenkins said Leistikow will be a key leader in field events (shot put, discus) and has looked good thus far in practice.

As far as jumping events (high jump, long jump) – it’s basically an open audition.

“We’re going to be looking at everyone who wants to give it a try. Those events will be works in progress as the season goes on,” Jenkins added.

What does Jenkins like most about his team thus far into the first couple weeks of the season?

“The fact that they’re all out for this sport. Track should be



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton may be without one of its top returning runners, Dylan Usher, for the entire season, or at least a good portion of it.

NEW HAMPTON BOYS TRACK SCHEDULE

April 1	at Waverly-Shell Rock Coed	5 p.m.
April 5	at Decorah Early Bird	4:30 p.m.
April 8	at Waverly-SR Dave Sage Relays	5 p.m.
April 12	at Decorah Invitational	5 p.m.
April 15	NEW HAMPTON COED	5 p.m.
April 20	at Charles City Comet Relays	5 p.m.
April 22	at Drake Relays if qualified	9 a.m.
April 23	at Waukon Indian Relays	4:30 p.m.
April 27	at Osage Invitational	4:30 p.m.
April 29	at Crestwood Coed	4:30 p.m.
May 3	NEW HAMPTON INVITATIONAL	5 p.m.
May 6	NEIC meet at Decorah	5 p.m.
May 13	Class 2A state qualifying meet	4 p.m.
May 20-22	Class 2A state meet at Des Moines	TBA

a sport for everyone (because it makes you better at just about every other sport), but it isn’t for everyone. I appreciate these boys being out, because it means they’re willing to work to make themselves better. That speaks to commitment, toughness, and

teamwork,” said Jenkins.

“Because in the process of making themselves better, they’ll also be making this team better overall, they’ll make their next team better, and all of the other teams they play with in the future.”

Chickasaws’ wait to run is over

NH GIRLS: FROM 14

long jump (16-7) at the Dickinson Indoor Relays as a freshman in 2020. Almost 140 entrants competed in that event. Rochford placed fourth in the 55-meter hurdles at the Wartburg Indoor and leaped to a runner-up finish in the long jump (16-10.5).

Chickasaw standouts Claire Quirk, Hope McDonald and Maddie Usher are all back for their senior seasons and will provide New Hampton with plenty of firepower in the relay events. Each ran on a state relay squad as a freshman and the Chickasaws return three-fourths of its 2019 state 4x800 relay team (Usher, Quirk, Emily Jackson).

New Hampton, which opens its season Thursday at a coed meet in Waverly, returns all its runners from its 2019 4x400 relay (McDonald, Emma Wegner, Quirk, Usher). Quirk, McDonald and Usher also competed in the state distance medley relay as sophomores in 2019.

Jackson, a junior, ran at state in the 1,500 run as a ninth-grader and placed 19th. She ran the event at the 2020 Dickinson Indoor meet and was only three seconds off her PR time at state from two years ago.

NEW HAMPTON GIRLS TRACK SCHEDULE

April 1	at Waverly-Shell Rock Coed	5 p.m.
April 6	at Waverly-Shell Rock Invite	5 p.m.
April 8	at Decorah Invitational	5 p.m.
April 10	at Iowa City West	10:30 a.m.
April 13	at Osage Girls Invitational	4:30 p.m.
April 15	NEW HAMPTON COED	5 p.m.
April 19	NEW HAMPTON INVITATIONAL	5 p.m.
April 22	Drake Relays, if qualified	9 a.m.
April 27	at Waukon Indian Relays	4:30 p.m.
April 29	at Crestwood Coed	4:30 p.m.
May 3	at Denver Relays	4:30 p.m.
May 6	NEIC meet at Decorah	5 p.m.
May 13	Class 2A state qualifying meet	4 p.m.
May 20-22	Class 2A state meet at Des Moines	TBA

“She’s using that as motivation this year and you can tell in practice,” said Laures.

Emma Wegner, a junior, will play a key role in all of the sprint relays according to Laures. McDonald runs in the open 200 and 400. Jackson and Usher will also compete in the open 800.

That’s just to name a select few of the events Laures’ most seasoned members of her roster will compete in.

Other key returnees will be sophomores Alivya Wisner (sprinter) and Ali Russler (distance). Russler competed at state this past fall in cross country.

“They leave everything out on the track when they run in a meet and when they practice,” said Laures.

NH juniors Kaylee Baker (high jump) and Taylor Claussen (shot put) should find some success in the field events for the Chickasaws as well.

Laures has 25 girls out for track and two freshmen – Marissa Cahoy and Hailee Pesek – could be in store for some top finishes this spring. Pesek will be one of Laures’ top sprinters and Laures said Cahoy’s natural ability will allow her to be penciled in at a number of different events.

ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley track at Sumner-Fredericksburg Early Bird Coed, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

MONDAY

New Hampton trapshooting home quad-

rangular, 4 p.m.

New Hampton boys track at Decorah Early Bird, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Turkey Valley trapshooting at Crestwood, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls track at Postville Relays, 4:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley boys track at Edgewood-Colesburg Relays, 4:30 p.m.

New Hampton soccer vs. Postville, 5 p.m.

New Hampton girls track at Waverly-Shell Rock Invitational, 5 p.m.



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Young Trojan boys ready to take the track

With just one senior on its 2021 roster, Turkey Valley to rely on underclassmen

By Kelly Terpstra
sports@nhtrib.com

Mark Scott has been at this track game awhile — 23 seasons to be precise. While track and field is in Scott's blood, he wasn't able to guide his Turkey Valley Trojans out on the track last spring because of COVID-19.

The Coronavirus had other plans. While the 2020 spring sports season was halted and never resumed a year ago, Scott and his Trojans — along with the rest of the state — are back out on the oval with plenty to prove in 2021.

Scott sent the boys' distance-medley team of Ryan Olson, Kade Kruse, Eli Nymeyer, and Elliott Dietzenbach to state in 2019. The 4x800 relay of Dietzenbach, Seth Huinker, Kalvin Langreck and Nymeyer also made it down to Des Moines, as well as the 4x400 (Huinker, Nymeyer, Kruse, Dietzenbach). The distance medley team placed sixth, the 4x400 wound up 20th and the 4x800 relay ran to a 14th-place finish. That was then, this is now.

Langreck is the only state returnee back on Scott's roster as graduation decimated a potent Trojan lineup.

"We have very little experience in track," said Scott, entering his 23rd season as track coach at Turkey Valley. But that means new faces will be ready to roll to help Langreck get back to Des Moines.

Langreck is the team's lone senior, but juniors Marcus Herold and Dylan Reicks should help out the Trojan cause with sterling times this season.

Scott's sophomore class is loaded with all-around talent in Noah Hanson, Calvin Bodensteiner, Chase Hayek and Carson Busta. Robert Kruse, Troy Schmitt, Treyton Hulbert, Garrett Dietzenbach, Colby Simpkins and Ryan Franzen round out the 10th-grade class of competitors on Scott's roster.

SEE TV BOYS, 10



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Kalvin Langreck is not only the lone senior on the Turkey Valley roster but he is also the lone Trojan with state meet experience.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Turkey Valley track athletes like Kara Reicks are back on the track after the 2020 season was canceled because of COVID-19 concerns.

PLENTY OF TRACK POTENTIAL

TURKEY VALLEY GIRLS HAVE PLENTY OF OPTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO 2021 SEASON

By Kelly Terpstra
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The Turkey Valley girls track team is poised to make some noise in 2021.

Not the pots and pans sort of rattle but fast times that could shatter all-time marks in Trojan lore.

TV is that good. "This will be our best season since I took over as coach," said Trojan head coach Dalton Hackman. "Our goals are set high and we have the athletes to do it."

Hackman is beginning his third year as head coach and running down in Des Moines at state on the blue track at Drake Stadium is high on the priority list.

"School records are up for grabs and the Drake Relays have been in the back of their minds," said Hackman.

Without question, Turkey Valley sports one of the fastest distance runners in the state in the form of junior Jalyssa Blazek.

She's got the resume to prove it out on the cross country course with back-to-back third-place state finishes to go along with a sixth-place showing at Fort Dodge her freshman year.

The problem is Blazek and her talented teammates didn't get a chance to prove their worth last year because of COVID-19. The state meet was cancelled and the long layover without any meets under the Trojans belts has lasted a whole calendar year — times two.

While it's been almost two years since the Trojans have put a track meet in the books, Hackman is expecting to see his speedy bunch run near the front of the pack all season in a number of events.

"The Turkey Valley girls will be in the mix for the conference race. We have a very good track

conference, sending multiple teams and individuals down to the state meet every year. But I believe we have the firepower to be right there with others," said Hackman.

Blazek anchored the state-placing distance medley squad of Josie Weber, Karissa Schmidt and Kourtney Schmidt. The three freshmen that ran on that eighth-place team that medaled are back minus Karissa Schmidt, who graduated.

Blazek was just out of the money in the open 800 that year at state as a freshman — placing ninth.

TV also qualified the 4x400 team to the 2019 state meet. That foursome consisted of all freshmen at the time — Cambree Kruse, Blazek, Kourtney Schmidt and Weber.

The Trojans will have considerable depth as well this season with multi-sport athletes up and down the lineup.

"We have a very competitive group and I think we will be right there with the best. I have a lot of girls that I can change in and out of relays confidently, which means that everyone has to work hard for a spot on the relay team they want to be on," said Hackman.

Basketball standouts Jaycie Byrne, Kylie Wurzer, Aubrey Hoffert and Kara Reicks are running this year for the Trojans.

Hackman also has promising newcomers in Brianna Busta, Clare Courtney, Alayna

Kuennen, Ryann Schmidt and includes Sophia Adams, Harley Halle Weber.

The rest of Hackman's roster

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Chickasaws to play their first-ever soccer match

New Hampton's coed squad will travel to Charles City Thursday for the program's debut competition

By BOB FENSKE
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Ivan Camarillo wouldn't mind skipping right to Thursday evening, and it's not because the New Hampton High School senior wants his spring break to begin.

"Hey, I'm looking forward to a couple of days off, don't get me wrong,"

Camarillo said with a laugh, "but what I'm really looking forward to is finally getting to play soccer. We've been waiting so long for this, and now it's here. I mean I'm so excited I can't even explain it."

It's totally understandable, for Camarillo and his Chickasaw teammates have been waiting for years to take the field for good ol' New

Hampton High, and on Thursday evening, they will do just that when the Chickasaws open their debut soccer season with a match at Charles City.

"I don't have a countdown going yet," Camarillo said Sunday afternoon, "but I can tell you in a couple of hours, we're four days away."

Thursday's match will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Comet Field and will be fol-

lowed by a "scrimmage" of sorts to give New Hampton players who don't see a lot of match time during the varsity game a chance to gain experience.

For Camarillo, Thursday's game has been a long time coming.

He played youth soccer during the summers in Minnesota and hoped that New Hampton would find another school that would allow Chickasaws to

compete in a sharing program. When that didn't happen, he became a track athlete. His heart, though, belonged to the most popular sport in the world.

Two years ago, the New Hampton School Board agreed to start a soccer program, and 2020 was supposed to be the first year the Chickasaws would

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Tribune file photos

New Hampton's Hope McDonald (above) makes the "cut" in the distance medley at the 2019 Class 2A state track and field meet, where teammate and then-freshman Emily Jackson (below) leads a pack of runners in the 4x800 relay.

BACK TO TRACK!

CHICKASAW GIRLS BRING WEALTH OF TALENT INTO 2021 SEASON

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The wait was substantial. Now it's time to shine.

Well over 20,000 prep athletes in Iowa were without an outdoor track meet to run in after the spring sports season was cancelled last year because of COVID-19.

For the fortunate few, the indoor season was all that the 2020 season amounted to after the plug was pulled and high school track and field was wiped out due to the ongoing pandemic.

"We actually felt very fortunate that we were able to sneak in two," said New Hampton girls track coach Jeanette Laues.

Those indoor performances offered a glimpse and small sample size into what should be an excellent season this year for the Chickasaws.

Laues, beginning her 16th season as head coach of the Chickasaws, returns plenty of star power in a lineup featuring several state returnees that have graced the blue oval at Drake Stadium.

Even without a state meet held last spring, it's easy to ascertain that there should be much success and plenty of triumphs along the way for Laues and her talented bunch in this go-round.

"After last season, we are just really excited to finally get back on the track again just to showcase some of the talent that we have this year," said Laues. "This group of girls really wants to accomplish some big goals."

Perhaps New Hampton's biggest headliner in 2021 may be sophomore Carlee Rochford. Rochford, another tremendous multi-sports star at New Hampton that



excels at a high level, could well rewrite record books if all goes as planned this spring.

"She's just really an all-around athlete and you can tell that when she is on the volleyball court and the basketball court. It's those kind of girls that you really put in those jumping events and hurdling events

because they're really technical. It takes just kind of that natural athleticism to do those," said Laues.

Rochford will be one to keep an eye on in short sprints, hurdles, the long jump and high jump. She placed fifth in the

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New Hampton boys coach ready to see what his team has

After two-year layoff, Chickasaws face some challenges heading into the 2021 season

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Fresh legs and ready to run.

Those are words echoed now that didn't seem possible just a year ago for heartbroken hurdlers, high jumpers and hungry athletes that can't wait to pass the baton or cross the finish line this spring.

Track and field is back.

For Scott Jenkins and his New Hampton Chickasaws, that means plenty of work has to be done after a two-year layoff because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It takes awhile for each boy to get used to how they run, believing in themselves, their teammates, and getting that mindset that they need to catch that guy in front of them. The sooner we get there, the better we'll do in our events," said Jenkins.

Jenkins, like many track aficionados, loves the thrill of a new season and he's willing to bet that positive vibe will last awhile during his first year as Chickasaw boys track coach.

"It is exciting for me for sure, because I've always loved track and field," said Jenkins. "Going through things the first time always has you wide-eyed and

aware. Hopefully that excitement stays throughout the year and I think once we get to the meets and we're able to compete again, it'll be even more exciting."

The 2020 spring sports season being cancelled because of the Coronavirus has made it a little harder to judge talent early on for a lot of teams – that's why Jenkins has pretty much described all of his underclassmen as newcomers.

That means almost every member of his 29-man roster will run in a relay. Many of them are still finding their legs at this early juncture of the 2021 campaign. The first official outdoor test will be at Waverly-Shell Rock this Thursday. New Hampton did not run in any indoor meets this year.

"There is talent in those two classes. We just need to get (and stay) healthy. We have some aches and pains right now that we're working through, but once we do I'm excited to see what we can do," said Jenkins.

Jenkins said NH's strong suit will be in the middle and long distances. New Hampton competed in the 4x800 relay at state in 2019 with the foursome

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New Hampton's Cael Leistikow, who is expected to be a leader for the Chickasaws in the "throws," gets ready to unleash the discus in a meet held at Waverly in 2019.

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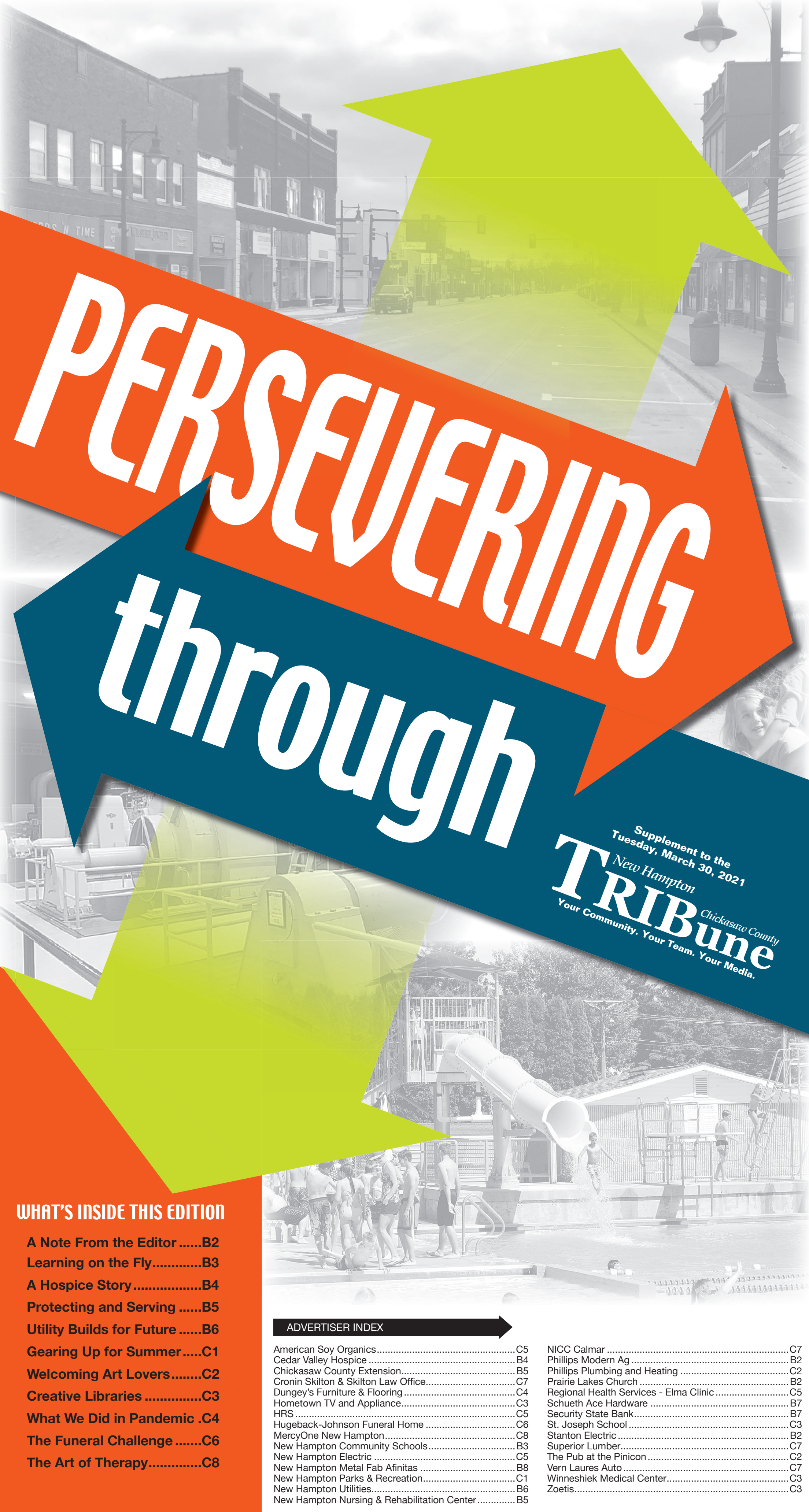
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The lesson in all this: We live in a special place

I get it. I really do. I'm just as sick of COVID-19 as the rest of you are. Seriously, I want to throw the 20-something masks I have stashed at my house and in my car in the dumpster or, better yet, I want to have a mask bonfire.

Hey, if I do, you're all invited.

But as we talked about our annual progress edition and what kind of theme we wanted to have this year, I kept going back to this damn pandemic.

There are stories to tell, history to record, successes to chronicle, tragedies to remember.

The two pictures that accompany this column, the last thing that needs to be completed for this section, are probably the two I will remember the most from 2020.

The first picture was snapped on the evening of Friday, March 20, and it represents to me the scariest part of this Coronavirus saga.

Back then, we had no clue what was coming. Yeah, I know, there's folks out there who don't believe this was ever an issue, but 12 months ago, a lot of us were scared.

Were we going to catch the 'rona? Were we going to get deathly ill? Even if we didn't contract the virus, would any of our businesses survive? Was this the turning point?

Granted, all those questions seem kind of foolish now, but as I made a quick stop at Fareway that night to see if any TP had arrived and then drove home, the absolute lack of activity on Main Street just hit me.

I mean it was a Friday night, and most of our downtown businesses aren't open in the evening. But no cars were parked in front of Butch's, and the same went a block down the street, where Rancho Viejo usually has a pretty good crowd to kick off the weekend. And not a sole was out for a walk.

It was the most deserted I've ever seen my adopted hometown, save for those days when my procrastination on this project or that project had kept me in the office until the wee hours of the morning.

The second photo has nothing to do with the Coronavirus, unless one considers New Hampton High School held its commencement a month later than usual and that it was held outdoors.

I just fell in love with this picture as soon as I downloaded it to my computer. There's Ethan Rosonke doing what he always does — lending a hand and helping his now-fellow NHHS alum Abby Robinson gather up her things.

That picture, in so many ways, has come to be a much better representation of the pandemic than the one above it.

Why? Simple, that's what we do here in and around New Hampton and Chickasaw County. We help each other, we support each other



and when times are tough, we comfort each other.

The businesses and organizations who sponsored this section went through a year I'm guessing very few of them want to repeat, yet, many of them not only persevered and survived but even thrived.

We have so many differences between us — good grief, go to a Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting and you'll know that's true — that sometimes we forget how much we have in common and how so many of us want the same things for our family and friends.

We want them to be healthy. We want them to be happy. We want them to know that their lives have a purpose.

As I wrote my stories and read Dorothy's stories, I was reminded at how creative we are and how, as a lot, we're a pretty persevering bunch.

I remember walking into Schueth Ace Hardware the day after I took that downtown picture. I needed a bag of popcorn. Saturday Ace popcorn — it's the caramel variety — is the absolute bomb.

The popcorn machine was unplugged, one of the first victims of this pandemic, but I stayed for 10 minutes, keeping Doug Schueth from his job and giving him grief. As I walked out the door, however, Doug said something to the effect, "If you need anything" and I knew he meant it.

I knew we'd be OK. I knew New Hampton was going to be just fine that day because we have each other's backs.

I get it. I really do. You're sick of COVID-19, but read these stories, not because I wrote some of them but because they will remind you why our little corner of the world is a special place.



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The first day of school this past August had a different look as New Hampton Elementary School students (above) were dropped off on the school playground while students (left) in Jen Herold's St. Joseph Community School classroom show off their masks.



NORMAL AS CAN BE

EDUCATORS HAVE LEARNED A LOT IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Somehow, some way, the connections couldn't be lost.

That was the No. 1 priority for New Hampton Community Schools Superintendent Jay Jurrens a little more than a year ago when he heard the news on that fateful Sunday night.

The governor had decided that the unknowns of COVID-19 were too risky to send kids to school for four weeks.

"One of the things we thought of right away was that we have to keep reaching out to kids," Jurrens said, "and our teachers, our staff ... that's what they did. Our teachers talked with their students, our food service provided meals, our associates and bus drivers delivered them. Of all the things that have happened in this pandemic, I think that's what makes me most proud of our staff. If we learned anything in the last year, it's connections matter."

All of know what happened next. New Hampton students, like the rest in the state, never did return to school last spring. Schools went to distance learning for a couple of months, spring sports were canceled and commencements around the state came up

with ceremonies that looked nothing like those held in previous years.

The changes haven't ebbed one bit.

Ask Jurrens and he'll tell you the last 12 months are akin to an adage.

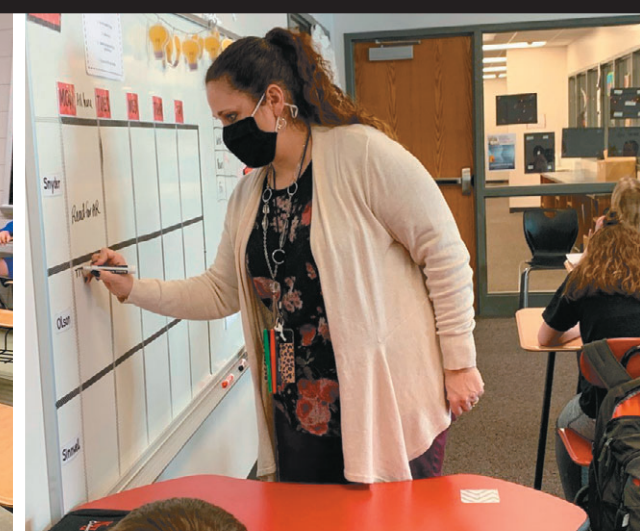
"We've been building the airplane while it's been flying."

A tad bit of normalcy returned in mid-June when the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union began abbreviated baseball and softball seasons, but administrators and teachers worked throughout the summer on its Return to Learn plan.

"It was crazy," Jurrens said, "because we didn't have a lot of information and we're trying to do our best to come up with a good plan to get our kids back into our buildings, and then the state would say, 'No, you can't do that.' But we got through it."

And although no one is going to say the 2020-21 school year has been "normal" — masks have been required, the high school had to go to hybrid learning for a few weeks, terms like "quarantined" and "social distancing" have become part of everyday language, sports

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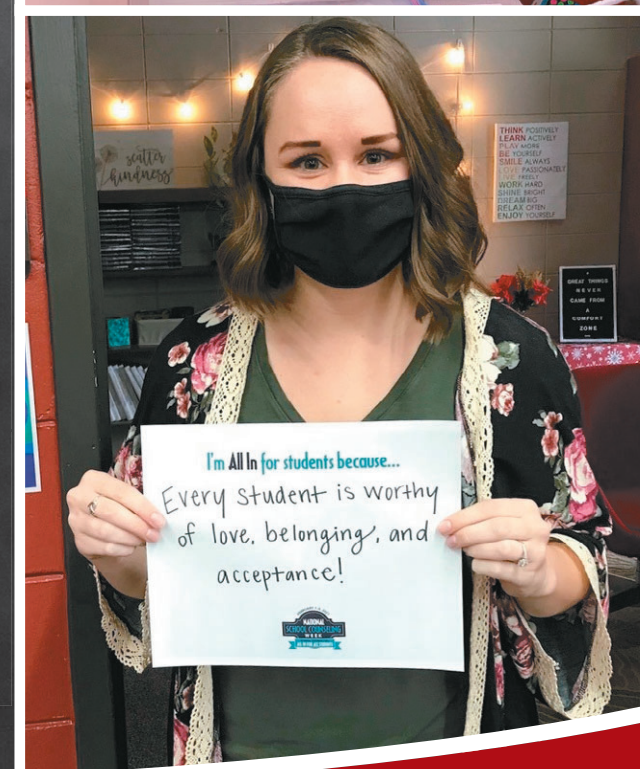


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Cedar Valley Hospice puts its mission first for patients, clients

Organization comes up with unique ways to keep communication frequent, transparent and fun

By **STEPHANIE ABEL-HOHENZY**
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It's been quite an interesting year for the world with the COVID-19 pandemic. At Cedar Valley Hospice, although COVID-19 affected the "look" of how we perform our work, we continued serving families in our 15-county area and even had some things to celebrate.

From winning back-to-back Gallup Exceptional Workplace awards in 2020 and 2021 to being awarded Best of the Best Home Health service and an Employer of Choice by the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, Cedar Valley Hospice continued to live our mission of enriching lives with knowledge, respect and compassionate care.

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- May-Day baskets
- Who's Behind the Mask? (employee photo contest)
- Office BINGO
- Virtual holiday celebration and ugly sweater contest

"Every day we make a conscious effort to put our mission first for our patients, clients, families and staff," said Cedar Valley Hospice Executive Director Michaela Vandersee. "The happiness of Cedar Valley Hospice staff is a priority and has a direct, positive impact on those we serve."

Serving more families

Over the past two years, Cedar Valley Hospice has served an increasing number of patients and families. More people are learning about the benefits of Cedar Valley Hospice services and the opportunity to be cared for at home in partnership with their family doctor, which proved to be very



Photo collage courtesy of Cedar Valley Hospice

Santa's healthcare crew: The Waverly Cedar Valley Hospice Staff won the 2020 Team Ugly Sweater award for showcasing their matching "Santa's Favorite Healthcare Worker" T-shirts. The endeavor was one of many fun employee engagement strategies the organization implemented during the pandemic to keep "spirits high."

important during the pandemic.

The Waverly office (closest to New Hampton) served 218 hospice patients and families in the area. Total, between all four of our offices, we served a record number of patients in our 42-year history at 1,038.

Supporting those grieving

The pandemic increased the need for grief support as those who experienced the death of a loved one were challenged by restrictions to gather

and grieve. Our grief staff continued to help many navigating their grief journey via Zoom meetings and telephone calls in place of face-to-face visits. We also created a private Facebook page for those grieving to provide a supportive community from peers.

In November, we produced a Virtual Celebration of Life program geared toward those who had someone die on our program during the previous year. It featured speakers sharing inspiring personal stories and insight into the grieving process along

with a tribute slideshow of loved ones who had died. It can be viewed on our website homepage or the Cedar Valley Hospice YouTube channel.

For youth, we started the TreeTV Video series as an extension to our award-winning Eucalyptus Tree Youth Grief Program. Videos feature crafts, stories and conversations relating to the grief experience and can also be viewed on our YouTube channel.

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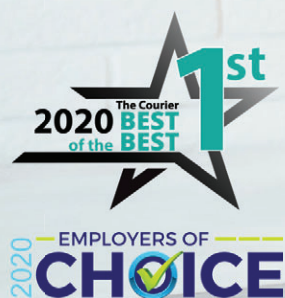


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Protecting, serving in pandemic

Both in the jail and on the road, officers take precautions

By Bob Fenske
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Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann remembers sitting in his office a year ago and trying to come up with answers to issues he prayed would never arise.

What if he got COVID-19? What would happen if all his deputies either got this thing called Coronavirus or had to quarantine? How do we handle an outbreak in the jail? How would dispatch work if those who man the phones and serve as jailers had to stay at home?

"Everything was so unknown," he said, "and I think we could have dwelt on all the bad things that could happen or we could be as proactive with prevention as we could. I'm not going to lie, some of the possibilities were a little scary — maybe even a lot scary. Seriously, what do you do if you have no one to patrol? But we just had to focus on what we had control over."

So Hemann and his staff set up numerous COVID protocols — both for patrolling and in the jail — and hoped for the best.

For the most part, they got the best.

There was no COVID outbreak, either among the 18 Sheriff's Office employees or in the jail. Deputies continued to patrol Chickasaw County roads and highways. Jailers and dispatchers — who are actually "one in the same" because they are cross-certified — continued to take phone calls, call officers and guard inmates.

"When this first started, we had no idea what was going to happen," Hemann said, "and honestly, I think that wasn't

Chickasaw County Jail census

January 2020	5.0
February 2020	5.3
March 2020	3.8
April 2020	2.3
May 2020	1.3
June 2020	1.5
July 2020	1.9
August 2020	1.8
September 2020	4.1
October 2020	3.2
November 2020	3.9
December 2020	4.9
January 2021	3.1
February 2021	4.6
March 2021*	5.7

* Through March 23

SOURCE: Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office

just us, that was everyone. Are we all going to get sick? I mean, that was the question we had, but we also knew we still had a job to do. Crimes don't go away in a pandemic."

Granted, the Sheriff's Office, along with law enforcement agencies around the country, had to make adjustments. The law side and the order side — the courts — worked together, and some people who would have been booked into jail for certain crimes like driving while revoked were cited "directly into court." PPE became just as important as an officer's weapon or radio.

"When we made traffic stops," Hemann said, "we gloved up, we had masks, we had thermometers so we could

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Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann (above) checks on one of the inmates in the county's jail that is housed in the same building that contains the Sheriff's Office and its dispatch center (below) that has received major upgrades in recent years, especially in regards to technology.



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Investment in infrastructure

In a busy year for municipal utility, Mother Nature throws in a couple of curveballs

By **BOB FENSKE**
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In Brian Quirk's mind, it comes down to one word — infrastructure. It's why New Hampton Municipal Utilities is spending millions of dollars to upgrade the Light Plant's electrical system and install a new telecommunications system in the city. "You can't just keep kicking the rock down the road," said Quirk, who serves as the utility's general manager, "and infrastructure, I realize, costs money, but it's an investment, one we badly needed to make."

So the last 12 months have been a little hectic for Quirk and his staffs at both the Light Plant and the downtown telecommunications building. The upgrades to the electrical system are off to what the general manager calls a "good start." The telecommunications is beginning to hook up customers to its state-of-the-art fiber internet system, and cable and telephone hookups will be coming soon. Probably the last thing the utility needed was any interference from Mother Nature, but evidently, she didn't care.

In many ways, this story is about connection and not just the internet kind, either. The derecho that battered central Iowa last August and an ice storm that hit Texas in February showed just how connected New Hampton is to the rest of the state and the nation.

Start with the derecho. Similar to fire departments, municipal utilities have mutual aid agreements with each other, and in August, two of Quirk's Light Plant employees spent a week in Vinton helping that city to power back up after winds approaching 100 miles per hour wreaked havoc.

"It was crazy busy for us up here," he said, "but I know if we had a disaster that like that, they'd be here to help us. You just can't say no, and not just because of the mutual-aid agreements. You know what they're going through, and if you can help, you have to help."

In February, meanwhile, a large swath of Texas was hit by disastrous winter weather that included both ice and snow storms. In the South, few people have natural gas furnaces, instead they use baseboard electrical heat the few times they need it.



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New Hampton Municipal Utilities General Manager Brian Quirk talks with Gov. Kim Reynolds during her visit to New Hampton this past September, five months before the Light Plant's generators ran for a record 164 straight hours to help with power problems caused by winter storms in Texas.

The extreme cold — for Texas, that is — put the crimp on production of natural gas for electrical plants; meanwhile, the demand for electrical power soared.

"You have 20 percent less natural gas and a 20, 30 percent increase in electrical demand," Quirk said, "and that, trust me, is not a great equation at all."

And here's where New Hampton comes into play. It is a member of the Southern Power Cooperative that is made up of utilities from Texas to North Dakota. As a member of the cooperative, the plant can be asked to fire up its generators to provide more power to the grid to avoid "rolling blackouts" throughout the SPC area.

For 164 straight hours, New Hampton's generators ran, which Quirk believes has to be a record for the utility.

New Hampton in a typical year



may need one tanker full of fuel for its generators; during the February

run, it needed a tanker truck to come to the plant every six hours. Because

of state regulations for truck drivers, though, Quirk had to call the governor's office and ask that it waive the hour limitations — which it did — so that New Hampton's generators could continue to run.

"But it's really a lot more than us," said Quirk, who said at the beginning of the run that Light Plant employee Craig Mai and him were up for 30 straight hours. "We had to call Greg Heying out of retirement to work a shift."

And then there were the mechanical issues that needed addressing immediately. Quirk made several calls in the middle of the night to get help fixing mechanical breakdowns. Mick Gage came in at 3 a.m. to provide a fitting so that the fuel tanker could unload fuel into the Light Plant's storage tanks. Two hours later, he was on the phone with Al and Jerod Gilbert, who came in to patch a radiator, and soon after, he had to make a call to Darel Reicks to help weld fuel lines.

"I think one thing about working in a small city like ours is that I know I can call people," Quirk said, "and they won't hesitate to call us."

Meanwhile, Quirk is excited for the upgrades to the New Hampton's electrical system, as well as the new telecommunications.

Since taking over as the Light Plant general manager late in 2012, Quirk has told board members that the plant needed to get serious with infrastructure improvements, and when the city lost a sub-station several years ago, the need was even more acute.

"Think about what the world was like 40, 50, 60 years ago," he said. "It's obviously changed, and you use systems that worked back then and expect it to carry the load for the world we live in today."

It's why the internet fiber is so critical, he said, and although they may sit on opposite sides of the political aisle — Quirk was a longtime Democratic state representative while Gov. Kim Reynolds is a Republican — they do agree on how important it is for rural Iowa to be connected.

During a visit to the New Hampton this past fall, she applauded the new telecommunications.

"One of the things we've learned from COVID is that not all of us

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Jail census sees uptick in recent months

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check temps. I've been in law enforcement for a long time, and if you would have told me 20 years ago, we'd be carrying thermometers around, I probably would have thought you lost it."

Crime may not have taken the pandemic off, but some things did slow down.

The number of civil papers served by deputies dropped dramatically because of safeguards put into place by state and federal officials to help those who had lost jobs or saw their hours dramatically cut because of the pandemic.

The jail, meanwhile, had historically low inmate counts, especially in the summer of 2020.

In May 2020, the average inmate count in the jail was 1.3 and it didn't go up all that much in the next few months.

Hemann said a ballpark average for the jail is that it houses five inmates a day, a figure it reached just twice in 2020. Not surprisingly, those two months were January and February, i.e. before the pandemic arrived in Iowa.

"We weren't having court, we weren't always bringing people in that we used to," he said, "and I don't want people to get the wrong idea. People are going to serve time if they're found guilty, but there's a backlog right now and you can see us coming out of it."

On Wednesday, for example, the county's little jail that was built in 1955 and is licensed to house nine inmates was full.

"I'm not going to say [COVID] is over, but we are seeing more normalcy," he said.

During a Board of Supervisors meeting that was held earlier this week, Hemann said that although jail "revenues" — the county receives \$50 a day for room and board from inmates — were down, so, too, were expenses. With

PD, Sheriff's Office follow same protocols

The New Hampton Police Department has adopted many of the same procedures as other law enforcement agencies in the nation because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Like the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office deputies, police officers are approaching vehicles on the passenger side and are watching for signs that drivers or passengers may have COVID.

"We're doing a lot of the same things as Marty is," New Hampton Police Chief Zach Nobsch said, referring to Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann. "I think the big thing is that we have to understand that even in a pandemic, we have to do our jobs and do it in the safest manner possible for our officers."

Nobsch and Hemann said that they believe cooperation between the two agencies has always been solid but has been strengthened in the last 12 months.

"I think we all do our best to have each other's backs," Hemann said, "and that's always been the case."

"We've bounced a lot of things off of each other when it comes to COVID," Nobsch said, "and we do a lot of the same protocols they do. In law enforcement, that happens a lot, but neither of us ever went through something like this before so it's nice to have that sounding board."

less inmates, there's been fewer meals, fewer inmates being housed out of county and less travel for deputies.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office and Jail is housed in a building that was built in 1955 and is just across North Chestnut Avenue from the courthouse in New Hampton.

County jail is beginning to show its age

By BOB FENSKE
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Yes, it's an award winning jail, but Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann knows it's also an antiquated facility.

"We've done our best," he said of the facility that received the state's Best Small Jail Award in 2019, "but we also know that a building built in the 1950s for a jail is going to have to be replaced sometime or another. Obviously, we want to keep our staff safe, our inmates safe, but, honestly, we do need to explore something different."

Still, the jail staff at the Sheriff's Office has been creative in finding ways to provide more safety in the 1955 building.

Inmates, for example, have to walk through a garage to get to the outdoor recreational area that, by law, the jail has to provide to those who are incarcerated for more than seven days, but the garage also includes maintenance tools.

"Do you see any weapons in there," Hemann asked? Absolutely.

"The past few months we've seen an uptick," he said, "and that's a sign to me that we are at least heading back to normal."

But Hemann, Jail Administrator Jordan Gansen and the entire Sheriff's Office

But jailers installed a collapsible fence that keeps inmates from being tempted by those tools. The jail also has a system in which it can shut down the water to cells if an inmate decides he or she wants to "flood" his home.

The issues, though, for the jail are many. A building built in 1955, for example, wasn't meant to carry the electrical load that modern jails need to run their technology.

Hemann, though, values the history of the office he runs, and during a recent interview, he pulled out a laminated story from a 1955 Tribune that detailed an approaching bond referendum to build a new jail and office that also included a residence for the sheriff.

"Back then, the people made an investment, and it's been a good one for years, but times have changed and sooner or later, we will have to address the issue."

Here is the story that Hemann shared during the recent interview with the Tribune:

Chickasaw County voters will be asked on Monday, July 25, to approve expendi-

ture of \$100,000 for a jail-sheriff's residence and office. They will be asked to approve the use of \$70,000 from funds on hand and a \$30,000 bond issue, payable over a 10-year period.

The Chickasaw County grand jury last December ordered the supervisors to hold the election.

The proposed project would be situated on property just north of the post office. It would be 46 by 87 feet of face brick-construction with concrete walls.

The basement would be under the 46 by 37 home-office section, the north half for storage of county property and the south half for the sheriff's family.

On the first floor, the north half would be used for the sheriff's office and vault; the south half would have a 22 by 14 living room and a 21 by 14 kitchen-dining area along with a pantry.

The jail would be 24 by 46 feet and would have beds for eight male prisoners, two juveniles and two women prisoners. Jail cells would not be visible from the outside. A 24 by 25 foot garage is designed on the rear with entry to the jail from the garage.

cleaning and sanitizing — when the pandemic is over," he said.

"It's just the way it's going to be. The plexiglass is probably going to stay at the courthouse, in businesses and things like that because, let's face it, that's the new normal."

As he gave the reporter a tour of the jail, he pointed out the cleaning supplies in the booking room and the Sheriff's Office garage.

"I don't think that's going to go away — that stressing

have become experts in cleaning and sanitation.

"I think we always ran a clean jail," Hemann said, "but we've all taken another step forward. The last thing we want is to have an outbreak with our staff or in the jail. So

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Schools have had to learn on the fly during pandemic

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activities have had limited attendance and New Hampton has yet to have a live music concert — the year has traveled a relatively smooth road.

The biggest challenge may have been that short period of hybrid learning in which half the high school students were at school and the other half learning from home.

“I can honestly say — and I think I did say it to you last summer — I didn’t think we’d make it the whole year without some interruptions,” Jurrens said, “but that was it really. One of the things is that when we started all of this, there were so many unknowns. Things have changed, we’ve have to do the same on the fly.”

New Hampton’s top administrator said the heroes in this saga are many. Take custodians, for example.

“They got us ready for the school year, they got the plexiglass up, they made sure during the day that our buildings were in great shape,” he said. “We’ve always, I believe, had clean buildings, but to see them in August, they were absolutely gleaming.”

Jurrens said he and staff members have all learned lessons in cleaning and sanitizing.

“You’re at home, you spray the spray on the counter and wipe it up,” he said. “Who knew you’re supposed to let the spray sit for a bit? It’s amazing to me what we’ve learned, from the big to the little. ... I do know that we’ve asked our teachers and our associates to take on so much, and they have.”

Maybe it is the “new normal” but, as weird as 2020-21 has been, it’s still been normal.

Tests have been taken, projects have been presented, math is still hard for some kids, books have been read, homework has been assigned, games won, meets lost, speeches performed and concerts performed, albeit remotely.

“Considering everything, we’ve had a pretty normal year,” Jurrens said, “and that is the biggest win. ... We learned a lot, don’t get me wrong, and we did it, like I said, on the fly sometimes. We can provide education remotely if we have to, we are more flexible than we thought we were and we’ve been reminded at how important connections are — not only for students but for teachers, too.”

Ask Jurrens, and he will tell you that there are plenty of heroes when it comes to his school district dealing with the pandemic.



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Less than a week after Gov. Kim Reynolds ordered schools to close last March, New Hampton school employees like Jim Mettner were delivering meals prepared by the district’s Food Service Department, but the 2020-21 school year, while not perfectly normal for students and staff, has been relatively smooth as Carson Babcock (lower left) and his fellow student-athletes were able to compete in sports and students, like these middle school kids (below) in Jeff Monteith’s Extended Learning Program, were able to attend class and socialize in school buildings.



“I can’t say enough about our teachers, our associates, our principals, our custodians, our food service, our bus drivers, everyone really,” he said. “I hope we never have to go through another 12 months like this again, but if we do, I want these people with me.”

And then there are the students, many of whom last spring were quick

to say something they never thought they’d say, “I miss school.”

Sure, some of that was there were no sports, no music, no goofing around at lunch time in the cafeteria, no hanging out with your friends in a study hall.

“I’m always going to put education first, that has to be our No. 1 priority,” Jurrens said, “but I also know that

those extra-curriculars, that socialization is what gets them here. They know they have to do the academic work to do the things they love before and after school.”

And in Jurrens’ mind, if there is a group of unsung heroes in all the mayhem the last 12 months have been, it is the kids.

“They in a lot of way have set the

example to the rest of our community,” he said. “Everything we’ve asked them to do, they’ve done for the most part. Do they like wearing masks? Probably not, but if that means they get to go to school, play sports, be in the choir whatever ... to them, it’s a small price to pay. As proud as I am of our staff, I’m just as proud of our kids.”



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Hallelujah! Normal summer on tap!

After the chaos of the pandemic, Parks and Rec staff can't wait for pool to open, programs to return

By **BOB FENSKE**
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When the New Hampton Park Board adjourned its meeting at 5:57 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2020, Parks and Recreation Director Rick Kramer and Program Director Tara Hackman almost immediately walked back to their office.

The decision had been made. The New Hampton Municipal Pool was not going to open because of concerns about spreading COVID-19. And even though that was the recommendation of the board's two full-time employees, the fact that a 3-3 tie vote meant the pool wouldn't open, it didn't feel like a victory.

Not even one little bit. "When we got back in the office that night," Kramer said, "I looked at Tara — and she looked as depressed as I felt — and said something like this is the worst day I've had as director. Could we have opened? Maybe, maybe even probably, but we did the best we could with the information we had in front of us."

In a sense, the pool decision spotlighted the issues all of society has faced in the past 12 months. Other programs like Tot Lot, Start Smart and Chickasaw Explorers were also not held last summer, but it was the lack of water in the pool that most signified the pandemic and how it affected Parks and Recreation.

"It was hard to drive through the park," Hackman said, "because you knew if it was a really nice day, the pool would have been packed. It was just weird, but then again, the whole summer was weird."

Lost in the pool decision, though, was the fact that Parks and Rec didn't shut down when the pandemic arrived; in fact, it came up with new and creative ways to reach community members.

Within days of Gov. Kim Reynolds' ordering schools to be shuttered, Parks and Recreation was distributing "activity packets" that included coloring pages, number-to-number, science problems and much more.

Hackman compiled the packets and left them at the door (the Community Center where Parks and Recreation is located), and by the time the last packets were distributed right before Thanksgiving, hundreds of them had found their way into the hands of



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Not only will the Splash Pad reopen this summer, but the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department will be welcoming back a number of youth programs that were canceled last summer because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

children.

Still, the spring of 2020 may have been the toughest season Parks and Recreation has experienced, or at

least it was for Kramer, who has worked for the department for more than 30 years.

"It wasn't that we didn't have

things to do," he said, pointing out that the two employees had to come up with a variety of plans for the pool if the Park Board decided to reopen it

and that they also had to stay up-to-date on playground closings, COVID protocols and much more. "But it wasn't what we really wanted to do, which is taking signups, seeing kids get involved and all that."

Spring soccer, like pretty much everything else, was canceled, but youth baseball and softball were able to have abbreviated seasons, and as the department entered fall, more normalcy arrived.

Youth football and soccer went on as scheduled, and this winter, the department sponsored its annual Breakfast with Santa event, its youth basketball tournament and the Father-Daughter Sweetheart Dinner and Dance.

They didn't all look the same. Breakfast with Santa was a drive-up affair in which the jolly old fellow talked to kids through the City Clerk Office's drive-up window and meals were delivered directly to the cars.

Parks and Rec put a cap on the number of attendees at the Sweetheart Dance, and each basketball player in the tournament was allowed to bring two fans and masks were required for spectators.

Still, the need to compete, the need for some kind of normalcy, could be seen in that basketball tournament that was held in late January.

"Usually, we have a bracket or two or three that we're still trying to fill in January," Hackman said. "This year, with so many tournaments canceled, we filled up like right away."

Still, ask Kramer and Hackman and they will tell you that they can't wait for normal to return.

That may be this summer. The pool — with a new little playground — is going to open on May 29, all the programs canceled last year will be back, a zip line is going to be installed and Mikkelson Park will look like the old days in that there will be plenty of days and evenings when it is full.

Kramer laughed when he was asked about taking a pool maintenance call at 8 at night.

"I can't believe I'm saying this," he said, "but I actually missed that last year. We had things to do, but I missed the busyness. I really did. You might have to remind me of that this summer, but right now, I'm going to say I'm ready for a normal, crazy, hectic summer."

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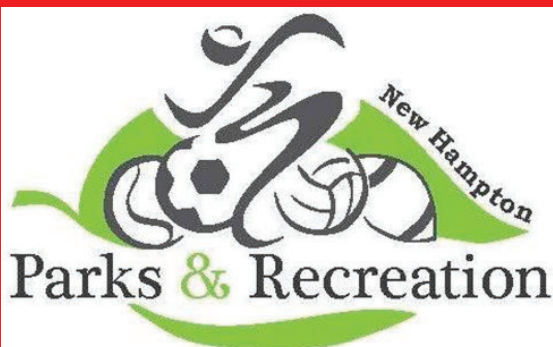
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Art lovers looking forward to normalcy

Plum Creek Art Center-Connie Mohr Gallery in Fredericksburg hopes to see more art lovers soon

By DOROTHY HUBER
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Right from the start, Mary Langerman seemed more interested in talking about what's happening at the Plum Creek Art Center-Connie Mohr Gallery than what the pandemic kept from happening.

She couldn't help herself. Like all 18 board members of the Fredericksburg gallery, Langerman loves art and gets excited when she talks about the strides the group has made. And the variety of art for sale at the gallery is abundant for a small town.

"For a town the size of Fredericksburg we do OK," said the Plum Creek director. "We have all local artists, 40 to 50 of them. Everything from photography, oil paintings, water paintings, pottery, stain glass, hand-blown glass, several jewelry artists, a silversmith, we have some wool felt scarves and bags."

The gallery sells artists' works on commission, but had to close the doors last March until late July.

"It was to keep us safe and keep the public safe, but also, no one was shopping, no one was out. We really weren't going to lose that much by being closed."

Fast forward to 2021, when Plum Creek hosted one of their popular classes on March 4.

"There were 11 people in class. Number 1, I was surprised — our limit was 12 — and Number 2, I was pretty happy. I think people are ready to come out and do things again. We all wore masks but in our classroom that we added on two years ago, it's so large we can socially distance easily."

The gallery was also closed this year in January and February, not only because of COVID, but because it's a slow time of the year for shopping. But now, with positive cases declining — and hopefully staying there —



Young artists show off their work after completing a class at the Plum Creek Art Center in Fredericksburg.

Langerman hopes to see more people out.

"I think that's what we all miss the most, just the freedom of going anyplace, walking into anyplace. There was just so much unknown about this. I feel bad for all the businesses that had to close. We weathered it — but it wasn't a typical year for us."

One thing they didn't have a problem with was getting fresh inventory.

"Artists were so glad to come in and bring new art, especially since they weren't doing any shows."

Some of the upcoming programs listed on the group's Facebook page include working with polymer clay, making zen stones and the ever popular slush and brush classes, where participants can sip on some wine while painting.

"I'm probably one of the least artistic of the board members," said Langerman, who was in retail for 36 years, including managing a J.C. Penny store for a number of those years. She thought her business experience, not her artistic talent, landed her the Plum Creek director title. She was co-director with Cheryl Mulder before

Mulder resigned recently. All of the work is done on a volunteer basis, including the slush and brush instructor, Joan Schultz.

"Believe me, I'm not a painter," Langerman said. "But I can do it. Joan knows how to teach people that don't know how to paint, if that makes any sense."

Langerman was also excited about the grant the gallery received for a hood that will allow a kiln to operate, along with a mural that is going to be painted on a downtown building.

"We want that mural done by Dairy Day, that's June 8-9 this year. We're raising money for it and we're also looking at putting a sculpture in Railroad Park." She thought part of the success of the group stemmed from the "phenomenal" 18-member board. "It's a group from all walks of life."

Plum Creek also is instrumental in getting younger ages involved and interested in art at an early age. A class taught Mondays after school is dubbed "ArtsCool."

"We did a little play on words there,"

Langerman said with a laugh. "But the school is taught by Rose Nordaas — sometimes with Cindy Lantow — that's on hold right now but whenever they feel comfortable being around kids again we'll start that up."

Anyone attending Dairy Day may see some of the ArtsCool work, as a stage backdrop designed by Nordaas was painted by children in the class.

"It's pretty cool, and very whimsical. There's one cow flying a hot air balloon, a cow in a Volkswagen bus, a cow on a bicycle. There's six panels and I'm pretty excited to see it all come together."

The art gallery, which is owned by the City of Fredericksburg and was in years past a bank building, is located on Main Street and is open from noon-4 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m.



Santa, Rotary persevere through the pandemic

So many organizations in the past 12 months have found a way to hold events, albeit in a creative way, during the COVID-19 pandemic

One of our favorites had to be the virtual visits put together by the New Hampton Rotary Club so that Santa could chat with area children.

Rotary Club members set the jolly old guy up in his "den" at the Carnegie Cultural Center, and then talked to children like Bowen Baltes to make sure that they had been more nice than naughty and to see what they wanted for Christmas.

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THE STRANGEST YEAR

LIBRARIES FIND A WAY TO KEEP READERS HAPPY EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

By DOROTHY HUBER
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It was a year ago on March 9 that the New Hampton Public Library held a program on vaping. "Then, that was that, we started the weirdest year ever," New Hampton director Carrie Becker said. "March 16 was the last day open, people knew we were going to be shut down the next day and we checked out over 700 books that day — about a week's worth — it was just insane here. Those were the days of toilet paper shortages, remember that? Everybody was stocking up on everything."

Even if this pandemic goes away and never, ever comes back, lessons learned in the past year by area libraries to keep the public in books will probably continue to be used in the future. And while the New Hampton Library and Upham Memorial Library in Fredericksburg are now open, there are some things the facilities



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Librarian Lydia Klinkel checks out books for Harley and Archer Knutson at the New Hampton Public Library.

still aren't offering. "We have a little boy that keeps on saying 'trains? trains? trains?'" said Becker. "I told him, 'we took away your favorite toy, didn't we buddy?' We are looking forward to having that back, when we feel like it's OK to have toys."

THE REST OF MARCH and April the New Hampton Library was closed; on May 1, it instituted "curbside pickup."

"People had to request books and then they could pick them up outside. We still do that. We'll continue to do curbside forever, and

SEE LIBRARIES, C5



Photo courtesy of Upham Memorial Library

Look closely, and one can see how the Fredericksburg's Upham Memorial Library has taken on the COVID-19 challenge. In addition to plexiglass being installed, the library also has an abundant supply of hand sanitizer throughout the library, including its "computer wing."



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Maybe we're missing the point when it comes to the past 12 months and this COVID-19 stuff. Maybe, just maybe, we need to forget about all those events that were called off and focus on the fact that we still had a chance to do so much. From (clockwise from top) baseball and softball getting a season to a homecoming celebration to a little Breakfast with Santa to a commencement ceremony to the simple act of casting a ballot, life did indeed go on during the pandemic.



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Area libraries think outside the box

LIBRARIES: FROM C3

things like the hand sanitizer dispenser. Why would that go away? We still have the plexiglass. Early on there was still a lot of discussion about how dry paper — like the kind in books — would not spread the virus, but the hard covers might.

"So we would spray the outside, then quarantine books for three days before we put them back on the shelves. But the science has changed on that and now we still wash covers but then they go back on the shelf right away."

Part of the flexibility the library has learned.

"We've learned to be creative while increasing our customer service," said Becker. "During the time we were shut down we had our Bridges program so people could check out books online and our wi-fi was accessible from the parking lot for people to download books or check their email."

Becker was appreciative of the library's board of trustees. "They've

"WE'VE LEARNED TO BE CREATIVE WHILE INCREASING OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE. DURING THE TIME WE WERE SHUT DOWN WE HAD OUR BRIDGES PROGRAM SO PEOPLE COULD CHECK OUT BOOKS ONLINE AND OUR WI-FI WAS ACCESSIBLE FROM THE PARKING LOT FOR PEOPLE TO DOWNLOAD BOOKS OR CHECK THEIR EMAIL."

— NEW HAMPTON PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTOR CARRIE BECKER

gone above and beyond, they've had to have extra board meetings and their input is very valuable in guiding the library through this crazy year."

The meetings have been on Zoom. "That works best." The zoom meetings have been uneventful, with no cats, pantless people or small children making the meetings go viral.

"Nope, no one's trending, not yet, but there's still hope," said Becker with a laugh.

Another possibility to get some programs going is to utilize the park. "We're trying to think outside the box — we could do painting with one family at a table or have stations with

a group of, say eight kids that travel from station to station. We can do a hybrid event, with kids coming if they want to or a take away option if they don't."

KAYLA WENDLAND, THE children's librarian at the Upham Memorial Library, laughed when asked what she's learned this year.

"I learned cleaning is a good thing no matter how old you are. And I learned that patience is one of the great virtues." Wendland has also picked up the knack of using Facebook Live and Zoom.

"I did some children's program-

ming on Facebook Live," she said. "But not being able to see the kids, that's been kinda rough, kinda hard. But oh my God, I missed seeing people coming in, missed giving the kids hugs. I would be on the other side of the plexiglass and would wave to them."

After closing in March, the Fredericksburg facility also went to curbside pickup, then in July and August started letting people in, but no more than 10 at a time.

"No one under the age of 13 could be in here without an adult. When school started we regrouped and anyone could come in for studying, all our computers were open for the public to use. In January and February we started letting in more people, we're definitely fully open now."

The facility purchased a UV wand to sterilize items.

"That has been a lifesaver. We used to wipe down books and then quarantine them for one week. That was a long time, especially with the new releases we had with books and mov-

ies that everyone wanted."

The wand has expedited the circulation of those items, and it's also used for boards and game pieces.

"I'm also the janitor.... so everything gets sanitized every day before we go home. We still have the plexiglass and still use hand sanitizer. Masks are at the discretion of the patrons."

Both libraries have sent to-go bags home with kids, where a certain activity ties in with a book sent and both are thinking of bigger spaces to host events.

Wendland says the library will utilize areas like City Hall, since the library doesn't have the space for social distancing while conducting programs.

"We've had some bingo and group book discussions in person and I recently started doing my teen programming. Our National Library Week will be in person, we'll have three days of different programming. It'll be interesting to see how things go from now on."

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FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND HIS FAMILY MUST DEAL WITH A HOST OF COVID-19 ISSUES

By BOB FENSKE
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Bryan Hugeback sat in his office at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory last week talking about the 12 months that had just elapsed and for a moment he lapsed into silence.

The man who has been around funeral homes his entire life took a moment to gather his thoughts on the strangest, most challenging year of his career.

"I think what I'm always going to remember about COVID is how it affected the families we served," he said, "especially when the state was in shutdown mode last spring. We didn't have visitations or, if we did, they were severely limited."

"They didn't get that chance to hear the memories other people had of their loved one, and that's a precious memory for a lot of family members."

The year 2020 was the busiest ever for Hugeback and his wife, Gayla, their son, Andy, and their son-in-law, Drew. The two younger men, like their dad and father-in-law, are funeral directors at the funeral home that traces its roots back to the early 1900s.

But it's doubtful that the funeral home ever experienced a year like it did over the last 12 months.

There was the limited, if any, visitations.

There were the funerals in which churches would allow just 15 mourners.

There were the funerals without a luncheon following the service.

There were the safety guidelines that led the funeral home directors looking almost like surgeons dressed up in personal protective equipment ranging from gloves, masks, face

shields, shoe coverings and gowns.

There was the introduction of funeral services that aired on Facebook Live.

There was even one family that decided to have a "drive-up visitation" during the time in which the governor had pretty much put the kibosh on large-scale, or even medium-scale, gatherings.

And there was the constant worry — what if we get COVID?

"We're a family business and we're around each other all the time," Gayla Hugeback said, "and I kept thinking if one of us gets it, we're all going to get it. Our only backup is that we have Gary [Olson] in Nashua."

Olson was a longtime funeral director in that city, and in retirement he works part-time for Hugeback-Johnson.

Bryan Hugeback has been a funeral director long enough to know that his profession is constantly changing. Years ago, video memorials, for example, weren't made, but as technology improved, they became a part of most visitations.

But changes like that have taken years to develop.

"I think I saw more change this last year than I've ever seen," he said. "No, that's wrong. I definitely saw more change in our business this year than any other year, or maybe even any other decade."

He and his wife both believe live-streamed funerals aren't just a COVID thing.

"I think that's here to stay," Gayla said. "We just had to do it with COVID, but when you think about it, it's a great service for family members who live far away or who can't travel."

The Hugebacks, like virtually every other employee at every other funeral home in the state, appreciated that



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As many challenges as the Hugeback family —(front row) Bryan and Gayla Hugeback, holding Melvin and Micah Johnson, (back row) their daughter and son-in-law, Maggie and Drew Johnson and their son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Hayley Hugeback — faced in the past 12 months, the family was overjoyed to welcome Andy and Hayley's first child, Mila, to the world and celebrated the news that Maggie and Drew are expecting their third child.

they were able to get the COVID vaccine relatively early. The state in January added those workers to the Tier 1A, which also included firefighters, law enforcement officers and rescue personnel.

They were also appreciative of their new home.

In 2018, the family-owned business moved from its longtime home on New Hampton's south edge to the downtown area, where they remodeled the old K&W building and built on a large addition.

"Having that room certainly helped," Bryan said. "Where we were at before, I just don't know how we could have done visitations and had the social distancing."

And while he is looking forward to a return to a "more normal," his heart still goes out to those who lost loved ones in the past 12 months.

"I think of some of the people we lost and I think of how many people would have come to the visitation or the funeral or both," he said. "I'm proud of what we did and how we

handled it. Our job is to help families through this process, and I think we did that to our best of our abilities."

He paused for a moment — again lost in memories of a year like no other.

"But I also know that for families, the visitation and the funeral are all part of that grieving process, and COVID changed a lot of things. For our families' sakes, I hope we never have to go through something like this again."



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have to go to work," she said. "We've learned that we can work from home, which in my mind means if you have the high-speed, reliable internet, you can work for someone in Des Moines and live in a place like New Hampton."

"I think if we understand the importance of broadband, it can be a boon for rural Iowa."

And Quirk is adamant, albeit not cocky, when he says New Hampton Municipal Utilities will provide the most reliable and fastest internet service in the area.

"When we tell you we are giving you a certain speed," he said, "that's exactly what you're going to get. We always have said the key to this was the internet. Cable TV and land-line phones are the extras that

some people don't want to give up, but the fact is our kids, they stream everything. To them, cable is 20th century."

He paused and laughed. "Not that I'm saying I'm old, but seriously, to grow you need infrastructure. And with the upgrades we're making to [the electrical side] of things and the telecommunications, we're going to have that infrastructure."

Quirk did say he expects the pace of installations to pick up this spring and over the summer.

He said the test sites used by the utility showed off great speed, pointing out one local photographer told him that the time it took her to upload photos was cut from hours to a matter of minutes.

"When people get hooked up," he said, "trust me, they are going to be very impressed."



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The return of 'Festival Month'

A Shriners' group take part in the 2019 Heartland Days Parade, and New Hampton's annual town celebration will return after it was canceled in 2020 because of COVID concerns. Celebrations will also be held in June in Alta Vista, Fredericksburg and Nashua, with only Lawler's Irish Fest deciding not to hold its annual party in June. But Irish Fest Committee members say a scaled-down version of the event may be held this fall.

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THE ART OF THERAPY

FOR MERCYONE PHYSICAL THERAPIST, DRY NEEDLING IS JUST ANOTHER TOOL IN THE 'TOOLBOX'

By BOB FENSKE
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Ask MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center physical therapist Becky Hoehne what she'll remember the most about the COVID-19 pandemic, and her answer will come quickly.

"Last spring, summer ... I never thought I'd miss the people as much as I did," Hoehne said. "It was just dead around here. You get used to having so many people around, so many patients to work with, and I missed that a lot."

Life is back to normal these days for Hoehne and those who man the hospital's Therapy Department.

Gone are the early pandemic days when it was open just three days a week because the ban on elective surgeries had cut down the need for post-operative therapy care.

Back are the days when the department is busy from the time it opens to the time it calls it a day five days a week.

"That's probably definitely more my style," said the 2007 Riceville High School graduate, who was one of the best athletes in her school's history. "One, I love working with people, helping them get better. Two, even open three days a week we had a third or a fourth of the people we normally see."

HOEHNE IS ALSO offering a relatively new service to those who come to the Therapy Department, and for those of you who aren't a big fan of needles, you might want to look away for several paragraphs.

It's called dry needling, which is defined by the American Physical Therapy Association "as a skilled intervention that uses a thin filiform needle to penetrate the skin and stimulate underlying myofascial trigger points, muscular and connective tissues for the management of neuromusculoskeletal pain and movement impairments."

OK, so what does that mean?
"Basically what dry needling does is

to help improve movement and lessen pain when it comes to your muscle tissue," she said. "It's like acupuncture, but there's more of a western modern science-based approach to it."

The term dry needling comes from the fact that dry needles are solid, filiform needles while wet needles are used to inject medication or vaccines into the tissue.

The treatment is used for a variety of ailments — ranging from knee osteoarthritis, low back pain, neck pain, headaches, shoulder pain, TMJ (jaw pain), carpal tunnel syndrome and tendonitis.

"We've had some really good results," she said. "It is different, but it works. It's not for everyone, I get that, but it's just another tool in the toolbox."

So who doesn't it work for?
"If you have a fear of needles, this isn't the treatment for you," she said and added that dry needling should be avoided with a recent or active infection or a new or recent surgical site.

The number of needles she uses during a session can range from 5 to 15, depending on the diagnosis.

"It really depends on what we're looking to provide therapy to," she said. "People will say it hurts a little, they feel it, when the needle goes in, but the people who are treated with it tell me that once the needle's in place, they don't even know it."

SHE HAS FOUND homes both in New Hampton and at Chickasaw County's only hospital.

After attending the UNI, where Hoehne graduated in 2011 with a degree in athletic training, she continued her academic career at Clarke College in Dubuque, where she earned her doctorate in physical therapy in 2014. Later that year, she began working at MercyOne.

She and her husband, David, have two children — 3-year-old Thea and 1-year-old Luke.

Hoehne was asked if all those hours on the volleyball court, the basketball court, the track and the softball dia-



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MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center physical therapist Becky Hoehne works with a patient as she applies dry needles to help with muscle activity and to lessen pain.

mond still had an impact on her life and as a physical therapist?

"Absolutely," she quickly answered, "because I think this quote about why

kids shouldn't play high school sports just to get a scholarship kind of sums it all up. You learn so much from sports. It taught me to set goals, to

work hard, to not give up and to find a way to accomplish something that was difficult. And hopefully, I bring that to the therapy room."

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We at MercyOne — our doctors, our nurses, our therapists and all of our staff members — are humbled and grateful for your kindness, support and spirit of giving during this time and our promise to you is you, our patients and our community, will always be our first priority.



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