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Still no decision on vote for holding facility

Former supervisor expresses concerns about project; supervisors remain uncommitted on holding vote this November

By **BOB FENSKE**
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All four members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors who attended Monday's meeting agree that sooner or later, the county is going to have to send the question of building a 24-hour holding facility to the voters. But a longtime former supervisor urged the board to "slow down" and

not rush to put a bond referendum to voters this fall during the general election that mostly consists of races for city offices and school board seats.

Arnie Boge, who served on the board for 24 years before retiring in 2010, told supervisors that he believes they have a tough road ahead of them if they expect voters to pass a bond referendum this fall to build a 24-hour

holding facility and remodel the current Sheriff's Office building.

He used his morning card club that includes residents in the Nashua and Ionia areas, as an example.

"None of those people are in favor of the type of expenditure that you're making," he said. "But this is a general election question; it affects everybody in the county and it should be on a general election year. That's just

my opinion. ... I'm just telling you [that] you should slow it down a little."

Technically, this November's election is classified as a general election, which, thanks to a new law enacted earlier this year, is the only time cities, counties and schools can put bond referendums to a vote. In the past,

those entities could call for special elections in March and September.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan

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A warm but fun Czech Days up in Protivin!

It was 90 outside and probably a few degrees warmer under the big tent but no one seemed to mind Sunday afternoon as Mollie B takes the stage during the annual Czech Days celebration in the small town that sits in both Howard and Chickasaw counties. Then again, big crowds were the norm throughout the weekend at the celebration put on by Holy Trinity. **See PHOTOS, Page 2**

Mother Nature turns on the blast furnace

Area enduring heat wave but the good news is that we're going to 'cool' into the 80s Friday ; drought concerns continue to grow

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Let's put it this way, 88's never going to feel any better than it will on Friday.

It's been hot — like scorching — but after the most prolonged heat wave of the summer extends into today (Thursday), it's going to break on Friday.

Granted, for some of us, 88 is still pretty warm, but it beats the heck out of the mercury approaching triple digits, right?

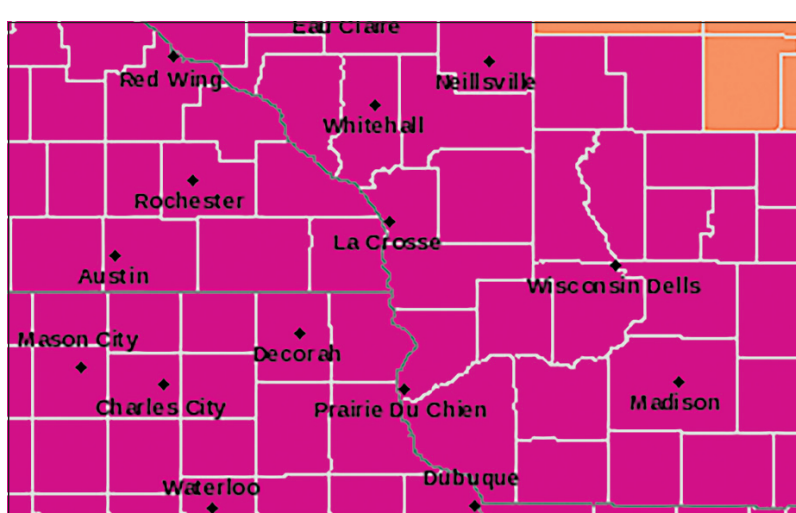
Of course, the heat began almost immediately after the New Hampton Municipal Pool closed for the season.

"It's like clockwork," New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman said last Friday, the final day the pool welcomed swimmers.

"When the pool closes — doesn't matter when — it's going to get hot. It's a guarantee. I mean we could close in November and the next day would be 90."

The heat wave began building over the weekend as temperatures throughout the area were near 90 on Saturday. Ditto for Sunday and Monday before the heat really began to build on Tuesday, when high temperatures reached the

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National Weather Service/La Crosse, Wisconsin

That dark pink is the area that is under an excessive heat warning as temperatures soared into the 90s and heat indices climbed into the 100s this week.

Nashua-Plainfield hoping to get diamond project on track

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools is hoping the second time will be the charm when it comes to building a new baseball and softball complex on the site of the old school building in Plainfield.

Earlier this year, district voters overwhelmingly approved selling general-obligation bonds

to fund the \$3 million project and the hope was that construction would begin on the facility that would include a high school softball diamond, a high school baseball diamond, two youth fields, a concession stand and other items as soon as the 2023 softball season ended.

But the project hit a snag this spring when the district opened

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It's that fall sports time of the year!

New Hampton's Cael Laures hauls in a touch-down pass during a scrimmage between the Chickasaws and Decorah last Friday and with fall sports kicking off, check out our annual Fall Sports Preview in this edition of the Tribune.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

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Check out our great stories and meet some great folks in our annual Women in the Workplace **B Section**

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It wasn't always pretty but New Hampton opens volleyball season with two victories **Page 18**

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Freedom Run getting used but committee members want to add amenities **Next Week's Trib**

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Good news is heat wave will be over by weekend

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mid-90s throughout much of Northeast Iowa.

The forecast for Wednesday was for the first triple-digit readings in almost 10 years and today's high is expected to be around 96. And heat indices that neared 110 led to an excessive heat warning being issued by the National Weather Service.

So, yes, 88 on Friday is going to feel nice and high temperatures in the upper 70s might feel almost arctic.

The heat wave coincided with the start of the school year as students headed back to class on Wednesday, but a number of area school districts including Turkey Valley, St. Joseph Community School and Nashua-Plainfield — have buildings without air conditioning.

“It’s not exactly the forecast you want to see for the first week of school,” said Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty, who oversees a school distinct that has very little air-conditioning in its buildings, “and we’re going to monitor it and make sure we do the right thing for our staff and our students.”

Students in grades 6-12 start classes in Nashua on Wednesday, that day has been set aside for intake conferences and pictures at the elementary school, but save for the newer junior high addition at the high school, Nashua-Plainfield’s school buildings do not have air conditioning.

“When the heat builds like this, the brick buildings hold it pretty well, unfortunately,” Liechty said. “It takes a while for buildings like ours to cool down. We’ll keep an eye on it and make decisions as we have to, but hopefully, this is one of those times the weatherman is off.”

As the heat wave descended upon the area, the National Weather Service office in La Crosse, Wisconsin, that covers Chickasaw County put out the obligatory suggestions on how to deal with hot, muggy weather. Among the suggestions were:

- Reduce, eliminate or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities until the coolest time of the day. Those particularly vulnerable to heat such as children, infants, older adults (especially those who have pre-

existing diseases, take certain medications, living alone or with limited mobility), those with chronic medical conditions, and pregnant women should stay in the coolest available place, not necessarily indoors.

- Dress for summer by wearing lightweight, loose fitting, light-colored clothing to reflect heat and sunlight.

- Eat light, cool, easy-to-digest foods such as fruit or salads. If you pack food, put it in a cooler or carry an ice pack. Don’t leave it sitting in the sun. Meats and dairy products can spoil quickly in hot weather.

- Drink plenty of water (not very cold), non-alcoholic and decaffeinated fluids, even if you don’t feel thirsty. If you are on a fluid-restrictive diet or have a problem with fluid retention, consult a physician before increasing consumption of fluids.
- Use air conditioners or spend time in air-conditioned location.
- Take cool baths or showers.

And maybe the most important tip is this one: Be a good neighbor. Check on your neighbors, especially older, sick, or frail people who may need help responding to the heat. Each year, dozens of children and untold numbers of pets left in parked vehicles die from hyperthermia.

Maybe the most distressing part of the short-term forecast is the fact that it comes with little, if any, mention of rainfall. Save for a slight chance of showers on Saturday evening, the forecast is, in a word, dry.

That will undoubtedly lead to a worsening report when the U.S. Drought Monitor releases its weekly report.

In the report released last Thursday, all of Chickasaw, Bremer, Winneshiek and Fayette counties and the eastern halves of Butler and Floyd counties were classified as suffering from “severe drought.”

“The one positive we had in July is we didn’t get a lot of heat,” ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol said. “When you’re dealing with drought, you want other stress factors to be as minimal as possible. Unfortunately, it looks like we’re going to have a lot of stress on plants. I’ve said all summer, that our plants are hanging in there, but this is going to be a real challenge.”



Hot times in Protivin

Protivin’s official population may be 266, but trust us, there were way more than a few hundred people in town this past weekend for the 45th annual celebration of Czech Days.

From the always-popular cake walk (above) to the bingo tent (left) to the two-hour parade that was held on Saturday to the bevy of live music that was on stage, it was a heck of a celebration, despite the fact that it was hot and muggy for much of the event.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Nashua-Plainfield hoping second time charm for diamond bids

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bids on the project and the lowest came in at \$4.5 million, 50 percent higher than the engineer’s estimate for the complex.

“We have to find a way to keep it at \$3 million,” Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty said, “because that’s the limit we can sell to pay off with our [SAVE funds]. So we went to work on it, came up with some changes and are hoping that with those and maybe better timing, we’ll get there.”

The district expects to open bids on the project early next month, and Liechty said he was still hopeful that the fields would

be ready to be used by next summer. But he pointed out that one of the items removed from the bids the second time around was the “restrictions.”

During the first bidding process, the district required contractors to begin working on the project as soon as the 2023 season ended and have them ready by the time the 2024 season commences in May.

Part of the issue with the high bids received in the spring was the fact that by the time contractors bid on the project, they had a “full season” of work on their plates. A fall bidding is usually advantageous because contractors are beginning to work on

the following year’s schedule.

But Liechty said because of a dry summer, there may be contractors who have finished projects earlier than expected and still looking for work yet this fall.

“There just hasn’t been that many ‘lost days’ this year when it comes to construction,” he said, “so if they can start working this fall and finish it up in the spring, there could be a chance it would be ready for 2024. But right now, the important thing is the price and we’re hopeful that we’re going to get there.”

He said among the changes in the call for bids this time around is the removal of some buildings, including a storage

shed, moving the ticket booth and “crow’s nests” for both diamonds from required to “options” and reducing the elevation of the two youth fields.

“The dirt to raise those diamonds wasn’t the issue,” he said, “but the trucking in of that dirt was really expensive, and I mean really, really expensive.”

And although he was disappointed with the first bidding process, he said the project will still give Nashua-Plainfield what it needs.

“It’s still going to be a very nice complex,” he said, “and we think one that our communities will not only be proud about but also be well used.”

County set to pay more for family health insurance on Oct. 1

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who was the lone nay vote on Aug. 7. “I think today is just on the trust fund.”

That discussion came up because the county uses a partially-self funded account to pay down the deductibles for employees, and supervisors have grown concerned about the dwindling amount of funds in the account.

So board members agreed to raise the

contributions to the so-called PSF from \$25 to \$50 a month for employees with single health insurance policies and from \$0 to \$100 for employees with family health plans.

“Just for discussion,” Hackman said, “I will support this today. I do not support the health insurance change, but I will support this just to make sure the trust funds stays afloat.”

The trust fund passed unanimously — with Supervisor Steve Breitbach absent — but no motions were forthcoming on rescinding the Aug. 7 vote; instead, board members agreed that county employees should receive a letter in their paychecks this Friday notifying them that they have 30 days to change the level of health insurance coverage they elect to take, effective Oct. 1.

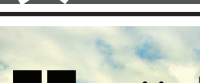


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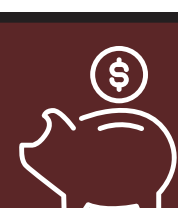
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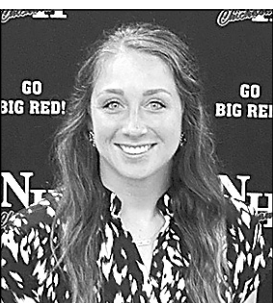
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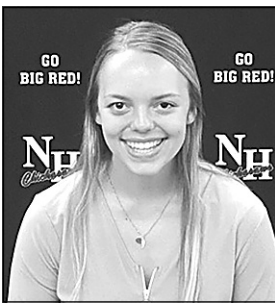
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Nicole Sanford



Raquel Schmitt

New Hampton welcomes 13 new teachers to school district

The New Hampton High School Media Center was, in a word, full last Wednesday as school district administrators welcomed 13 new educators to the district.

That was the day new teachers reported to work for the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, and the following day, they were joined by the district's returning educators.

The new educators were asked to fill out a questionnaire to share information about themselves with the community.

So without further ado, welcome to the "baker's dozen" and good luck this year.

Rachel Bauler

Position: Agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

Education: Graduate of Hudson High School, Hawkeye Community College and Iowa State University.

Why education? I enjoy learning and trying new things and combine my passion of ag with it.

Hobbies/interests: Anything outdoors - gardening, working on the farm, being around animals and going for drives.

Anything you want to share about your family? Sixth-generation on my family farm, oldest of three girls to Rick and Janann Bauler.

Anything else you would like people to know about you? I am beyond excited for my future endeavors here at New Hampton. The kids truly make the long hours in ag ed and FFA worth it!

Terry Bohr

Position: Elementary special education teacher.

Education: Graduate of Fredericksburg High School, Northeast Iowa Community College and University of Northern Iowa.

Why education? I became a teacher because my high school art teacher encouraged me to be a teacher. My daughter, who was born with special needs, helped me to decide that special education is my passion.

Hobbies/interests: Gardening, boating and fishing.

Anything you want to share about your family: My parents moved south of New Hampton the same year I graduated from high school. I'm married to Richard and we have a son, Collin, who attends RRMH.

Josie Evanson

Position: Elementary school counselor.

Education: Graduate of Dike-New Hartford High School and the University of Northern Iowa.

Why education? I was in the social work field and wanted to help more kids. So I moved to the preventive side and felt that serving as a school counselor had the most impact.

Hobbies/interests: I enjoy creating all types of art, going to concerts and exploring the world around us with my son.

Anything you want to share about your family? I am "widowed." We lost my partner in 2021 when our son was 4 months old, so my family is my son Cash, who is 2,

myself and our dog Odie.

Anything else you would like people to know about you? I love learning new things and have always been curious. Currently, I'm at UNI earning my advanced certification to become a licensed mental health counselor.

Lexie Farrell

Position: High school business and middle school computers teacher.

Education: Graduate of Des Moines Christian High School, Evangel University (BA), Morningside University (masters in teaching) and Ashford University (masters in business administration).

Why education? I originally started in the business world but quickly learned that the fast pace of working 9-to-5 didn't work with having a special needs son or coaching sports so with the help of my husband, I went back to school for teaching.

Hobbies/interests: I love softball and coaching softball, spending time with my family. I am always down for a Target run or coffee date!

Anything you want to share about your family? My husband Steve will also be teaching here; we have one son, Jeremiah, who will be in kindergarten here.

Steve Farrell

Position: High school special education teacher.

Education: Graduate of Cedar Falls High School, Upper Iowa University (bachelors) and Morningside College (masters).

Why education? My dad was a college professor for 30 years at Hawkeye Community College. Education was always important growing up and many of my role models are teachers and coaches.

Hobbies/interests: Iowa Hawkeye sports.

Anything you want to share about your family? My son will be attending New Hampton schools this year and will be in kindergarten. My wife will also be teaching business.

Anything else you would like people to know about you? This is my 18th year teaching.

Hannah Jenkins

Position: Middle school ELL instructor.

Education: Graduate of Vinton-Shellsburg High School and the University of Northern Iowa.

Why education? I want to provide equal opportunities to students whose first language is not English.

Hobbies: Hiking, kayaking, bike riding.

Laura Larsen

Position: Elementary education special education instructor.

Education: Graduate of Rockford High School and Buena Vista University.

Why education? I became a teacher to advocate for kids and give them a good start with their educations.

Hobbies/interests: I enjoy music, singing, spending time with my family, a good book and a good conversation with friends.

Anything you want to

share about your family?

I've been married to my husband Tom for 18 years, and we have a 4-year-old son, whose name is Isaac.

Anything else you would like people to know about you? I am very excited to be here and can't wait to meet everyone.

Ashley Lester

Position: Transitional kindergarten teacher.

Education: Graduate of Savannah (Missouri) High School and William Penn University.

Why education? To make a positive impact on children and their success in education.

Hobbies/interests: I enjoy spending time with my family, kayaking, exploring new places and going on adventures.

Anything you want to share about your family? I am happily married with two children. I also have two fur babies — a dog named Nala and a cat named Tinker Bell.

Jessica Moore

Position: School nurse.

Education: Graduate of New Hampton High School and Allen College with a BSN.

Why education? I enjoy spending time with kids and teaching them how to better care for themselves. It is fun to watch kids become proactive with their health.

Hobbies/interests: Spending time with my family, attending sporting events, Packers (Go Pack Go!).

Anything you want to share about your family. I am married to my high school sweetheart, Landon Moore. We have three kids — Henry, Hattie and Myles — and two dogs, Rex and Rosco.

Anything else you would like people to know about you: I am most excited to be back working in my hometown, where the community is more like family!

Michelle O'Donnell

Position: High school counselor.

Education: Graduate of Western Dubuque High School, University of Northern Iowa (bachelor's) and Buena Vista University (masters degree).

Why education: I enjoy helping kids reach their full potential, and as a counselor, I want what's best for all of our students.

Hobbies/interests: Reading, watching reality TV shows, being outside, going to my sons' activities.

Anything you want to share about your family? I am married to Kelly and have two sons — Drew, who is going to be an eighth-grader at the middle school, and Connor, who is going into the sixth grade.

Anything else you would like people to know about you? I am excited to be back doing a job that I truly love.

Emily Sanford

Position: 3-year-old pre-school teacher.

Education: Graduate of New Hampton High School and University of Northern Iowa.

Why education? I've always enjoyed helping people and love to see kids learning

and growing each day.

Hobbies/interests:

I enjoy biking and doing RAGBRAI with my husband Nick. I love to read, bake and play cards.

Anything you want to share about your family? I have four kids — Kael, Liam, Nora and Mabel. I'm married to Dr. Nick, and we love raising our kids in New Hampton.

Nicole Sanford

Position: Seventh-grade ELA (reading and writing) instructor.

Education: Graduate of New Hampton High School and Iowa State University.

Why education? I love working with children and love the "a-ha" break-through moments when they learn a new concept or accomplish something they've been working on.

Hobbies/interests: Reading, biking, board games.

Anything you want to share about your family? My husband Bryce is a product manager at TriMark, and we have a 1-year-old son, Finnegan.

Anything else you would like people to know about you? I'm excited to return to New Hampton!

Raquel Schmitt

Position: Second-grade teacher.

Education: Graduate of Turkey Valley High School, Northeast Iowa Community College and Upper Iowa University.

Why education? I became a teacher for the kids and the bonds teachers create with every student.

Hobbies/interests: I enjoy camping and hanging out with my fiancé.

Anything you want to share about your family? Family is very important to me and my favorite memories are boating with them. I have four siblings and a niece and a nephew.

Anything else you would like people to know about you? I am so excited to be a part of the New Hampton Elementary and second-grade team.



Karen and Roger Katz

Katz 60th anniversary

Roger and Karen (Kuhn) Katz celebrated their 60th anniversary on Wednesday.

They were married on Aug. 23, 1963, at the Methodist Church in Charles City.

Roger is the son of Edward and Viola Katz and Karen is the daughter of Gilbert and Jean Kuhn.

The couple have two sons — Rodney and Darin — and two grandchildren, Trevor and Jason.

Please help them celebrate their 60th anniversary by sending cards to 1008 East Sunrise, New Hampton, IA 50659.



Twin Ponds to throw itself birthday party Sept. 10

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board's Twin Ponds Nature Center will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a celebration on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the center that is located between New Hampton and Ionida.

The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m., and include live rap-tor programs at 2 and 3 in the afternoon, kayaking archery, owl pellet, make your own owl call and slingshots.

Free shaved ice and popcorn will be served throughout the celebration.

Holy Family Fall Festival set for this Sunday

The Holy Family Parish will hold its Fall Festival, with live music, drinks and food, kids games and bingo, on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Music by Bruce Beringer will enhance meals, serving from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., or until all is gone. Each meal — an authentic Mexican meal or a turkey tender or pork loin dinner and sides — will be served with dessert for a \$12 charge.

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Who do you say Jesus is?

Jesus is many things but remember He is always with us

Many people want to find out about their family history these days. I guess I'm "one of those" because I sent for a kit to find out what I could find out about my ancestors.

I knew about most of the countries my folks were from but I got a few surprises. It was really interesting, though, to see.

We go through a lot to find who we are, don't we? If we don't want to use the search method, we can ask other people who are available about our identity. What about Jesus? Who did Jesus ask?

The book of Matthew begins with the genealogy of Jesus, which provides us some of the answers..

Jesus is called the son of Mary and a carpenter, a brother, just another human being walking on this earth. But the guys he hung out with, those 12 disciples, had other names for him.

They had seen the large crowds of people who followed Jesus around, they had seen Jesus heal people, they had heard Jesus stick up for them when they broke the Sabbath laws, and they had witnessed Jesus walk on the water.

Jesus asked the disciples, "who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied with the names of great prophets due to the belief that they had come back to life as this man.

Jesus then asked the disciples, "who do you say I am?"

The first to answer the question was Peter, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." The same Peter who had gotten out of the boat during a storm, obeying Jesus' command to come to him.

Peter had courage at first as he stepped out of the boat, but then as his attention changed from Jesus to the wind, began to sink. Jesus reached out and saved Peter.

Who do we say Jesus is?

The one who says to come to him.

The one who calms our



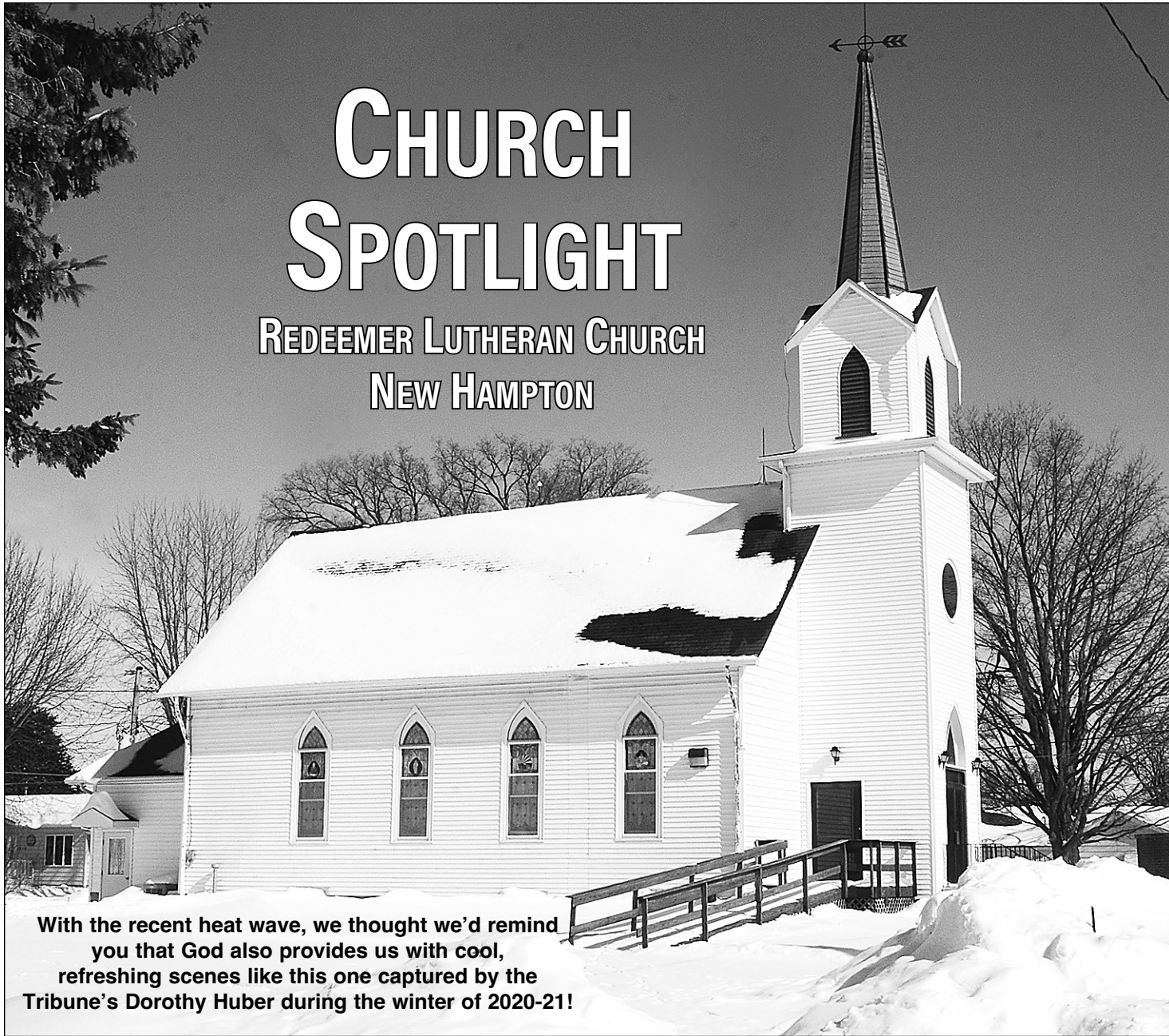
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Should you downsize when you retire?

When you retire, you'll experience many changes — should one of them involve your living arrangements?

The issue of downsizing is one that many retirees will consider. If you have children, and they've grown and left the home, you might find yourself with more space than you really need.

Of course, this doesn't necessarily mean you must pack up and scale down yourself. You might love your home and neighborhood and see no reason to go. But if you're open to a change, you could find that moving to a smaller house, a condo or an apartment may make sense for you.

Let's consider some of the advantages of downsizing:

- You could save money. Moving to a smaller space could lower your utility bills and upkeep costs.
- You could save effort. A smaller home will mean less maintenance and cleaning.
- You could de-clutter. Over the years, most of us accumulate more possessions than we really need. Downsizing gives you a chance to de-clutter. And you can do some good along the way, too, because many charitable organizations will welcome some of your items.
- You could make money. If you've had your home for many years, it's certainly possible that it's worth more — perhaps a great deal more — than what you paid for it. So, when you sell it, you could pocket a lot of money — possibly without being taxed on the gains. Generally, if you've lived in your home for at least two years in the five-year period before you sold it, you can exclude \$250,000 of capital gains, if you're single, or \$500,000 if you're married and file taxes jointly. (You'll want to consult with your tax advisor, though, before selling your home, to ensure you're eligible



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for the exclusion, especially if you do own multiple homes. Issues can arise in connection with determining one's "primary" residence.)

While downsizing does offer some potentially big benefits, it can also entail some drawbacks. First of all, it's possible that your home might not be worth as much as you had hoped, which means you won't clear as much money from the sale as you anticipated. Also, If you still were paying off a mortgage on your bigger home, you may have been deducting the interest payments on your taxes — a deduction that might be reduced or lost to you if you purchase a less-expensive condo or become a renter. Besides these financial factors, there's the ordinary hassle of packing and moving. And if you're going to a much smaller living space, you may not have much room for family members who want to visit or occasionally spend the night.

So, as you can see, you'll need to weigh a variety of financial, practical and emotional issues when deciding whether to downsize. And you will also want to communicate your thoughts to grown children or other family members who may someday have reason to be involved in your living space. In short, it's a big decision — so give it the attention it deserves.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Field Day in Nashua to discuss impact of drought, smoke on crops

The annual fall field day at Iowa State University's Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm near Nashua will feature presentations on how drought and smoke have impacted crops, corn rootworm and short stature corn.

The event will be held Aug. 31, beginning with a complimentary meal at noon, sponsored by the Iowa Soybean Association, and run until 4:30 p.m.

The field day is free and open to the public. It starts at the Borlaug Learning Center Headquarters, located on the research farm. Certified Crop Adviser Credits will be available.

To help organizers plan for the meal, RSVP at neira@iastate.edu by this coming Monday.

Offices will be closed for Labor Day

New Hampton City Council and the Chickasaw County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day. Both the Board of Supervisors and City Council will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 5.



Nashua resident and former longtime Board of Supervisor Arnie Boge listens to a point made by Sheriff Ryan Shawver during Monday's board meeting.

Board puts off holding facility decision for at least week

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

Shawver took an issue with a number of points made by Boge in a letter he sent to supervisors and that appears in this week's edition of the Tribune. Shawver emphasized that he has found reports dated as far back as 2010 in which the state jail inspector has expressed concerns about the current Chickasaw County Jail.

He said a report dated Oct. 14, 2010, said "Chickasaw County is an old facility and does not meet the needs" and he also pointed out that in 2019, the county was told it needed to provide a "plan of action" to address the aging facility's deficiencies.

Shawver also told Boge that he came to the Board of Supervisors during its July 10 meeting to find out to what extent members wanted remodeling of the Sheriff's Office to be included in a proposal being put together by Samuels Group.

A week before Monday's meeting, the Samuels Group's Greg Wilde recommended the county proceed with a project that would cost between \$6.35 million and \$6.91 million that would include the construction of a holding facility that would be located in the Sheriff's Office parking lot, the removal of the current jail and the remodeling of the existing building to make it more "functional."

Boge, though, argued that "this jail is in very good shape now, except it is some antiquated, it does need some redirection."

He also wondered why the county couldn't "test" using the

current jail as a 24-hour holding facility, but Shawver said that simply wasn't possible because "as soon as we change it, we have to bring it up to current standards."

The sheriff pointed out that the current jail allows for only two classifications for inmates and state mandates call for five separate classifications.

That led to an exchange between Chief Deputy Zach Nosbisch and the former supervisors.

"This is a holding facility. We need five classifications," Nosbisch said. "We can not just put two people in the same cell with different classifications like you used to be able to. You came over there, we told you this before, you toured it and you're still reiterating that fact. So I guess what I need to figure out is how can I get through to you so that you fully understand that what you're telling the board of 'misfacutation.'"

Boge responded that "maybe it's a lack of understanding, I've never been known to broadcast misfacts."

The board members at the meeting — Supervisor Steve Breitbach was absent — agreed something had to be done, but they also expressed concerns about trying to educate the public in what would be just a little more than two months before election day.

"I think it needs to come out at some point," said Jake Hackman, who added that the board needed to meet with a financial advisor before making the decision to put it on this year's ballot.

"It needs to be done, but I don't know if 2 1/2 months is enough to educate people," Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said, "and it's actually less than that because we wouldn't have resolutions done for at least a week."

Supervisor Scott Cerwinski was the lone supervisor to come right out and say he preferred a 2024 vote.

"With the amount of money we have to spend to do that," he said, "I think I'd rather take the time to put it on next year's election ballot."

Boge also urged the county to gather more data, including finding out the costs of transportation costs.

"How long will you burn through \$7 million," he asked.

County Attorney David Laudner, though, said if the board is going to have voters consider the referendum in 2024, it needs to continue to work to gather information.

"What homework is going to be done? I guess my comment is I don't want this to then go into a folder in the back there tomorrow or next Monday," he

said, "and then it sits there until next June and we blow the dust off of it and get updated numbers and away we go with it. ... What are we going to do differently over the next nine months is what I'm asking."

Hackman said he needed more of financial information before he could support a referendum this fall.

"I think if we could pull that for another week, I don't want to kick it down the road," he said, "but there are a lot of unknowns."

His fellow board members agreed and will work to gather more of the financial information at next week's meeting.

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Letters to the Editor

Former supervisor asks board to 'slow down' on holding facility

To the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors:
I am writing you regarding the plans for the sheriff's office remodel.

From what I can see from the plans so far there is an excessive amount of demo and reconstruction in areas that have nothing to do with the jail. For example, the second floor and basement areas.

A specific plan to remove the steel roof trusses and remodel of the jail-booking-sally port areas are the only things that I thought were connected with the jail inspector's report.

From what can be seen, there appears to be more of what someone wants rather than what is needed to improve the conditions of the jail and the first floor working parts in that area. Further it is my understanding that you intend to take this matter up and vote on placing a bond referendum on the ballot for this fall.

I am asking you to slow down and discover what is really needed for the sheriff's building and to reduce the nearly \$7 million estimated cost by at least 90%. What has happened to the days when we lived within our means?

Since this spring when Doug Strike, Tim Zoll and myself met with you, none of us have received a response to our questions as to what is needed from the jail inspector's report.

To my knowledge no information has been gathered as to what those needs actually are, but more to what someone wants. There seems to be little or no regard to the taxpayer input or needs, most of whom will never use this facility.

We support law enforcement, public safety, and security at our courthouse 100 percent, yet there are limits to what should be expected of the common taxpayer.

During my tenure on the board, a project of this magnitude would be planned and discussed ahead of time long enough to prepare a two-to-three year levy timeline that would soften the impact to the taxpayer.

The jail inspector's letter suggests a five-year or greater timeline to plan for and execute improvements, enabling discussion and informing the public.

There is no indication of an imminent emergency per the inspector's report.

It is apparent to me and others that an urgency by the Board of Supervisors to move this project onto a bond ballot question for this November's election is nothing more than an attempt to run a general election and taxation question onto a historically low voter turnout (off year) year.

I am asking you, board members to please do your homework first, determine the needs, and then present your findings and plans to address this issue to the taxpayers/voters, so they are knowledgeable of this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and

your response would be most welcome to all voters and taxpayers.

Arnie Boge, Nashua

Supervisors need to vet plan before sending it to voters

I understand that there may be movement forward for a bond issue regarding the remodel of the Sheriff's Office and demolition of the current jail and building a new 24 hour holding facility.

This needs to be something that the Sheriff campaigns on for next year after it has reached a better assortment of voters for consideration rather than rushing it through for this fall.

Informational meetings need to be held for sounding boards on this with the public.

Some general observations based on the preliminary plans:

- 1) Asbestos mitigation. What has been done for a cost estimate on this?
- 2) The office for the Sheriff should be on the first floor to allow easy access for private meetings.
- 3) Consideration of turning the existing garage into a work room/stations for the Deputies.
- 4) What electrical evaluation in the existing structure has been done?
- 5) Consider a six-month trial now on using the existing jail in a holding capacity only transporting all prisoners not released to another facility out of county. This would give you some good cost estimates before moving forward. No remodel would be needed.
- 6) Remember, there is no fire sale here so to speak. They were awarded the best of the best in small Iowa jails two years ago by the State Jail Inspector. I have reviewed his most recent inspection and there were no glaring violations. His recommendation I believe was to develop a five-year plan for upgrading to a holding facility.
- 7) Obtain a fiscal note from the County Assessor on property tax increases for this proposed bond issue over the repayment period.
- 8) How or what formula was used to determine the number of holding cells?
- 9) In closing the jail and opening a 24 hour hold, is the position of jail administrator to be eliminated? Are the laundry and cleaning needs something that could be assumed by increased custodial staff?
- 10) Is it absolutely needed to have an office for the Chief Dispatcher? What additional duties will that person assume which would require this rather than being in rotation with the other dispatchers?

These are only a few of my preliminary thoughts/concerns. I am sure myself and others that may look at the plans will have additional.

This needs to be thoroughly vetted before obligating the tax payers with a price tag of \$7,000,000 or more.

Doug Strike, Nashua

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Thursday: Sunny and hot with a high of 96 and a low of 69.

Friday: Still warm and sunny with a high of 88 and a low of 60.

Saturday: Sunny during the day with slight chance of showers overnight; high 79, low 55.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and pleasant with a high of 78 and low of 55.

Extended forecast: We'll warm back up to start the work week with highs in the 80s and lows dropping to near 60.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

- In 79 AD, after centuries of dormancy, Mount Vesuvius erupts in southern Italy, devastating the prosperous Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum and killing thousands.
- In 1821, 11 years after the outbreak of the Mexican War of Independence, Spanish Viceroy Juan de O'Donojú signs the Treaty of Córdoba, which approves a plan to make Mexico an independent constitutional monarchy.
- In 1814, during the War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops enter Washington, D.C. and burn the White House in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1813.
- In 1981, Mark David Chapman is sentenced to 20 years to life for the murder of John Lennon, a founding member of The Beatles, one of the most successful bands in the history of popular music.
- In 2006, the International Astronomical Union votes to demote Pluto from the ninth planet from the Sun to one of dozens of known dwarf planets.

Birthdays

- American comedian and actor Dave Chappelle turns 50.
- Academy Award winning actress Marlee Matlin turns 58.
- Former NBA sharpshooter Reggie Miller turns 58.
- Baseball's "Iron Man," Cal Ripken Jr., turns 63.
- Former NFL head coach Mike Shanahan turns 71.
- WWE co-founder Vince McMahon turns 78.

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Denise Holcomb, 59



Denise Holcomb

Denise Holcomb, age 59 of New Hampton, died Monday, Aug. 7, 2023, at her home.

Private services will be held at a later date. Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Denise's arrangements.

Denise Ann Holcomb passed away peacefully on Aug. 7, 2023, in New Hampton. Born on April 7, 1964, in Alabama, to the late Rowland and Betty (Chance) Holcomb, Denise's life was a testament to her resilience, creativity and faith.

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

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

After her military service, Denise's sense of adventure led her to move many times before finally settling in New Hampton in 2017. Each move was a new beginning, a new chapter in her book of life, and she embraced each with grace and optimism.

Denise was a woman of many interests and passions. The world spun around her grandchildren, and she relished every moment spent with them. Her love for music was infectious, and she found pure joy in every note.

She was a regular attendee at her local church, where she enjoyed the fellowship and the opportunity to socialize with her community. Denise also had a sweet tooth and was known for her love of desserts and candies.

Her collections of angels and Santa Claus items were a testament to her love for the whimsical and magical. Denise's zest for reading was insatiable, and she could often be found with her nose in a book.

She also had a knack for crafting, creating beautiful things with her hands that reflected her creative spirit.

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

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

Denise was a woman of faith, generosity, and creativity. Her life was a testament to her strength, her resilience, and her love for her family. She touched many lives with her kindness and her spirit, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her loved ones, and in the many lives she touched throughout her remarkable journey.

Mary Ann Ott, 79



Mary Ann Ott

Mary Ann Ott, 79 of Cedar Falls, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, at home surrounded by her loving family.

Mary Ann was born January 16, 1944 to Ben and Lorraine (Dvorak) Busta in New Hampton.

She was united in marriage to Jean Joseph Ott on Oct. 19, 1963, in Little Turkey.

Left to cherish her memories are her husband Jean; three children, Jeff Ott, Des Moines, Missy Miller, Waterloo, and Tracey (Paula) Ott, Bandera, Texas; grandchildren, Caroline Ott, Brinley Miller and Max Miller, Brennan (Emily) Ott, Miranda Ott and Wade Schmitt; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Alice (Bob) Kuennen; and two brothers, Jim (Rita) Busta and Steve (Sue) Busta.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by her parents; in-laws,

Laura Lee Motycka, 76



Laura Motycka

Laura Lee (Murray) (Jirak) Motycka, age 76, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, in Des Moines.

Services are being held in Little Turkey, on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, at St. Mary of Ascension Catholic Church at 11 a.m.

Property Transfers

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Edna Loretta Franke, 86



Edna Franke

Edna Loretta Franke, age 86, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, at Holy Family Parish with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, New Hampton.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there was a family Rosary at 3:30 p.m. and Parish Scripture Service at 7 p.m. Visitation continued an hour prior to Mass at the church on Wednesday.

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

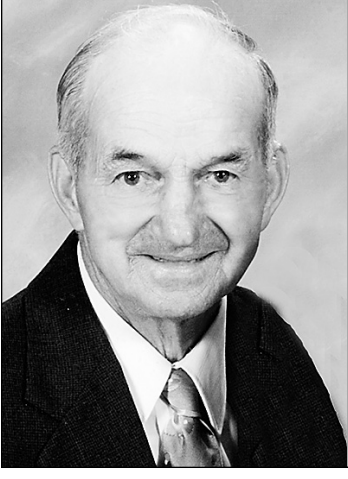
Edna Loretta Franke was born on Feb. 17, 1937, on the family farm northeast of Calmar. Edna was a compassionate soul who left an indelible mark on her family and community.

The second eldest daughter of Edmund and Cecilia Gerleman, Edna was raised with the values of hard work, faith, and community service.

After attending St. Aloysius Catholic School through 8th grade, she graduated from Calmar High School in 1955, and then pursued her passion for helping others by earning her nursing degree from St. Francis School of Nursing in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, in 1958.

It was during her time in LaCrosse that she met Bob Franke while he was visiting relatives. Their meeting at the Avelon Dance Hall was the beginning of a beautiful love story, and the couple married at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Calmar on June 6, 1959.

Edward 'Eddie' John Busta Jr., 88



Eddie Busta

Edward "Eddie" John Busta Jr., age 88 of Lawler, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, at the Hillcrest Home in Sumner.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment was in the church cemetery with military honors by the Lawler American Legion Post.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at the church where there was a family Rosary at 2:30 and a Scripture Service at 6 p.m. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Monday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences for the Busta family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Edward John Busta Jr. was born Nov. 24, 1934, in rural Winneshiek County. He was the son of Edward John Busta Sr. and Elizabeth Heley Busta.

Eddie's education began in a one-room schoolhouse just north of his family home. At the young age of 19, he was inducted into the U.S. Army on Oct. 5, 1955, where he served most of his time in post-war Germany. His service to his country was marked by an honorable discharge on April 24, 1957.

After his time in the military, Eddie returned to Iowa, where he met his future wife, Geraldine Lynch, at a dance in Lawler. The couple married on March 31, 1959, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Lawler.

The couple settled in their current rural Lawler home in March 1963. Eddie and Geraldine worked side by side on their farm, which included a dairy operation. Their hard work was a testament to their dedication and love for their land and their family.

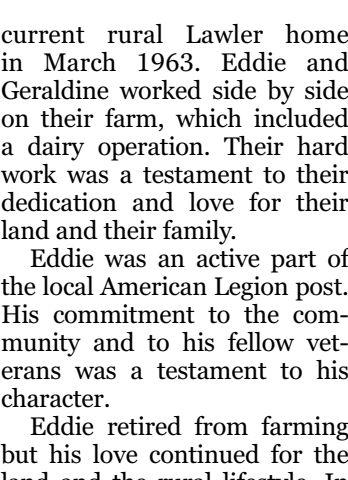
Eddie was an active part of the local American Legion post. His commitment to the community and to his fellow veterans was a testament to his character.

Eddie retired from farming but his love continued for the land and the rural lifestyle. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing locally and sharing the fruits of his labor with his family. He had a particular fondness for panfish, crappie and bluegill.

He will be remembered for his thoughtful demeanor, his dedication to his family and his community. Eddie's legacy will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His life was a testament to the power of hard work, faith and love, and he will be dearly missed.

Survivors include his wife,

Kyle Richard McNeil, 33



Kyle Richard McNeil

Kyle Richard McNeil, age 33 of Waterloo, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2023, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at Grace Baptist Church in Waterloo with the Rev. Wes Kennedy presiding.

Property Transfers

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ed professional but a woman of many interests. She was an excellent cook, a gifted gardener, and an enthusiastic fisherwoman.

She loved wintering at the Villages in Florida with Bob and enjoyed her many "sisters' days." She considered day trips and the many bus trips with family and friends "good therapy."

A devout Catholic, Edna prayed the Rosary and attended mass regularly. Edna loved to visit with people and was a treasured member of the Putter Pals neighborhood club.

Edna is survived by five sons, Michael (Deniz) of Waukegan, John of Clear Lake, David (Jane) of Nora Springs, Patrick (Melanie) of Johnston, and Jeffrey (Natalie) of West Des Moines; her beloved 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Margaret(Robert) Koenigsfeld of New Hampton, Mardell (Larry) Corcoran of Ettrick, Wisconsin, Betty (John) Pell of Urbandale, and Phyllis Prybelski of Austin, Minnesota; sisters-in-law, Rita Gerleman of Calmar and Mary Franke of Cedar Falls; and brother-in-law Ronald Kreitzer of Cresco.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edmund and Cecelia Gerleman; her husband, Bob, in 2011; her daughter, Sara, in 1994; her sister, Marie Kreitzer; her brother, Paul Gerleman; and her brothers-in-law, Ron Prybelski, Patrick Weigel, and James Franke.

Kind, faith-filled, and intelligent, Edna's legacy will continue to inspire those who knew her. Her life was a testament to her love for her family, her faith, and her community. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The family requests memorial contributions to be directed towards St. Croix Hospice & New Hampton MercyOne Auxiliary.

Geraldine; 11 children, Janice (Ronnie) Klimesh of Lawler, Joann (Ken) Lacey of Belle Plaine, Minnesota, Allan (Rose) Busta of Rochester, Minnesota, Dennis (Rosie) Busta of Forest City, Kathy (Brian) Meissen of New Hampton, Gary (Karen) Busta of Hampton, Minnesota, Linda (Mark) Boland of Calmar, Brian Busta of Rogers, Minnesota, Duane Busta and Diane (Chris) Hoey, both of Lawler, and Lauren (Lorraine) Busta of Woodbury, Minnesota; 20 grandchildren, Troy Klimesh, Tyler Klimesh, Kyle Lacey, Marlana Ayers, Paul Busta, Ann Wilcox, Amanda Rosacker, Adam Busta, Autumn Fettkether, Avery Busta, Megan Mueterthies, Nichole Meissen, Samantha Swestka, Jordan Boland, Kerri Hoey, Brooke Flattum, Isabel Hopp, Natalie Hoey, Luke Busta and Emily Busta; 16 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Arnold (Sandy) Busta of Lawler, Bernard (Karen) Busta of Waucoma, and James (Mary Lou) Busta of Onalaska, Wisconsin; one sister, Darlene Gebel of New Hampton; brothers-in-law, Jack (Pat) Lynch and Gene (Jane) Lynch, both of Lawler, Don (Irene) Lynch of New Hampton, Pat (Mary) Lynch of Clarksville, Bob (Darlys) Lynch of Decorah, and Steve Lynch of Lawler; and sisters-in-law, Donna Hoehn of Lawler, Diane (Don) Hoffman of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Angie Busta of Waucoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Lorraine (Ed) Panos, Gladys (Richard) Balik, Walter Busta, and Betty Busta; brother-in-law, Francis Gebel and sister-in-law, Mary (Glen) Rosonke.

Friends may greet the family an hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

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

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

Carol Joanne Burgart, 87

Carol Joanne Burgart, age 87 of New Hampton, died peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023, surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Saturday.

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

Carol Joanne Burgart, born on June 5, 1936, in New Hampton, to William and Irene (Munson) Ball, lived a life of service, love, and unwavering faith. A woman of exceptional strength and spirit, Carol passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love and an indelible mark on the hearts of her family and friends.

Growing up, Carol's life was marked by hard work and dedication. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and later graduated from New Hampton High School in 1954. Her early years were filled with memorable experiences working at the local Tastee Freeze, which her parents managed, and later at Sullivan Law and Insurance. Carol's youthful days were marked by joy and love, especially during her courtship with Reynold, which included many rides on his Indian motorcycle.

Carol's marriage to Reynold J. Burgart on Sept. 11, 1954, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Hampton, was the beginning of a beautiful journey. To this union, seven children were born. Carol and Reynold worked hand in hand in their farming and livestock opera-



Carol Burgart

tion, building a home filled with love and warmth in rural New Hampton.

In 1970, Carol began working for the federal government at the then Farmers Home Administration in New Hampton. She served diligently until her retirement in 1991, gaining a wealth of knowledge about real estate and financing.

Even after retirement, Carol's industrious spirit led her to work part-time at Raleigh Hill Golf Course, Edward Jones, and later at Phillips Modern Ag, where she served for 13 years until her second retirement in 2010.

Known for her creative talents, Carol was an accomplished seamstress, often sewing clothes for her daughters and their Barbie dolls. She also upholstered furniture, showcasing her artistic flair.

A lover of the outdoors, Carol enjoyed fishing, golfing, and annual family trips to the Minnesota lakes.

She cherished the simple moments of life, like Saturday mornings with her daughters, catching up on the week's happenings around the dining room table.

Carol was an avid bridge player and was very talented at the game. She loved to read and would go through a bag of books from the library in a

week.

Carol's love for her family was profound. She took great pleasure in attending her children's and grandchildren's sporting events, plays, and other activities. She cherished the yearly mother-daughter weekends in the fall.

Carol is survived by her husband, Reynold; daughters, Geralyn (Kim) Wisner and Debra (Tom) Pritts of New Hampton, Julie (Jim) Rausch of Ionia, and Lisa (Gene) Costello of Calmar; sons, John of New Hampton and Mark of Cedar Rapids; 15 grandchildren: Seth, Derek (Jennifer), and Ethan Wisner; Ashley (Tyler) Yearous and Cameron Pritts; Brianna (Justin) Schmidt and Cole Rausch; Nichole (Jess) Ellingson and Jarett Costello; Brenna, Eric, Kevin, and Jaidan Burgart; Bailey (Mitch) Hines and Carson (Alex) Hayden; 16 great-grandchildren, Paige, Alivya, Kinnick, Henry, Evelyn, Reid, and Bodie Wisner, Hailey and Adalyn Yearous, Mason Schmidt, Rhiannon, Danielle, Olive, and Lucy Ellingson, Briar and Theodore Hines, and baby Hayden due in December; siblings Marion (Clifford) Burgart, Judy (Darrell) Blake, and Gary (Terry) Ball; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, James (twin to John), in infancy; daughter-in-law, Donna Burgart; brother, Ray (Joan) Ball; sister, Sharon (David) Messersmith; and sister-in-law, Celine (Duane) Galligan.

Carol's life was a testament to her loving, spirited, and courageous nature. Her faith, love for people, and dedication to her family will forever be remembered.

Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those she loved and those who loved her. Carol Burgart's life was a beautiful tapestry of love, faith, and service, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Edward Boehmer Jr., 87

Edward Boehmer Jr. passed peacefully at his home Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, with his family by his side.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Club in Osage. A time of sharing for family and friends will be at 5 p.m.

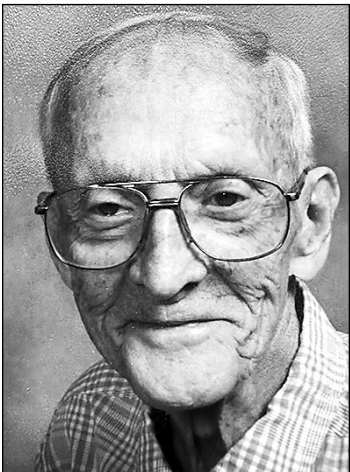
Ed was born February 25, 1936, to parents Edward and Clara (Ross) Boehmer, in New Hampton.

Ed served in the United States Air Force from 1953 to 1961.

On June 8, 1957 he married the love of his life, Beverly Randall, at the Sacred Heart Church in Osage. Out of that love, six children were born. Their marriage began in Minneapolis before returning to the Osage area to raise their family.

He worked for numerous farmers prior working at Lamberts Lumber Yard as a yard foreman.

In 1975, Ed and Bev started Boehmer's Janitor Service, serving Osage and surrounding communities until their retirement. They worked side-by-



Ed Boehmer

side, never being apart.

They spent several years enjoying the Texas sun — visiting Grandma Ruth part-time — until becoming full-time winter Texans in Paradise Park in McAllen.

Ed was known for his love of life, family and friends. Always a jokester — dressing up as a bag lady, jumping out to scare you and always willing to dress up for skits at Paradise Park.

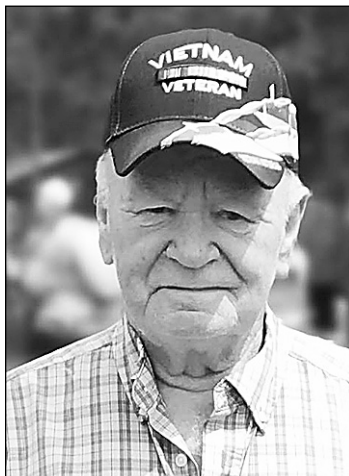
Ed had a very strong faith and was a true servant of God,

a parishioner at Sacred Heart (Osage) and Our Lady of Sorrow (McAllen). No one was a stranger, as he was a true friend to all and we were all blessed to know him.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 66 years, Beverly; daughter, Sandy (Rod) Harang of Mapleton, Minnesota, children Nicole and Sabrina; daughter-in-law, Laurie Boehmer (Bruce) of Osage, children Vanessa, Cassandra, Emma; son, Ken (Kathy) Boehmer of Osage, children, Natasha and Bronson; daughter, Donna (Mike) Kuennen, Fort Atkinson, children, Madalyn, Micaela, Mara and Max; daughter, Mary (Carl) Bethke of Osage, children Matthew and Erin; son, Jim (Angie) Boehmer of Lake Mills, children, Lincoln, Grant and Cael; 19 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Dick, Duane and Tim; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; mother and father in-law, Roy and Minnie Randall; three brothers, LaVerne, Jerry and Leonard; son, Merle; and grandson, Jason Anderson.

Larry Dennis Flattum, 81



Larry Flattum

lend a helping hand whenever it was needed.

Larry was a man of many interests. He loved camping and fishing, finding peace and contentment in nature's beauty. A voracious reader, he could often be found with a book in his hands, immersed in stories of adventure, history or mystery.

But perhaps his greatest joy came from simply talking and spending time with others. Larry was a real people person, always ready with a smile, a kind word or a listening ear.

His love for his family was paramount. He was a loving father to his son Darin Flattum and his daughter Dori Siglin, always encouraging them, supporting them and taking great pride in their accomplishments. Larry was also a doting grandfather, cherishing the time he spent with his grandchildren. His love for them was evident in the stories he would tell, the lessons he would teach, and the laughter they shared.

Larry was truly a loving, friendly, and selfless individual. His outgoing personality and his genuine interest in others made him a beloved figure in his community. He had a talent for making people feel special, valued, and heard. His generous spirit and his infectious laughter will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

As we remember Larry, we celebrate a life well-lived. We remember a man who served his country with honor, worked

Larry Dennis Flattum, age 81 of New Hampton, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2023 at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at Holy Family Catholic Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Jim Goerend officiating.

Visitation of friends and family will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton. Further visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

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

Born in Minnesota on Sept. 25, 1941 to Lawrence & Erna (Winjum), Larry lived a life marked by service, warmth and a deep love for his family and friends.

Larry was a proud graduate of Mabel-Canton High School, where he was known for his friendly demeanor and engaging personality. His education set the foundation for his future endeavors, which were characterized by hard work, dedication, and a strong sense of responsibility.

He met his future wife Carla at the ballroom in Decorah. They were later married in New Hampton on Nov. 19, 1966.

In his early years, Larry served his country with distinction as a Vietnam veteran in the U.S. Army. His courage, resilience and commitment to service were values that he carried with him throughout his life.

After his military service, Larry embarked on a career at Sara Lee in New Hampton, where his work ethic and team spirit were highly valued.

Larry also spent several years as a truck driver for Ihle and Caledonia Haulers. His love for the open road and the camaraderie of his fellow drivers made this a fulfilling chapter in his life. He was known for his reliability, his friendly banter, and his willingness to

Sydney Lau, 22

Sydney Lau, age 22 of Iowa City and formerly of New Hampton, died Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at the University of Iowa Hospital & Clinics in Iowa City.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend officiating the Mass.

Friends may greet the family from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Monday.

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

Big 4 Fair kicks off run next week

The annual Big 4 Fair will kick off its four-day run a week from today (Friday) at the fairgrounds in Nashua.

The annual celebration gets its name because it brings residents from four area counties — Chickasaw, Butler, Bremer and Floyd — together each Labor Day weekend.

Check out next week's Tribune for a fair preview.



Sydney Lau

hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Sydney's full obituary will appear in next week's Tribune.

hard to provide for his family, and brought joy and laughter to everyone he met. We remember his love for his family, his passion for his interests, and his enduring friendship. Larry's legacy of love, kindness, and service will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Larry is survived by his son, Darin Flattum of New Hampton; daughter, Dori Siglin of Mason City; sister, Sonja (Terry) Rapach of Onalaska, Wisconsin; grandchildren, Jake (Brooke) Flattum, Will Siglin, Ben Siglin, Jack Siglin, Brenna Flattum, and Lane Flattum; and great-grandchildren, Lian Flattum and Hazel Flattum.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence and Erna (Winjum) Flattum, and his wife, Carla Flattum.

Legal Notice

CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES August 18, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, August 18, 2023, at 8:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz, Assessor Raymond Armel, Elections Deputy Laura Wickham, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, World Insurance Vice President of Benefits Denise Ballard (Phone).

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for August 18, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion with World Insurance Vice President of Benefits Denise Ballard on impact to the Chickasaw County budget and to the partial self-funding fund.

Motion by Suckow seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 9:03 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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08/25/23

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #156 Located at: C Storage 625 S Linn Ave New Hampton, IA 50659 And rented in the name of: Collin Onken

Will be sold at public auction sale on: Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$225 per unit.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #48 Located at: C Storage 625 S Linn Ave New Hampton, IA 50659 And rented in the name of: Jose Nunez

Will be sold at public auction sale on: Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$250 per unit.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #144 Located at: C Storage 625 S Linn Ave New Hampton, IA 50659 And rented in the name of: Andrea Martin

Will be sold at public auction sale on: Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$400 per unit.

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

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ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2023 5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday August 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

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

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

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

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Babcock; That the minutes of the July 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; That claims in the amount of \$455,218.56 be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

O'Donohoe arrived at 5:05 pm. Moved by Cantu, seconded by Hendricks; that the Finance Reports for July, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

5:00 PUBLIC HEARING This being the time and place fixed for a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as Furnishing Miscellaneous Electric Substation Materials – Stolz Park Substation for New Hampton Municipal Light Plant. The Board

Chair called for any oral objections to the adoption of the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost. There were none. The chairperson asked for written objections. There were none. Board Chair Anderson declared the hearing closed.

Quirk shared the recommendation from DGR Engineering for the miscellaneous materials for Stolz Park substation: Dakota Supply Group, 800 East 60th Street North, Sioux Falls, SD 57104: Bid No. 1 – 72 kV Lightning Arresters; \$2,996.73 plus applicable taxes

WESCO, 2301 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, IA 50321: Bid No. 2 – 69 kV Circuit Interrupter; \$90,445.05 plus applicable taxes

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; Resolution No. 999 RESOLUTION MAKING THE AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR FURNISHING MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRIC SUBSTATION MATERIALS – STOLZ PARK SUBSTATION – FOR NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA, be approved. Ayes – Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Hendricks. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Resolution – approved.

In February and March 2023 Lt Plant business meetings, Resolutions # 986 and #987 were passed to approve the Lehigh Webster et al Operating Agreement. At that time, the public hearing notice was not published in the NH Tribune, so the Board needs to repeat these steps. Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Babcock; Resolution No. 1000 RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE PROPOSITION OF APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LEHIGH WEBSTER TRANSMISSION AND WEBSTER TERMINALS FACILITIES AND OPERATING AGREE-

MENT, AS FURTHER AMENDED, BETWEEN AND AMONG CORN BELT POWER COOPERATIVE, MID-AMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, THE NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA, AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES, be approved. Ayes - Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Hendricks. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Resolution – approved.

At the June 2023 Lt Plant meeting, Casey Stika was hired and was given three weeks of vacation based on his lengthy years of experience. General Manager Quirk would like to include all employee benefits for Stika equivalent to an employee with ten years of employment with the NHMLP. Specifically: sick leave accrual: 3.69 hrs paycheck and longevity amount of \$200. Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; Resolution No. 994A AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 994 FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR CASEY STIKA, be approved. Ayes - Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Hendricks. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Resolution – approved.

General Manager Report: Staff has been very busy as the NHMLP has been requested to generate electricity; engines are running daily; staff has been working lots of overtime during this time.

NH Electric has finished conversions of meters and staff will start taking down power lines.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Hendricks; that the meeting adjourn at 5:24 pm. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk GRANT ANDERSON Board Chair. LIGHT PLANT CLAIMS AUGUST 14, 2023 5:00 P.M.

NIMECAMonthly Power Bill, CTS Improvement \$205,009.40 NIMECA WS-4 Payment..... \$80,000.00 State of Iowa..Sales & Use Tax- June..... \$10,618.59 State of Iowa..Sales & Use Tax- July..... \$12,008.28 USPS Postage for Utility Bills..... \$119.03 New Hampton, City of Utility Bill..... \$159.41 USPS Postage for Utility Bills..... \$146.91 Rapid Printers.....June Utility Billings..... \$235.57 US Cellular..... iPad Service..... \$54.16 Madison National Life InsuranceLife Insurance, AD&D, Supplemental..... \$118.26 Visa Tools, Camera, Tires, Mower Blades, Alarm \$2,769.32 USPS Postage for Utility Bills..... \$138.35 Black Hills Energy Natural Gas..... \$586.20 Dixon, EricDOT Inspection, Trailer Repairs \$290.00 NIMECA Disability Insurance..... \$250.47 New Horizons- Chamber of Commerce Payments on Utility Bills..... \$492.67 USPS Postage for Utility Bills..... \$126.55 New Hampton TribunePublic Hearing Notice \$26.16 Rapid Printers.....Utility Billings July..... \$234.83 Altac IndustriesRepairs to Digger Derrick \$1,289.85 Amaril Uniform Company Uniforms , PPE..... \$365.45 ReimbursementMedical Reimbursement \$235.06 Bodensteiner Implement Company.....

Chainsaw Parts \$204.01 Bond Transfer Monthly Transfer..... \$90,000.00 City Laundering Co.Industrial Laundering \$130.98 Community Insurance of IowaS u r e t y Bonds \$100.00 DGRSCADA, Distribution & Stolz Projects \$14,084.50 Five Star CooperativeEngine Fuel, Gas. \$57,915.60 Fletcher-Reinhardt CompanyC a b i n e t Mounting Rack, Enclosed Double Door \$2,471.70 Geerts Plumbing & HeatingW a t e r Cooler Filter \$327.37 Hawkeye Fire & SafetyA n n u a l Extinguisher Inspection \$326.14 Iowa One CallOne Calls..... \$3.60 Jendro Sanitation..... Refuse..... \$90.00 John Deere FinancialSprayer, Roundup, Chainsaw Oil, Grease..... \$832.74 Liberal Gasket Mfg. Co, Inc.Engine #8 Supplies..... \$52.48 McMaster-Carr...Expansion Joint for Engines #4 & #7..... \$459.75 Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, Inc.Gaskets, Service Call- Camera Chiller Line \$420.11 Midwest Floors, LLCOffice & Control Room Flooring \$8,361.21 NAPA Auto PartsHeadlights , Filters, Backing Pad \$97.71 New Hampton Electric, Inc.Disconnect Switch, Electric Supplies \$3,069.54 New Hampton Municipal UtilitiesPhone \$129.80 New Hampton Municipal Utilities Telecom Joint Expenses..\$3,324.29 New Hampton Tribune ..Publications..... \$148.79 Rapid Printers / Office WorldP o s t a g e , Binders \$77.50

Schueth Ace HardwareKeys, Tools, Extension Cord \$145.62 Stanton Electric Electric Supplies..... \$666.00 Stuart C IrbyHarness..... \$522.00 Terry-Durin..PVC Conduit for Street Lighting, Underground..... \$7,610.36 Vern Laures..... Batteries..... \$319.90 Wesco Receivables CorpTransformer & Base \$36,479.41 Wheeler World, Inc.Sleeves for Engine #3 \$224.18 Ziegler CATEngine Repairs..... \$1,348.69 Total \$545,218.56 Less Transfers \$90,000.00 TOTAL TO BE APPROVED \$455,218.56 PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE JULY 10, 2023 AFLACSupplemental Insurance..... \$131.62 Ameritas Life InsuranceDeferred Comp \$924.36 Ameritas Life InsuranceDeferred Comp \$915.15 EFTPSFICA & Federal Taxes..... \$5,855.95 EFTPSFICA & Federal Taxes..... \$5,984.61 Iowa Dept of RevenueState Withholding Tax \$2,023.76 Treasurer, State of Iowa.....IPERS \$7,716.70 Wellmark.Health & Dental Insurance..... \$11,142.67 Total Payroll..... \$34,694.82

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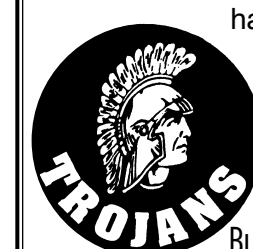
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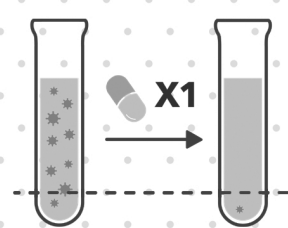
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The successful candidate should have a four-year degree in business/accounting or graduation from high school/GED equivalency with five years of accounting/bookkeeping experience with computer background. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel is required with ability to quickly learn other county software.

On-the-job training in office procedures, elections, and related functions carried out in the Auditor's Office are important and will be provided. Position requires the capacity to continuously learn and use knowledge of diverse subject matter.

Applications are available at the Auditor's Office or at the Chickasaw County website: **www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov**. Submit application and resume to **Chickasaw County Auditor, PO Box 311, New Hampton, Iowa 50659** or email to **auditor@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov**.

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44.55 BLAZEK CORPORATION,OLD BLAZEK BRIDGE REMOVAL..... 1.00 BODENSTEINER,CHAINS AW & CHAIN - CH..... 46.98 BOUND TREE MEDICAL EMS SUPPLIES..... 1181.17 BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS,ROCK..... 21416.08 BUTLER CO REC,ELECTRICITY - TP- CONSERV..... 1015.75 BUTLER-BREMER,INTERNET SRVC (SHERIFF)..... 1593.65 CARQUEST,PARTS, FILTERS, LUBRICANTS,ELECTRICAL PARTS & SUP..... 798.40 CERRO GORDO CO SHERIFF SRVC FEES AGCR012898..... 31.81	CERWINSKE, SCOTT,HEARTLAND INS, PATHWAYS, HHS MTG MILG..... 159.82 CHAD HUMPAL,BOOTS & FLASH COLL FLAG POLE - CHAD CONSERV..... 199.06 CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF,SERVING PAPERS (SHERIFF)..... 1447.78 CHICKASAW COUNTY POSTAGE METER,POSTAGE - TREAS..... 3000.00 CINTAS,FIRST AID KITS FOR EQUIPMENT (75)..... 7046.95 COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER CHILD SUPPORT CDDM001309..... 15.69 COLLINS, JANE,JULY MILEAGE REIMBURS..... 253.49 COMPASS MINERALS,SALT FROM FY 2023..... 7371.78 CONSOLIDATED ENERGY,DIESEL FUEL - AV & IONIA SHOPS..... 5074.02 COSTIGAN, PAT,PLANT & SPRAY FOOD PLOT - CONSERV..... 500.00 COTT SYSTEMS,DIGITIZING CO DOCS..... 7275.00 CRESCO SHOPPER,TRAVEL/LEISURE GUIDE ADS..... 0300.00 CROELL,CONCRETE - BRIDGE MAINT..... 9267.25 CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING/KERIAN WATER STORE LLC,BOT/COOLER RENT - ATTORNEY..... 28.10 DEERE, MISTIE,JULY MILEAGE REIMBURS..... 253.49 DENCO,CULVERT LINING V-18..... 48718.00 DON'S TRUCK SALES,PARTS #33..... 76.32 DUBUQUE COUNTY AUDITOR,ALLOC - COURT ADMIN..... 174.82 ERMAN CORPORATION,BRIDGE REPLACE HICKORY AVE - CULVERT REPLACE 290TH..... 70000.00 EUROFINS,WATER SAMPLES - TP, AL & SR - CONSERV..... 68.25 FAREWAY JAIL SUPPLIES..... 33.43 FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE,DIESEL FUEL FBURG SHOP..... 3678.01 FAYETTE COUNTY,INMATE FEES - JULY..... 3100.00 FIVE STAR,DIESEL, GAS, SPRAYER PARTS..... 8328.84 FLICK, TAMMY,JULY MILEAGE REIMBURS..... 209.60 FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF,BOARDING INMATE..... 1040.00	FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OFF,BURG SHOP UTILITIES & INTERSECTION LIGHTING..... 73.20 GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS,19-2 UNIFORMS (SHERIFF)..... 99.07 GENESIS INC,BARN OWL PELLETS - CONSERV..... 362.50 GILBERT, STEVE,GRANT-TO-COUNTIES WELL PLUG GRANT..... 500.00 GILLUND ENTERPRISES,EQUIP CONSUMEABLES..... 145.60 GLASS TECH/ CFGT, INC.,OUTSIDE REPAIR - 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STORAGE RACK..... 1837.13 SCOTT PHARMACY,INMATE MEDS..... 101.26 SECTOR LLC,CAMERAS - SHERIFF..... 209372.00 SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON WATERMAIN EXT - HERITAGE..... 4394.63 SNAP ON TOOLS,DIAGNOSING SCANNER TOOL..... 5198.02	STANTON ELECTRIC,POWER ISSUES - TNPC @ NAT CENT - CONSERV..... 125.00 STAPLES INC,(PUB HEALTH) OFFICE SUPPLIES..... 55.26 STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY WATER TESTS @ HERITAGE..... 14.50 SUPERIOR LUMBER INC,WOOD FOR BRIDGE - HERITAGE..... 79.37 SUPERIOR WELDING SUPPLY,WELDING SUPPLIES & TOOLS..... 188.43 TREWIN PUMPING SERVICE,JULY LEACHATE JAUL F/OLD LANDFILL..... 175.00 U. S. POSTAL SERVICE,STAMPS..... 182.00 U.S. CELLULAR ,PUB HEALTH CELLPHONE/TABLET BILL..... 742.20 VANDER HAAGS INC,PARTS #33..... 379.99 VERIZON WIRELESS,CELL/LAPTOPS FOR SHERIFF VEH..... 893.22 VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC TAHOE MAINTENANCE..... 191.32 VISA,ISAA & ISAC MTGS; TAPE MEASURES; USPAP - ASSESSR..... 1147.13 VISA,UNIFORMS/GRANT PURCHASE..... 3048.83 WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP,SERVICE- SPARE TRUCK..... 2921.01 WELTER, LISA,JULY MILEAGE REIMBURS..... 242.35 WILKENS,LYNN,GRANT-TO-COUNTIES WELL BILL..... 500.00 WILL FIX IT,OUTSIDE LABOR #33..... 150.00 WINDSTREAM CORPORATION,NH SHOP PHONE & INTERNET..... 252.70 WINTER, CAROL,(PUB HEALTH) GRANT-TO-COUNTIES WELL BILL..... 1000.00 WOLF, JANE,JULY MILEAGE REIMBUR..... 109.39 ZIEGLER,(911) GEN. MAINT. CONTRACT..... 5194.77 ZIEGLER,FIXED HYRD LEAK - DIAM MOWER..... 1092.57 ZIP'S OUTFITTERS,UNIFORMS - CALEB - CONSERV..... 114.95 TOTALS..... \$36,657.11

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Chickasaw County Agricultural Extension District Published Report - Operating 07/01/2022 to 6/30/2023 Beginning Balance and Receipts: Balance: July 1, 2022 Total Balance: July 1, 2022..... \$346,993.04 Receipts: Grant Revenue..... \$10,300.00 Interest Revenue..... \$9,187.83 Other Revenue..... \$300.00 Program Fee Revenue..... \$71,616.75 Property and Other Tax Revenue..... \$280,090.86 Resale Revenue..... \$2,229.00 Total Receipts:..... \$373,724.44 Total Beginning Balance and Receipts: \$720,717.48 Disbursements: Aatrix-e-File Expense..... \$24.95 Ag New Grocery-Grant Expense..... \$115.84 Allamakee County Extension-Non-Fee Proj Act Expense..... \$660.83 Alta Vista Shopper-Program Fee Expense..... \$81.25 Amazon-Equipment and Program Fee Expense..... \$1,847.64 Americln-Travel Expense..... \$268.58 Ashley, Colton-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Bachman, Sydnie-Program Fee Expense..... \$56.00 Bailey-Pint, Kendall-Program Fee Expense..... \$18.00 Bakker, Jarrod-Program Fee Expense..... \$0.00 Barlow, Lane-Program Fee Expense..... \$21.00 Basol, Terry-Program Fee Expense..... \$175.00 Bearman, Jim-Program Fee Expense..... \$2,557.00 Bearman, Titan-Program Fee Expense..... \$18.00 Bearman, Tori-Program Fee Expense..... \$56.00 Bearman, Wyatt-Program Fee Expense..... \$24.00 Berends, Blair-Program Fee Expense..... \$54.00 Berns, Caden-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 BestBuy.com-Grant Expense..... \$10.69 Bierschenk, Megan-Program Fee Expense..... \$100.00 Big Foot's BBQ-Program Fee Expense..... \$293.00 Big Four Fair-Program Fee Expense..... \$105.00 Biotronics Inc Ultrasound Solutions-Program Fee Expense..... \$1,338.50 Black Hawk County-Grant Expense..... \$142.71 Black Hawk Hockey-Program Fee Expense..... \$370.00 Black Hills Energy-Facility Expense..... \$2,564.06 Black Pearl Drink Co.-Grant Expense..... \$75.00 Blumhagen, Gary-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Blumhagen, Jane-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Bodensteiner Implement-Program Fee Expense..... \$411.36 Bowlaway Lanes-Program Fee Expense..... \$350.50 Brase, Nic-Program Fee Expense..... \$9.00 Brincks Design, LLC-Facility Expense..... \$500.00 Brincks, Tory-Program Fee Expense..... \$80.00 Brincks, Trinity-Program Fee Expense..... \$78.00 Bruess, Lynn M.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$31,229.76 Burger King-Travel Expense..... \$132.26 Calm Strips-Program Fee Expense..... \$137.85 Carey, Emarae-Program Fee Expense..... \$18.00 Casey's-Grant, Program Fee and Supply Expense..... \$843.66 Chickasaw County Treasurer-Facility Tax Expense..... \$1,463.00 Chickasaw County Pork Producers-Program Fee Expense..... \$20.00 Chickasaw County Environmental Health-Resale Expense..... \$72.00 Chris Cakes-Program Fee Expense..... \$1,668.30 City Of New Hampton-Facility Expense..... \$2,352.30 City of North Washington-Program Fee Expense..... \$100.00 Colthoff Media-Marketing Expense..... \$448.00 Cooley Pumping-Program Fee Expense..... \$285.00 Cornbread-Travel Expense..... \$14.98 Costume Online-Program Fee Expense..... \$200.00 Cropwise Consulting-Program Fee Expense..... \$167.65	Culligan-Facility Expense..... \$309.88 Demro, Dawson-Program Fee Expense..... \$36.00 Demro, Tate-Program Fee Expense..... \$30.00 Dietzenbach, Donna R.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$102.51 Dirks, Patrick A.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$31,266.18 Dollar General-Program Fee Expense..... \$567.61 Dollar Tree-Program Fee Expense..... \$24.86 Domino's-Grant and Program Fee Expense..... \$428.16 Dressman, Kathy-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 DT's Pub-Travel Expense..... \$41.00 Dungey's Furniture and Floors-Facility Expense..... \$2,488.00 Ebay-Grant and Program Fee Expense..... \$376.60 Eggerichs, Kandice-Program Fee Expense..... \$18.00 Eichenberger, Aleah-Program Fee Expense..... \$36.00 Eichenberger, Caleb-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Eichenberger, Jennifer-Program Fee Expense..... \$33.00 Eichenberger, Noah-Program Fee Expense..... \$8.00 Eichenberger, Seth-Program Fee Expense..... \$18.00 Eike, Elleri-Program Fee Expense..... \$7.00 Eike, Olivia-Program Fee Expense..... \$9.00 Elma Locker & Grocery-Program Fee Expense..... \$50.00 Epley, Wanda-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Fairfield Inn & Suites-Travel Expense..... \$36.58 Fareway Stores Inc-Program Fee Expense..... \$1,253.12 Farm Bureau-Memberships, Dues Expense..... \$45.00 Fayette County Extension-Program Fee Expense..... \$274.24 Fayette County Dairy Producers-Program Fee Expense..... \$974.00 Federspiel, Elena-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Federspiel, Troy James-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Feldman, Natalie-Program Fee Expense..... \$44.00 Fidelity Bank & Trust-Program Fee Expense..... \$180.32 Finn, Jack-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Finn, Kathleen-Program Fee Expense..... \$20.00 First Advantage Background Services Corp-Background Checks Expense..... \$1,488.67 First Citizen's Bank-Program Fee Expense..... \$147.63 First State Bank Nashua-Program Fee Expense..... \$359.31 Five Star Co-op-Program Fee Expense..... \$1,645.13 Fondley, Vicky-Program Fee Expense..... \$484.00 Fredericksburg Food Center-Program Fee Expense..... \$994.21 Fuerstenberg, Josie-Program Fee Expense..... \$58.00 G.T. Murphy, Abstractor-Facility Expense..... \$350.00 Gateway Hotel-Travel Expense..... \$266.56 Geerts Plumbing and Heating-Facility Expense..... \$438.00 Geerts, Emily-Program Fee Expense..... \$399.27 Geerts, Madelline-Program Fee Expense..... \$28.00 Get Air Experience-Program Fee Expense..... \$259.07 Gorman, Lily-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Grinnell Mutual-Insurance, Bond Expense..... \$6,682.00 Hackman, Jacob-Facility Expense..... \$705.00 Haeflinger, Gibson-Program Fee Expense..... \$6.00 Haeflinger, Rachel-Program Fee Expense..... \$45.00 Haeflinger, Samara-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Hagen, Adli-Program Fee Expense..... \$6.00 Hall, Kaidance-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Hanna, Ryder-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Harrison, Jocelyn-Program Fee Expense..... \$6.00 Harrison, Sadie-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Harrison, Trista-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Hauser, Zachary-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Hawkeye Community College-Grant	Expense..... \$500.00 Hawkeye State Scale, Inc-Program Fee Expense..... \$399.45 Hennings, Kayla-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Hennings, Madelyn-Program Fee Expense..... \$22.00 Hickory Park-Travel Expense..... \$8.29 Hoeft, Lynn A.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$4,058.88 Holthaus, Eli-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Hometown Foods-Program Fee Expense..... \$5.52 HyVee-Program Fee Expense..... \$251.00 Ionia Locker LLC-Program Fee Expense..... \$737.31 Iowa Dept Of Ag & Land Stewardship-Program Fee Expense..... \$25.50 Iowa Dept of Inspection & Appeals-Program Fee Expense..... \$52.75 Iowa Extension Council Association-Memberships, Dues Expense..... \$315.00 Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman-Marketing Expense..... \$196.00 Iowa Public Employee Retirement Sys- Retirement Plan..... \$17,597.12 Iowa State University-Shared Support, Benefits, Materials..... \$48,967.31 Iowa State University Foundation-Program Fee Expense..... \$250.00 Iowa Surveillance Team-Facility Expense..... \$1,540.78 Jendro Sanitation Services-Facility Expense..... \$888.40 Jimmy Johns-Travel Expense..... \$286.05 Jordan, Kimberly-Program Fee Expense..... \$24.00 Jordan, Tammy-Program Fee Expense..... \$20.00 Juju, Juliana-Grant Expense..... \$980.00 Kalahari GoPod Locker Rental-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Kalahari Resort-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.81 Kingpin Entertainment-Program Fee Expense..... \$18.55 Klassen, Hailey-Program Fee Expense..... \$21.00 Klassen, Kelsey-Program Fee Expense..... \$24.00 Klunders Kafe-Travel Expense..... \$161.45 Koch Office Group-Equipment Expense..... \$221.47 Kolthoff, Raelynn-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Kramer, Connor-Program Fee Expense..... \$6.00 Kramer, Kolton-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Kruse, Leon-Program Fee Expense..... \$20.00 Kuehner, Elsie-Program Fee Expense..... \$35.00 Kuehner, Emmett-Program Fee Expense..... \$34.00 Kuehner, Gretta-Program Fee Expense..... \$41.00 Kuhn, Abby-Program Fee Expense..... \$8.00 Kuhn, Lindsey-Program Fee Expense..... \$20.00 Kuhse, Kristie-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Kum & Go-Travel Expense..... \$2.55 Kwik Star-Grant and Program Fee Expense..... \$484.05 Langreck, Bella-Program Fee Expense..... \$49.00 Larkin, Denise M.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$116.36 Lawler Welding & Spraying-Facility Expense..... \$1,465.00 LEAF-Equipment Expense..... \$5,578.15 Lensing, Brady-Program Fee Expense..... \$52.00 Lids-Travel Expense..... \$13.38 Little Light of Mine Display-Program Fee Expense..... \$25.00 Lost Island Water Park-Program Fee Expense..... \$816.00 Lowe, Marleigh-Program Fee Expense..... \$26.00 Lowe, Memphis-Program Fee Expense..... \$24.00 Luana Savings Bank-Bank Charges, Fees, Interest Expense..... \$628.95 Maddox, Artemis-Program Fee Expense..... \$75.00 Maloy, Grace-Program Fee Expense..... \$27.00 Marr, Natalie-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Marshall, Lynda A.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$3,589.60 Matt Henkes-Program Fee Expense..... \$0.00 Maurer, Heather-Program Fee Expense..... \$10.00 McGregor, Scott-Program Fee Expense..... \$100.17 Meh, Aye-Grant Expense..... \$20.00 Meh, Kar-Grant Expense..... \$720.00 Meh, Pe-Grant Expense..... \$610.00	Mehmen, Allison-Program Fee Expense..... \$27.00 Meierotto, Lori A.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$212.37 Menard's-Program Fee Expense..... \$118.20 Messersmith Promotions, Inc-Program Fee Expense..... \$729.20 Meyer, Becky-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Mic's Plumbing & Heating-Facility Expense..... \$10,848.83 Miller, Allison-Program Fee Expense..... \$5.00 Miller, Claire-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Miller, Hattie-Program Fee Expense..... \$76.00 Miller, William-Program Fee Expense..... \$0.00 Moe, Re-Grant Expense..... \$560.00 Moen, Kathy-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Molly's Custom Silver-Program Fee Expense..... \$528.45 Monteith, Jeff-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Monthly, Shelby-Program Fee Expense..... \$24.00 Morris, Beau-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Muetterthies, Alexa-Program Fee Expense..... \$32.00 Muetterthies, Jadeyn-Program Fee Expense..... \$36.00 Mukayisire, Jeannette-Grant Expense..... \$3,196.29 Murray, Ashlyn-Program Fee Expense..... \$6.00 Mutschler, Sylvan-Grant Expense..... \$1,146.25 National Curriculum and Training-Program Fee Expense..... \$224.17 Nehl, Jayda E.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$3,201.26 New Hampton FFA-Program Fee Expense..... \$75.00 New Hampton Municipal Utilities-Telecommunications Expense..... \$3,178.03 New Hampton Park & Rec-Program Fee Expense..... \$260.00 New Hampton Red Power-Program Fee Expense..... \$180.32 New Hampton Tribune-Advertising Expense..... \$2,222.72 New Horizons Chamber-Memberships, Dues Expense..... \$350.00 Nie, Duane-Program Fee Expense..... \$20.00 Nie, Johnna-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 North Washington Fire Department-Program Fee Expense..... \$500.00 Northeast Security Bank-Facility Expense..... \$40,497.11 Nutrien Ag Solutions-Program Fee Expense..... \$176.32 Office Depot/Office Max-Grant and Supply Expense..... \$504.64 Office World-Facility and Supply Expense..... \$266.47 On the Track Signs-Program Fee Expense..... \$329.03 Oriental Trading Company-Marketing Expense..... \$101.96 Orr, Linda-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Orr, Meghan-Program Fee Expense..... \$250.00 Orvis, Ethan-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Orvis, Jonah-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Pancheros-Travel Expense..... \$31.51 Panda Garden-Travel Expense..... \$14.21 Panera Bread-Travel Expense..... \$70.38 Paw Tamwee Hope-Grant Expense..... \$680.00 Peterson, Jena-Program Fee Expense..... \$30.00 Peterson, Lisa-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Pickar, Karla-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Pitzenberger-Timp, Jolene-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Prouty, Zach-Facility Expense..... \$1,680.00 Quadient-Equipment Expense..... \$419.40 Quill Corporation-Grant and Supply Expense..... \$698.18 R&R Welding, Inc-Non-Fee Proj Act Expense..... \$1,500.00 Rancho Viejo-Grant Expense..... \$39.31 Rapid Printers-Program Fee Expense..... \$2,428.56 Rau, Madison-Program Fee Expense..... \$125.00 Rausch Brothers Trucking-Program Fee Expense..... \$566.33 Registration Max LLC-Program Fee Expense..... \$500.00 Reicks, Anna-Program Fee Expense..... \$9.00	Reicks, Aubrey-Program Fee Expense..... \$6.00 Reicks, Luella-Program Fee Expense..... \$53.00 Reno's Roadkill Smokehouse-Program Fee Expense..... \$240.00 Richter, Gery-Facility Expense..... \$780.00 Riley's Inc-Supplies Expense..... \$8.99 Rob Sand, Auditor of State-Audit Expense..... \$1,063.50 Roeder Powdercoat & Machine-Program Fee Expense..... \$1,662.32 Rude, Landon-Program Fee Expense..... \$3.00 Samec, Connie-Grant Expense..... \$391.25 Sam's Club-Grant and Program Fee Expense..... \$898.83 Scavir.com-Advertising Expense..... \$79.00 Schueth Ace Hardware-Grant and Program Fee Expense..... \$833.16 Schultz, Peytin-Program Fee Expense..... \$36.00 Schwickerath, Beth-Program Fee Expense..... \$20.00 Schwickerath, Carrie-Program Fee Expense..... \$42.00 Schwickerath, Janet-Program Fee Expense..... \$487.75 Screenprints, Inc-Program Fee Expense..... \$534.84 Seamans, Owen-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Security First Crop Insurance-Program Fee Expense..... \$190.33 Sheets, Kip-Program Fee Expense..... \$25.00 Shop 4H.org-Program Fee Expense..... \$2,471.53 Sidecar Coffee-Grant Expense..... \$100.00 Sittig, Skylar-Program Fee Expense..... \$9.00 Sittig, Spencer-Program Fee Expense..... \$6.00 Slessor, Lilah-Program Fee Expense..... \$46.00 Smith, Carter-Program Fee Expense..... \$21.00 Smith, Jake-Program Fee Expense..... \$21.00 Smoke, Sizzle and Sear-Program Fee Expense..... \$35.00 Staats-Program Fee Expense..... \$2,445.56 Stanton Electric-Facility Expense..... \$344.12 Starbucks-Travel Expense..... \$75.00 Steffen, Jenna Kay-Net Wages and Travel..... \$10,534.32 Spath, Isaiah-Program Fee Expense..... \$250.00 Subway-Travel Expense..... \$229.57 Suckow, Dalton-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Suckow, Kendall-Program Fee Expense..... \$54.00 Suhr, Eadie-Program Fee Expense..... \$30.00 Suhr, Ely-Program Fee Expense..... \$48.00 Suhr, Emily-Program Fee Expense..... \$42.00 Sullivan, Aiden-Program Fee Expense..... \$35.00 Sullivan, Andrea Marie-Net Wages and Travel..... \$238.40 Sullivan, Connor-Program Fee Expense..... \$18.00 Summit View Solutions, LLC-Equipment Expense..... \$2,225.00 Superior Lumber-Marketing Expense..... \$74.67 Sweets by Keke-Program Fee Expense..... \$300.00 Swehla, Ethan-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Swehla, Nolan-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Swehla, Wyatt-Program Fee Expense..... \$15.00 Taco Bell-Travel Expense..... \$14.73 T-Bocks-Travel Expense..... \$7.41 TCR Engraving & Graphics, Inc-Program Fee Expense..... \$19.98 Tegtmeier, John-Program Fee Expense..... \$300.00	Teh, Esther-Grant Expense..... \$370.00 Telecom Services of Iowa-Supplies Expense..... \$145.00 The Blue Iris-Travel Expense..... \$23.49 The Mill, Inc-Travel Expense..... \$199.05 The Nashua Reporter-Memberships, Dues Expense..... \$36.00 The Other Place-Program Fee Expense..... \$231.43 The Pub at the Pinicon-Grant Expense..... \$2,287.86 Theisen's-Supply Expense..... \$169.33 Tokyo Bay-Program Fee Expense..... \$411.28 Toppling Goliath-Travel Expense..... \$34.38 Treasurer, State of Iowa-Payroll Taxes..... \$3,495.00 Tupper, Amanda L.-Net Wages and Travel..... \$1,763.97 Uline-Program Fee Expense..... \$3,132.08 Underwood, Aiden-Program Fee Expense..... \$38.00 Underwood, Lilee-Program Fee Expense..... \$29.00 United States Postal Service-Postage Expense..... \$29.64 Uptown Grill-Travel Expense..... \$30.50 US Cellular-Telecommunications Expense..... \$1,871.12 US Postal Service-Postage Expense..... \$2,000.00 US Treasury-Payroll Taxes..... \$20,923.22 Utley, Zachary-Program Fee Expense..... \$36.00 Valley Vet Supply-Non-Fee Proj Act Expense..... \$2,327.20 Vanguard Publishing-Memberships, Dues Expense..... \$33.50 Vision Crop Consulting-Program Fee Expense..... \$348.63 Walgreens-Program Fee Expense..... \$42.81 Walmart-Grant and Program Fee Expense..... \$1,211.25 Wayfair-Grant Expense..... \$447.27 Wehling, Miranda-Program Fee Expense..... \$58.00 Wehling, Randy-Program Fee Expense..... \$75.00 Wertz, Kaylee-Program Fee Expense..... \$123.00 Wild, Louise-Program Fee Expense..... \$250.00 Wilke, Addysen-Program Fee Expense..... \$53.00 Wilke, Lucas-Program Fee Expense..... \$31.00 Woodman, Bradie-Program Fee Expense..... \$9.00 Woodman, Ellie-Program Fee Expense..... \$12.00 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, Inc-Program Fee Expense..... \$150.00 Zidlicky, Colin-Program Fee Expense..... \$150.00 Zips Outfitters-Program Fee Expense..... \$847.47 Total Disbursements:..... \$347,680.67 Net Balance: June 30, 2023..... \$373,036.81 STATE OF IOWA - Chickasaw County I, (Name), Chair, and I, (Name), Treasurer of the Chickasaw County Agricultural Extension Council, being duly sworn on oath, state to the best of our knowledge and belief, that the items included in the foregoing Financial Report are true and correct statement of receipts and expenditures of the Chickasaw County Agricultural Extension Fund. Signed Mary Schrandt-Prouty,Chair Signed,Randy Nosbisch,Treasurer Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 16th day of August, 2023. Notary Public: Adam Zeien, 798645

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Soil and Water Conservation poster winners!

The Chickasaw County Soil and Water Conservation District, along with Chickasaw Mutual and Poor Richard's Pizza, sponsored a poster contest for students of Chickasaw County this past year, when students created a poster using the theme "Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities." Poster winners received gift certificates for Poor Richard's Pizza. Winners included:

Top left: K-1 students (from left) Myla Strempe, second place; Lyndee Westin, first place; and Aubrey Morse, third place.

Top middle: Grades 2-3 students (from left) Mara Krivachek, first place; Grace Rethamel, second place; and Carver Mrvey, third place.

Top right: New Hampton students (from left) Ivonne Marquez Anda, first place; Annlise Hackman, second place; and Delayne Vega Ortiz, third place.

Right: Grades 4-6 winners include (from left) Addison Rhea, first place; Harley Teeling, second place; and Drayton Koch, third place.



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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton.

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

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:25 p.m.

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

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; that the minutes of the regular meeting minutes of July 10, 2023, be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

– None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried. Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Cantu; that claims in the amount of \$72,474.32 be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; that the Finance Reports for July, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

General Manager Update: Staff is busy with installations and sign ups, a significant increase in new customers in July & August.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk
GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CLAIMS
AUGUST 14, 2023 5:15 P.M.
State of Iowa .Sales & Use Tax- June..... \$1,888.47

State of Iowa .Sales & Use Tax- July.....\$78.27
ReimbursementMedical Reimbursement.....\$4,978.64
BIG NetworkDigital Base, Total Base, BTN.....\$286.77
Butler Bremer Communications Voice, Internet.....\$741.56
Calix, Inc.....Cloud Support.....\$4,646.35
CardConnect.....Monthly Fee.....\$1,659.85
Cedar Falls Utilities . 28E Agreement.....\$1,179.51
Elizabeth Wendt.....C u s t o m e r Reimbursement.....\$37.02
FARR TechnologiesSystems Integration, Outside Plant Consulting \$2,900.00
FARR TechnologiesSystems Integration.....\$2,847.50
Five Star Coop.....Gas.....\$58.49
Graybar .Oregon Thread-It, Adapter, Black Flex Wallplate.....\$1,638.91
Hawkeye Fire & Safety.....A n n u a l Inspection.....\$32.52
High Plains Technology, Inc.Agreement.....\$78.27

Microsoft 365.....\$74.50
Innovative SystemsPrinting, Mailing, Monthly Software Fee \$4,893.54
Iowa One Call.....One Call Emails.....\$10.80
Jendro.....Refuse Pickup.....\$90.00
Karr Creative, LLCAdvertising on Social Media for July 2023.....\$232.66
Lester, KennyCustomer Reimbursement.....\$6.77
M.T.S., Inc.....Window Washing.....\$68.48
Porter, MaryCustomer Reimbursement.....\$44.56
National Cable TV CoopVideo Programming.....\$8,248.32
National Cable TV Coop Connectors.....\$138.37
New Hampton ElectricConduit, Adapter, Supplies.....\$217.92
New Hampton Tribune.....L e g a l Publication.....\$68.67
Schueth Ace HardwareShaft, Silicone, Drill Bit, Tools.....\$270.54
VISA ..Pens, Clipboard, Door Chime.....\$72.15

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED.....\$72.15
PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE JULY 10, 2023.....\$72,511.34
AFLAC.....Supplemental Insurance.....\$48.12
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance.....Deferred Comp.....\$90.00
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance.....Deferred Comp.....\$90.00
EFTPS.....FICA & Federal Taxes.....\$1,643.02
EFTPS.....FICA & Federal Taxes.....\$1,642.33
Iowa Dept of RevenueState Withholding Tax.....\$542.96
Treasurer, State of Iowa.....IPERS.....\$2,398.89
Wellmark.Health & Dental Insurance.....\$2,885.81
TOTAL PAYROLL.....\$9,341.13

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSITION OF APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED LEHIGH-WEBSTER TRANSMISSION AND WEBSTER TERMINALS FACILITIES AND OPERATING AGREEMENT, AS FURTHER AMENDED, BETWEEN AND AMONG CORN BELT POWER COOPERATIVE, MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY, THE NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY, NEW HAMPTON, IOWA, AND CERTAIN OTHER MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 11th day of September, 2023, at 5:00 o'clock PM. at the New Hampton Municipal Utilities office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa, at which meeting the Board proposes to take final action on the matter of approving and consenting to the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as further amended, between and among Corn Belt Power Cooperative, MidAmerican Energy Company, the New Hampton Municipal Electric Utility, New Hampton, Iowa, and certain other municipal electric utilities.

The amendments to the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement reflect the sale of the ownership interests of certain municipal electric utilities in the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, and certain facility improvements including the expansion of the Webster Substation to a ring bus configuration, installation of a new terminal and associated upgrades at Webster Substation to accommodate connection of a 345 kV transmission line from Irvington Substation, such line to be owned by MidAmerican, and expansion of the Webster Substation yard, including

addition of a 161 kV bus tie breaker with relaying and a 161 kV dead-end structure and switches to accommodate connection of a 161 kV transmission line from Holliday Creek Substation, such line to be owned by MidAmerican, (the "Facility Improvements") and include other changes deemed necessary or beneficial.

The adoption of the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as further amended, will reflect the City's proportionate share of ownership of a portion of the Facility Improvements and will result in an additional cost to the City based on the City's proportionate share of the cost of operation, maintenance, renewal or replacement expenses on the jointly owned portion of the Facility Improvements.

The proposed form of Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as further amended, in substantially final form, is on file with the Secretary for public inspection.

At the above mentioned meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility proposes to take final action on the matter of approving and consenting to the Amended and Restated Lehigh-Webster Transmission and Webster Terminals Facilities and Operating Agreement, as further amended.

At the hearing, any person may appear or petitions may be filed objecting to the proposed action as provided by Section 390.3 and Section 73A.3, Code of Iowa 2022. Interested objectors may appeal from the decision as provided in Section 73A.4, Code of Iowa, 2022.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, as provided by Chapters 73A and 390, Code of Iowa, 2022, as amended.

Dated at New Hampton, Iowa this 14 day of August 2023.

Karen Clemens
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Electric Utility of the City of New Hampton, Iowa

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL P. GEERTS, Deceased. CASE NO. ESRP003110
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Daniel P. Geerts, Deceased, who died on or about June 1, 2021:

You are hereby notified that on April 19, 2023, the last will and testament of Daniel P. Geerts, deceased, bearing date of May 26, 2005, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Norbert Geerts and Jeanne Roder were appointed executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever

barred.

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

Dated April 20, 2023.
Norbert Geerts, Executor of estate, 210 East Wilson Street, Alta Vista, Iowa 50603

Jeanne Roder, Executor of estate, 210 South Western Avenue, New Hampton, Iowa 50659

Nathaniel W. Schwickerath, ICIS#: AT0007110, Attorney for executor, Schwickerath P.C., 2069 170th Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES August 14, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, and Cervinske present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Butler-Bremer Communications Andrea Hansen, Iowa Communications Alliance Brittany Morales, Terry Johnson, Alta Vista Mayor Kevin Crooks, North Washington Mayor David Geerts, Ionian Mayor Randy Taylor, Lawler Council Member Kurt Croell, Engineer Roman Lensing, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, First Deputy Sheriff Zach Nosbisch, Samuels Group Greg Wilde, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Assessor Raymond Armel (on phone).

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for August 14, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from August 7, 2023 at 9 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from August 7, 2023 at 2:30 PM with changes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: The mayors and residents from North Washington, Lawler, Ionian, and Alta Vista were wondering why they can't be included in the allocation of Chickasaw County ARPA funds like Nashua was.

Motion by Hackman, seconded Cervinske to approve Resolution No. 08-14-23-68 A RESOLUTION OF THE CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTICS BY BUTLER-BREMER COMMUNICATIONS TO RURAL AREAS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, Butler-Bremer Communications has identified a need to make improvements to the communication system in parts of rural Chickasaw County with the installation of fiber optics; and the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors fully supports the need for this project. WHEREAS, Butler-Bremer Communications is applying to the State of Iowa's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program to assist

with funding. WHEREAS, investment in infrastructure, such as the proposed fiber project, will greatly benefit businesses, agriculture and residents alike in the rural areas of Chickasaw County by providing state-of-the-art broadband services. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its enthusiastic support for the rural fiber installation project and furthermore encourages the State of Iowa to act favorably upon the application for financial assistance. Signed this 14th day of August, 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Cervinske, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. /s/Attest: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor. The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Resolution 08-14-23-66 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: ParcelS 2023-29 AND 2023-30 in the NE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF section 21, all in Township 97 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 14th DAY of August, 2023 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of ParcelS 2023-29 AND 2023-30 in the NE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 OF section 21, all in Township 97 NORTH, Range 12 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th DAY of AUGUST, 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Breitbach, Cervinske, Suckow, Kuhn. /s/ Attest: Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor. The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

[sawcounty.iowa.gov](https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov) under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions. Departmental updates by Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Project between Chickasaw County/Fayette County/Guthrie County/Mitchell County/Wapello County/Webster County and the Iowa County Engineers Association Service Bureau and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Resolution No 08-14-23-67 In Support of the Joint MPDG Grant Agreement & Letter of Support for the 2023-2024 Multimodal Program Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Project and authorize chair's signature. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th DAY of AUGUST, 2023. /s/ Matthew Kuhn, Chairman, Aye; Hackman, Breitbach, Cervinske, Suckow, Kuhn. /s/ Attest: Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor. The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online on county's website <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov> under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions.

Departmental update by Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

Humpal also gave Chickasaw County Sanitary Landfill update.

Samuels Group presented preliminary cost study on renovations to the current law facility.

EMS Director Joel Knutson discussed building.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to authorize EMS Director to go up to \$5,000.00 to be paid from ARPA funds for architectural design to include plumbing, electrical, construction, and sprinklers. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve EMS Policies 301, 302, 303, 304, 401, 405, 408, 411, 501, 502, 504, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 701, 702, 703, 704, 801, 802, 803, 804, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1007, 1009, 1010. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed contribution changes to family health insurance premiums and effects to county budget and Partial Self-Funding Trust. Meeting scheduled with World Insurance Vice President of Benefits Denise Ballard August 25, 2023.

Discussed ARPA funds. \$679,775.81 current balance with commitments of \$9,000.00 to Samuels Group, \$5,000.00

EMS architectural design, \$2,314.00 for EMS building property taxes. This equals \$663,461.81.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve certification of Abstract of Taxes and Tax List for 2022 Tax Assessment Collectible FY 2023-2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve the correction to July 24, 2023 board minutes by adding starting wage of \$16.50 to the hiring of payroll clerk, Luanna Britt, in the Auditor's Office. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

July 24, 2023 Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cervinske to acknowledge hiring of Payroll Clerk, Luanna Britt, in the Auditor's office effective July 26, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cervinske, Kuhn. Absent: Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on Hometown Pest Control contract to service the following county buildings: Heritage Center, EMA storage building, Courthouse, LEMC, Sheriff building, and Community Services Building. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve preliminary drawing by SEH for Heritage Center water main extension project. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve name change for Chickasaw Heritage Building Center to Heritage Center. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve payroll check dated August 11, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments
Hackman- August 9 – Emergency Food and Shelter
Cervinske- August 8 – FMC Executive Board

Motion by Cervinske seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 12:32 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor

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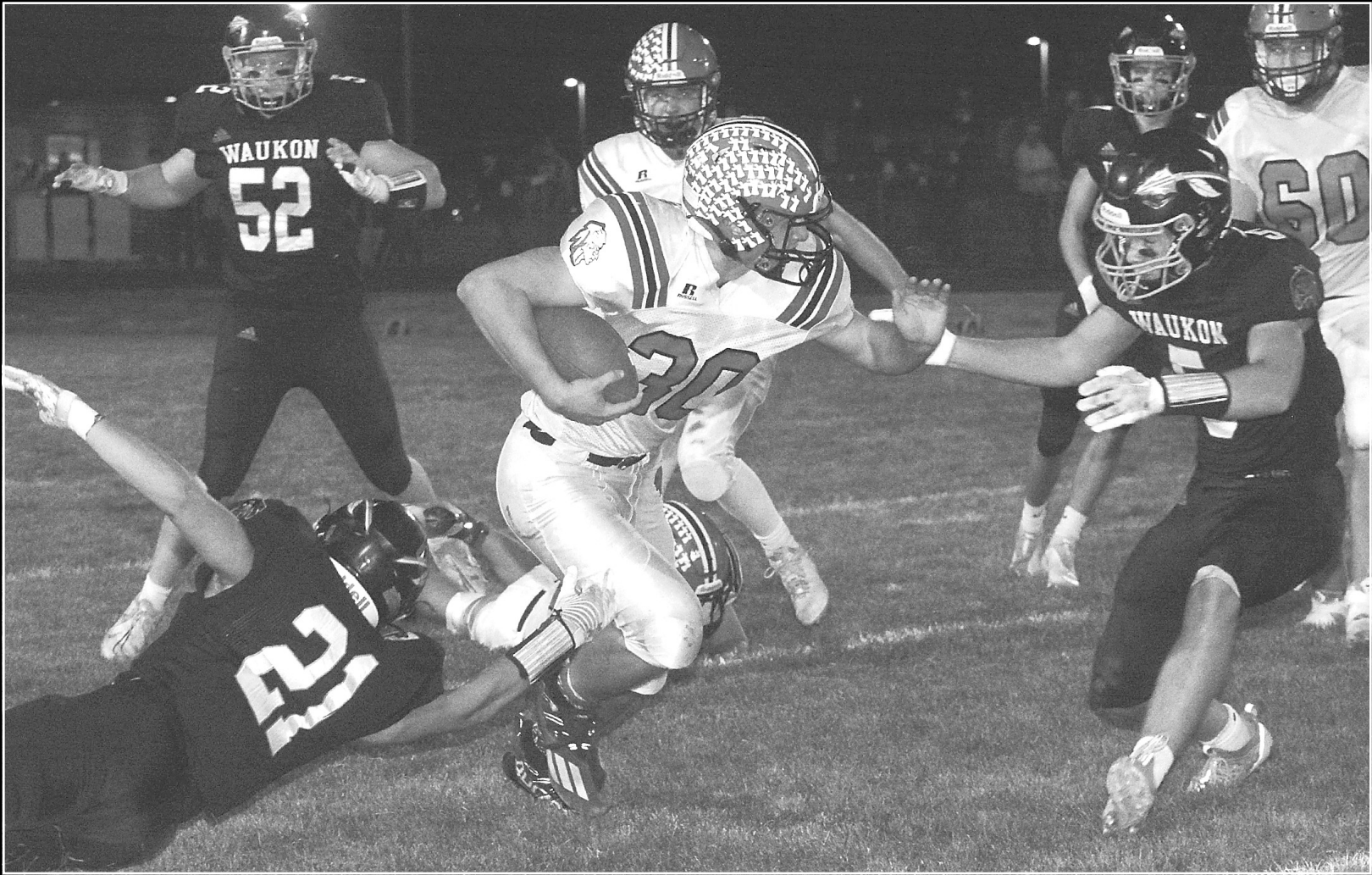
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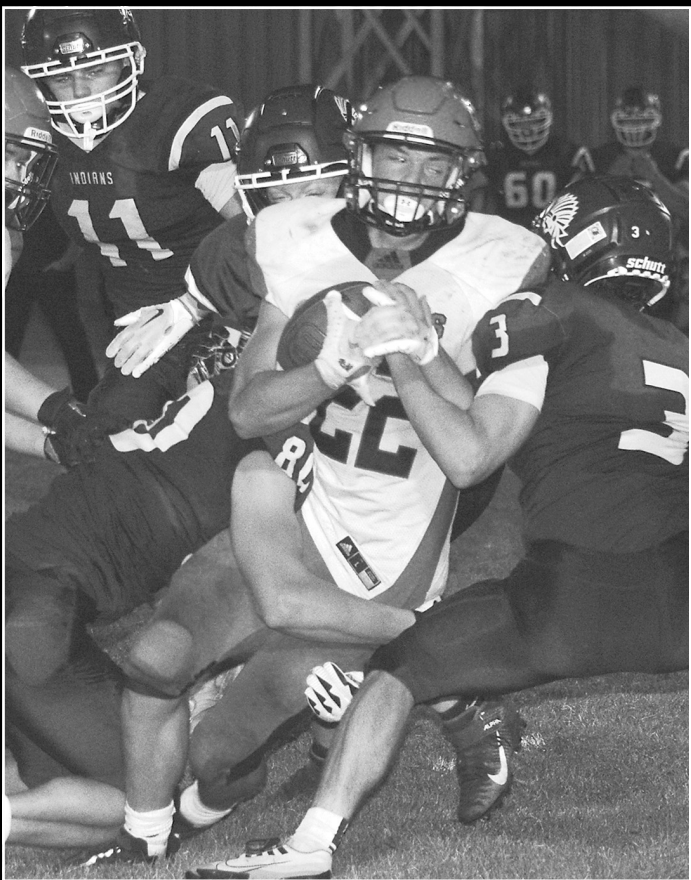
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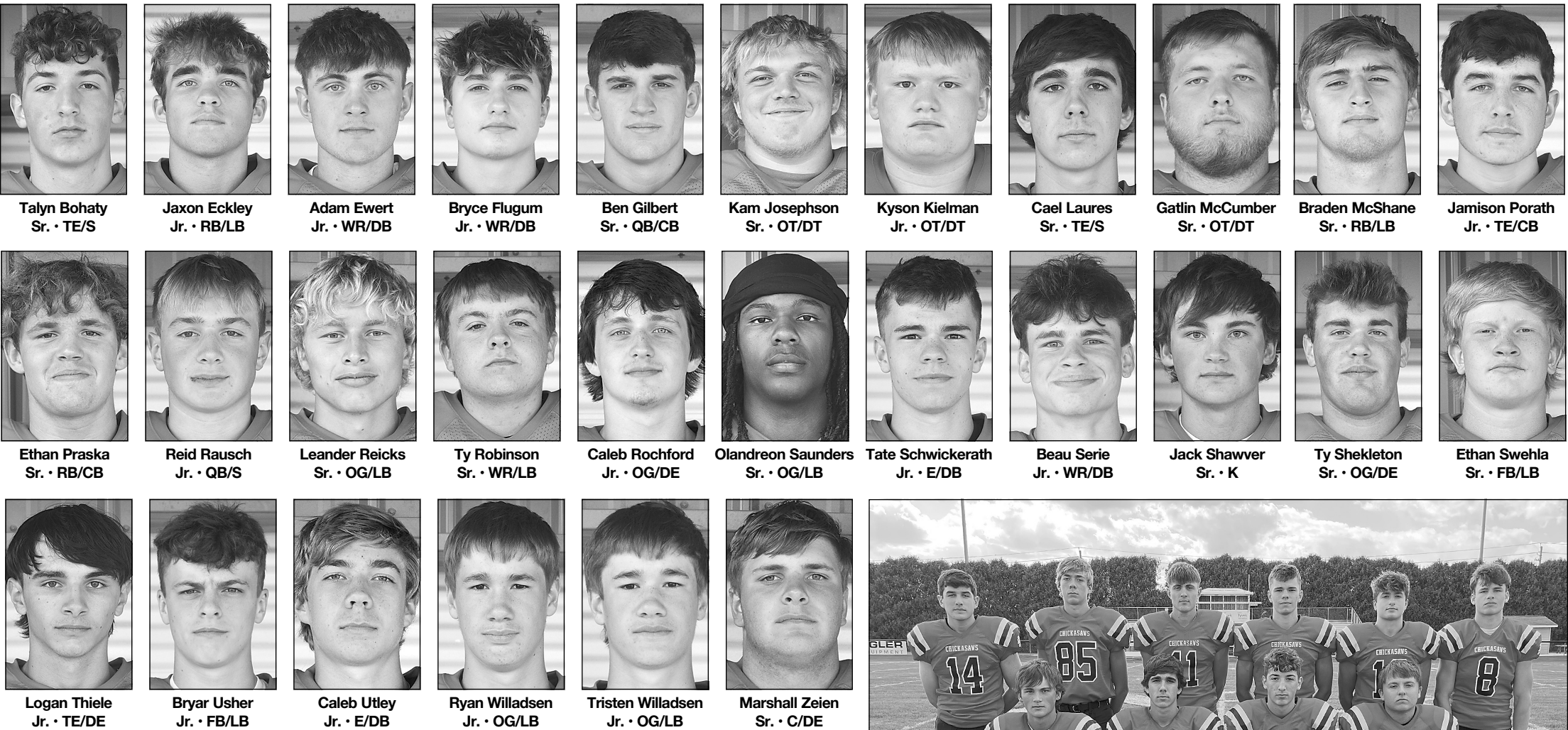
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New Hampton’s receivers heading into the 2023 season include (from left) Jack Shawver, Cael Laures, Talyn Bohaty, Ty Robinson, (back row) Jamison Porath, Caleb Utley, Adam Ewert, Tate Schwickerath, Bryce Flugum and Beau Serie.



The Chickasaw quarterbacks and running back include (front row, from left) Ethan Swehla, Braden McShane, Ben Gilbert, Ethan Praska (back row) Bryar Usher, Reid Rausch and Jaxon Eckley.

TAKING NEXT STEP

CHICKASAWS LOOKING TO BREAK THROUGH ON GRIDIRON THIS FALL

By BOB FENSKE
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NEW HAMPTON FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	Denver 9/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Aug. 28	at Hudson JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	at Clear Lake 9/V	4:30/7 p.m.
Sept 4	Clear Lake JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 8	at MFL-Mar-Mac 9/V	4:30/7 p.m.
Sept. 11	MFL-Mar-Mac JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	Osage 9/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Osage JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Oelwein 9/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	North Fayette 9/V (homecoming)	5/7:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	at North Fayette Valley JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Crestwood 9/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Waukon 9/V	5/7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Class 2A playoffs begin	TBA

As Braden McShane piled up the yards and the touchdowns in 2022, his big boys in the trenches couldn’t help but smile. “We don’t have stats that we get, but yeah, we feel like we’re a little part of that,” said Kam Josephson, one of three linemen returning this year who have been starting for the past two years. “Plus, Braden’s just one of those guys who always lets us know that he appreciates what we do for him. I mean he’s a really special player, really special.” And McShane is part of a senior class that wants to accomplish big things this fall on the gridiron.

The Chickasaws have certainly set the table for a banner season. Two years ago, they went 5-4 and claimed a surprise district championship. Last season, they were 6-3 but all three losses — two came down to the final play — were games New Hampton thought it should have won. But they want more, especially a deep playoff run.

New Hampton hasn’t won a playoff game since 2017, when the Chickasaws advanced to the Class 2A state playoff quarterfinals, but this is a group that, as veteran coach Scott Frerichs put it early in preseason camp, “likes football and like each other.”

That’s a good place to start. So is McShane, who led Class 2A in rushing yards (1,733), all-purpose yards (1,998) and rushing touchdowns (22) last fall. On the other side of the ball, he had 38.5 tackles, including five for losses, recovered four fumbles and picked off three passes.

“Braden is a hard worker and a dedicated athlete,” said Frerichs, who picked up his 200th career victory a year ago. “He is coming off of a pulled hamstring from baseball and this is still a concern, [but] he brings confidence as well as a very good understanding of the

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Chickasaws gear up for plenty of miles

New Hampton girls aim for return to state; boys look to gain experience on the course

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Eight was great last year at Fort Dodge. That was the New Hampton girls cross country team's finish at the state meet held last year – a season where the Chickasaws made a return trip to Lakeside Golf Course at Kennedy Park in Fort Dodge for the first time in 24 years.

What does the magic 8 Ball project for the Chickasaw harriers this fall?

It's safe to say "outlook good" as a likely reply from the plastic sphere fortune-telling toy that became popularized back in the mid-20th century.

While success is never guaranteed – Jamie Ohrt's Northeast Iowa Conference squad returns three of its top runners that shined on the big stage last October in Fort Dodge.

"We're going to make some noise," said Ohrt about both her girls and boys squads.

Anybody that follows NH XC would be remiss by not mentioning the graduation of last year's senior Campbell Kolbet, who turned her Cinderella season into an eighth-place individual state finish – which allowed her to medal in Class 2A.

While Kolbet has since moved on due to graduation – sophomore Tegan Dungey and junior Natalie Nobsch will battle it out for the No. 1 spot on Ohrt's roster.

Dungey just nipped a hard-charging Nobsch at the tape at last fall's state meet. The good-natured competition amongst friends should help propel the Chickasaws to possibly even greater heights in 2023.

"I think that kind of igni-



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Jarrin Robinson, one of three returning letterwinners for the Chickasaws, sprints to the finish line at a meet last season.

ed a fire for some people that weren't involved in cross country before," said Ohrt. "They kind of wanted to be a part of it. It was exciting."

Dungey placed 24th at state as a freshman and sports a personal-best of 20:22 out on the course. Nobsch is a two-time

competitor at state and wound up just behind Dungey in 26th place. Nobsch's career PR is

20:06 and she also placed 35th individually at Fort Dodge when she was a freshman in 2021.

Back for her sophomore season is Ella Knutson, who crossed the finish line in 124th place at state in 2022.

New Hampton is looking to reload its varsity top seven as four seniors – including Kolbet – used up their eligibility in seniors Bailey Cox, Kandice Eggerichs and Catherine Pethoud.

Sophie Glaser, just a freshman, is one to watch this fall. She starred as a middle-schooler and will look to jump up to the varsity level and reach new heights as well.

"They kind of have a little bit of sticker shock from middle school to high school because it's different – kind of swimming with the big fish," said Ohrt. "She'll handle it well."

Megan Pickar – a quality middle-distance for Jeanette Laures' Chickasaw track team – will give it a go this year in cross country. The senior will be Ohrt's captain on the girls side. Other runners looking to make an impact this year are juniors Zoey Dreckman, Aleah Eichenberger, sophomore Rebecca Wickman and freshmen Kailynn Gebel, Kassidy Meyerhoff, Zoey Kellogg and Alexis Nobsch.

The boys team will have to replace two-time state qualifier Peyton Anderson, who graduated. Anderson placed 50th at state as a junior and 65th the previous year.

New Hampton will also have to fill a void due to the gradu-

ation of senior Treyce Orr, who finished 38th at the state qualifier.

New Hampton's top runners back are junior letterwinners Calyb Zeien, Braiden Schaufenbuel and Jarrin Robinson. Schaufenbuel was 66th at the state qualifier, followed by Zeien (68th) and Robinson (75th).

Ohrt said senior Carter Newbrough is out for the sport this year. He competed for the Chickasaws as a freshman. He'll be a senior captain alongside senior foreign-exchange student Ramon Conde.

"Bob (Vorwald) says he runs like a deer," said Ohrt about Conde.

Senior Landon Bruess and juniors Xander Meyerhoff, and Eddie Arnold have their sights set on running near the front of the pack for New Hampton. Sophomores Easton Monteith and Colin Shatek, along with freshmen Connor Stumme, Israel Ortiz and Taylor Dowd are also on Ohrt's roster.



Rebecca Wickman
Sophomore



Calyb Zeien
Junior

"We all look strong," said Ohrt.

Ohrt, in her 11th year as head coach, said she was wowed by a time trial run last week.

"We did a timed two-mile today and it was pretty awesome. Bob and I were blown away at the potential on both teams," said Ohrt. "Just the depth of talent that we have – even being a pretty young team – is pretty exciting. It's fantastic."

The New Hampton girls team competed at the state meet for the first time last fall since 1998.

That capped a three-year run at the state meet as the Chickasaws ran in consecutive state meets from 1996-1998. The NH girls won the NEIC title last fall as well, the first league crown since 1998.

NEW HAMPTON XC SCHEDULE

Aug. 24	at Charles City	Cancelled
Sept. 5	at Warburg Max Invitational	4:50 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Luther All-American Invitational	9 a.m.
Sept. 12	at Osage Invitational	5 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Waukon Invitational	4 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Grundy Center Invitational	4:45 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Jesup Invitational	4:15 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Crestwood Invitational	10 a.m.
Oct. 5	New Hampton Invitational at Plum Creek Golf Course (Fredericksburg)	4:15 p.m.
Oct. 10	NEIC meet at Waukon	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Class 2A state qualifying meet	4 p.m.
Oct. 27	Class 2A state meet	10:30 a.m.



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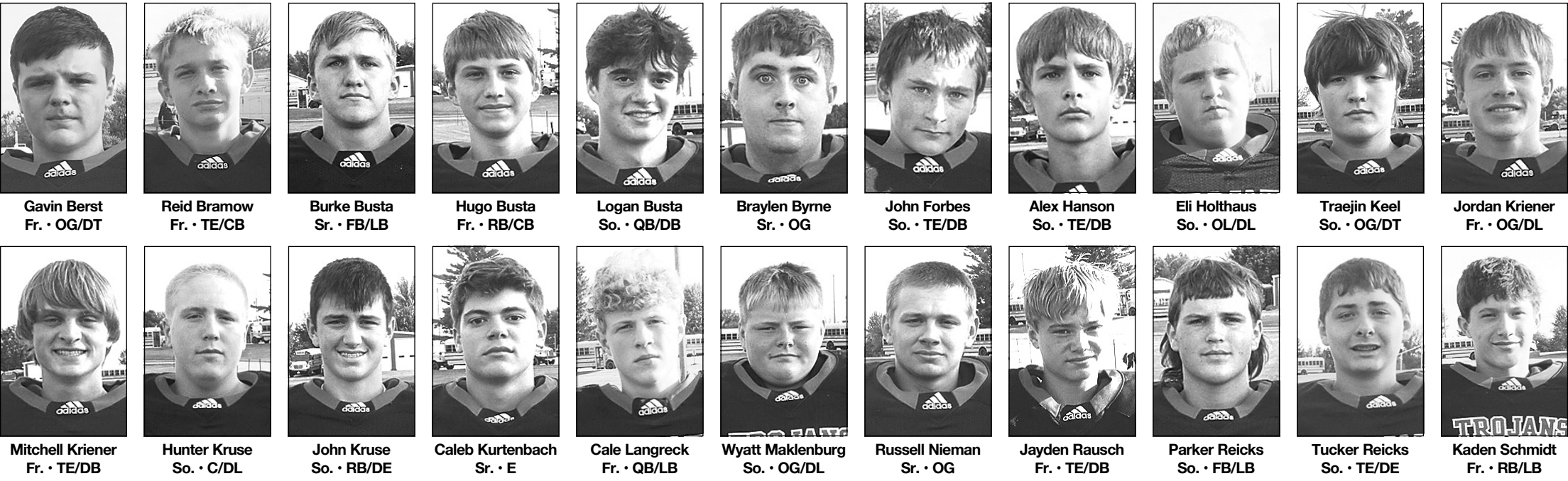
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Trojans look to reload for another playoff run

Graduation hit Turkey Valley football team hard but veteran coach likes team's attitude heading into 2023

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Mark Scott's style of offense in 8-Man football will get his playmakers the ball so they can shake would-be defenders and can get open for chunks of yardage.

The key on a gridiron field is to find open space – a fact that's especially important on an 80-yard field with three less players than its 11-man counterpart.

Scott's high-scoring offenses will also allow you plenty of room to roam via a ground-and-pound running attack that has made minced meat of mere mortals that try to stop his juggernaut, well-oiled machine that can put points up on the scoreboard in a hurry.

So that, naturally, has Oliver Schmitt and his Trojans licking their chops.

Scott's Turkey Valley Trojans have won back-to-back district titles the past two seasons and have come heartbreakingly close to advancing to the quarterfinal round of the playoffs in consecutive postseasons.

TV is trying to change that postseason luck this season and make a deep run in the postseason – just like they did four years ago when the school located nearby the unincorporated community of Jackson Junction cracked the state semifinals for the first time in school history back in 2019.

Playing on the carpet of the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls in the state semis is any team's goal. To get there – it takes talent,

TURKEY VALLEY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 26	Coon Rapids-Bayard at WDM Valley V	3 p.m.
Aug. 28	Gladbrook-Reinbeck JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	Lansing Kee V	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Riceville JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	at West Central V	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	Northwood-Kensett JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	Central Elkader V	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Lansing Kee JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	Clarksville V	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	at West Central JV	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Waterloo Christian V	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Don Bosco V	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	Tripoli JV	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Riceville V	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Eight-Man playoffs begin	TBA

discipline and a little luck.

You can pinpoint a lot of TV's success to Schmitt – a senior fullback that can do it all on offense and is a ball-hawk at linebacker for the Trojans.

Schmitt accounted for 21 touchdowns last year – 1,077 rushing yards and 230 yards receiving. He found the end zone 17 times on the ground and four times through the air.

Scott broke down his progression from a year ago – where he was second on the team in tackles with 57.5. He's started on offense since his freshman year and also came up with two interceptions and two sacks on defense as a junior. He was named second team all-state as a linebacker by the Iowa Print Sportswriters Association (IPSWA) and the Iowa Football Coaches Association (IFCA).

"He's stronger, faster and more athletic this year," said Scott. "Running the ball – his

feet are better. His athleticism will show up a little more this year."

Yes, he's a disruptor on defense and a game-changer on

offense.

"Obviously Oliver's probably our main threat running the ball. Him and Burke (Busta) will do just great," said Scott.

Busta will be the ying to Schmitt's yang, as the senior fullback is also explosive and possesses big-play capability. He is also returning starter linebacker where he came up with 42 stops a year ago at that position. Busta ran for 133 yards rushing in 2022 with one touchdown.

TV averaged over 45 points of offense a game last year in nine games. That scoring output included back-to-back games of scoring at least 60 points a contest in wins over Riceville and Janesville and two successive 70-point blowout victories over West Central and Edgewood-



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Treyton Franzen
Fr. • RB/LB
Lucas Jackson
So. • OG/DL
Caden Tiedt
Fr. • OG/DL
Tucker Tlusty
Fr. • TE/CB

Colesburg. The latter came in the first round of the playoffs.

Caleb Kurtenbach, a backup signal caller as a junior, has moved to offensive end. He'll be one of Logan Busta's favorite targets.

"The reason we moved Caleb is he's a little older. We thought that our best team is that he went there and Logan took over the helm at quarterback," said Scott. "He'll catch the ball. It's a good position for him. He feels pretty comfortable there."

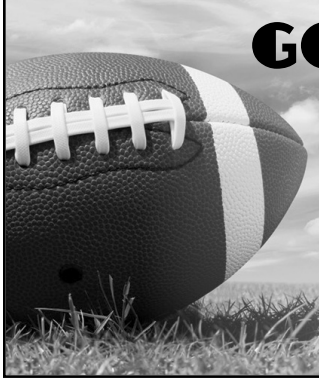
Logan Busta, a sophomore, has been playing the quarterback position since he was in

elementary school and he'll take the reins of the offense.

"He's played the position all the way through," said Scott. "He knows the offense. He moves well and he's got a nice ball. He's not overly vocal. He does his job."

TV graduated several key seniors from last year in the form of Noah Hanson (quarterback/secondary), Calvin Bodensteiner (running back, secondary), Troy Schmitt (center, defensive end), Ryan Franzen (tight end/defensive

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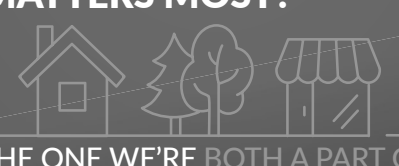


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Small on numbers, but big on heart

Turkey Valley cross country coach loves team's unity as Trojans head into the season

By Bob Fenske
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The Turkey Valley cross country teams won't be competing for team titles this fall, but it isn't because of quality, which the Trojans have both on and off the course.

Blame quantity.

The Trojans have four boys and three girls out for the sport, and because cross country teams must have at least five runners to compile a team score, Turkey Valley will have to concentrate on individual accomplishments in 2023.

That, however, doesn't mean Turkey Valley doesn't have a team concept this fall.

Asked about her team's strengths and Sarah Bakula, who is entering her seventh season at the helm of the Trojans, had a quick response.

"Unity, determination, friendly how they support each other and look after each other," she said. "Those are some of the strengths I see in both the girls and the boys teams."

The Trojan boys will be led by senior Russell Nieman, who like he did a year ago, will be doing double duty this fall — playing both football and running cross country.

A year ago, he had a breakthrough season on the course as he ran to all-Upper Iowa Conference honors and just missed out on a trip to the state meet — finishing 11th, or one spot away from punching a ticket to Fort Dodge — at the Class 1A state qualifier.

"One of the things we know we'll get from Russell is maximum effort every time he steps on to the course," she said. "That's just the way he is, it's in his DNA."

He'll be joined on the boys side by seniors Bode Balk and Luke Langreck, as well as Avery Franzen.

The top returning Trojan girl is sophomore Haylee Hanson, who will be joined on the Turkey Valley squad this year by freshmen Bella Stika and Hazel Nieman.

"We are a small squad so everyone will have a role to play in the success of our team," Bakula said. "We want to keep the fun alive and help everyone enjoy the season in its entirety."

Bakula added that she sees some "huge potential" with her Trojans but will also keep it simple this year.

"The end result of the season," she said, "is to accomplish our individual goals that we set and do the best we can."

The Trojans were set to open their season at Edgewood-Colesburg on Tuesday and will then have nine days off before traveling to Charles City a week from today (Thursday) for a meet that will have races set by grades — 9-10 and 11-12 — instead of the usual varsity/JV breakdown.

TV CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE			
Aug. 31	at Charles City Invite	4:30 p.m.	
Sept. 9	at Luther All-American Invitational	9 a.m.	
Sept. 12	at Starmont Invitational	4 p.m.	
Sept. 19	at Waukon Invitational	4 p.m.	
Oct. 3	at South Winn Invite	5 p.m.	
Oct. 12	UIC meet at South Winn	4 p.m.	
Oct. 19	Class 1A state qualifying meet		TBA

Trojans open season in West Des Moines this Saturday

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end), Carson Busta (running back/secondary) and Chase Hayek (tight end, defensive end).

In to fill their spots are sophomore center/nose guard Hunter Kruse, senior guard/defensive end Russell Nieman and senior Braylen Byrne (guard, defensive end). J.D. Kruse, a sophomore, will see time at offensive end as well as an invert/hybrid linebacker.

Kruse and sophomore Parker Reicks could share time on the interior line. Logan Busta will help out on the secondary, as will Kurtenbach.

"We wanted to get as much experience up front as we could, that's why we had to move some people around. Right now we're still going through some transition, because they are learning new positions," said Scott. "The three guys we took off the front line last year did a helluva job. Those three interior guys got after it. This year — we'll be able to do some things. That's where it starts."

Scott begins his 21st season this Saturday in the regular season opener at Valley Stadium in West Des Moines at 3 p.m.

That will be a much-anti-

pated cross-state clash against Coon Rapids-Bayard — a school that resides in western Iowa. That twinbill of successful 8-Man squads will be followed by the nightcap — WACO taking on Fremont-Mills.

Turkey Valley's new activities director, Anthony Troyna, said the school was approached last year about possibly playing a game in the metro area.

"It made sense when you look at how far we're from Coon Rapids-Bayard and we thought it would be fun for our kids," he said. "And plus, we have a lot of alumni in the Des Moines area so we figured let's see how it goes. We're the home team and everyone, our chain gang included, is on board. It should be fun."

TV (7-2, 5-0) lost a thriller to Gladbrook-Reinbeck in the second-round of the playoffs last fall, 30-28. The Rebels are the preseason No. 1 team in the 8-Man poll put out by the Cedar Rapids Gazette recently. TV lost another close playoff contest to Kee High the year before in 2021, 42-40. TV entered that contest with a undefeated mark of 9-0. The Trojans have not lost a district game in 11 contests spanning the last two seasons.



Bode Balk
Senior



Avery Franzen
Freshman



Haylee Hanson
Sophomore



Luke Langreck
Senior



Hazel Nieman
Freshman



Russell Nieman
Senior



Bella Stika
Freshman



Annika Bodensteiner
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Delaney Busta
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Addison Steinlage
Sophomore



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Senior



Adriana Tiedt
Freshman



Morgan Vsetecka
Junior



Halle Weber
Senior



Maici Weber
Sophomore

Trojans aim for a UIC title repeat

By Kelly Terpstra
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Roster turnover and graduation are challenges that every sports team usually has to deal with.

Seldom does a team not lose key players from the year before.

The Turkey Valley volleyball team is no different.

The bright spot for Shelby Balk's Trojans this fall is that she'll return two key all-conference players that helped win a share of the Upper Iowa Conference in 2022.

Back this year is first-team all-UIC senior outside hitter Adriana Tiedt. She'll be joined by all-league defensive specialist/libero senior Halle Weber.

That powerful tandem will go a long ways to determine whether or not the Trojans will have what it takes to repeat as conference champs — an accolade TV shared with Clayton Ridge last year.

Two players do not a team a make, though, and Balk will count on several newcomers on her roster to keep the ball rolling and the spikes continuing to rocket down to the hardwood.

Turkey Valley went 17-16

TV VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE			
Aug. 28	New Hampton, MFL-Mar-Mac V	5 p.m.	
Aug. 29	New Hampton, MFL-Mar-Mac at NH JV/9	6 p.m.	
Sept. 2	at New Hampton Invitational V	8 a.m.	
Sept. 9	at Crestwood Invitational V	9 a.m.	
	at New Hampton Invitational JV	9 a.m.	
Sept. 12	South Winn 9/JV/V	5/6/7:15 p.m.	
Sept. 14	North Fayette Valley JVV/JV/V	5/6/7:15 p.m.	
Sept. 16	at Waukon Invitational V	9 a.m.	
Sept. 18	at Don Bosco 9/JV/V	6/7:15 p.m.	
Sept. 19	at Lansing Kee 9/JV/V	5/6/7:15 p.m.	
Sept. 26	at MFL-Mar-Mac	5/6/7:15 p.m.	
Sept. 28	Clayton Ridge 9/JV/V	5/6/7:15 p.m.	
Oct. 3	at Central Elkader 9/JV/V	5/6/7:15 p.m.	
Oct. 5	at Postville 9/JV/V	5/6/7:15 p.m.	
Oct. 7	at Riceville Invitational V	9 a.m.	
Oct. 10	West Central 9/JV/V	5/6/7:15 p.m.	

overall and 7-1 in league play last fall.

The Trojans picked up steam late last season and won eight-straight matches to close out the regular season. While Edgewood-Colesburg knocked off TV in the opening round of regional play — 3-1 — the Trojans have plenty of motivation to make a serious run in the postseason in 2023.

Tiedt is fun to watch and can take over matches when she starts rolling. She was fifth in the league with 175 kills a year

ago and possesses a dangerous jump serve. She struck 26 aces to the floor as a junior.

Weber was third in the UIC in digs (423) and was one of its most reliable servers. She was second in the conference in serve efficiency (95 percent).

TV is tasked with the likes of replacing seven seniors on its roster and three all-conference performers in middle hitter Brianna Busta, defensive specialist/libero Clare Courtney and outside hitter Olivia Snyder. Also seeing their

eligibility expire due to graduation are Jacqlyn Schmitt, Alison Leibold, Abigail Schmitt and Sierra Morris.

Letterwinners that will have a serious impact on TV success in 2023 will be sophomore setter Maici Weber, senior setter Mariah Thronsdon and junior middle/outside hitter Kinsey Reicks. Morgan Vsetecka, a junior outside hitter, and senior right side hitter Ryann Schmitt also earned letters last year for the Trojans.

Maici Weber was third in the UIC in assists (348) and registered 39 blocks — tied with Reicks for fourth-best in the league. Weber is also adept at serving — based on her second-best league total of 43 aces.

Reicks accumulated 70 kills and Thronsdon dished out 160 assists, coupled with 149 digs.

Other members of the Trojans that will attempt to get solid court time in Balk's rotation are sophomores Addison Steinlage, Annika Bodensteiner, Karstyn Lukes, and juniors Delaney Busta, Alexis Elsbernd and Layni Schuchhardt.

The Trojans open the regular season in a triangular with New Hampton and MFL-Mar-Mac at home on Monday, Aug. 28.

Chickasaws face a loaded Class 2A, District 3 field

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game for a high school player. Braden gets in the weight room every chance he gets and always shows up. We are hoping for a strong season for this team and Braden is a big part of that."

But he's not the only reason there's optimism in Chickasaw Country as fall nears.

New Hampton also welcomes back experience up front as Josephson, Marshall Zeien and Gatlin McCumber all return with two years of varsity experience under their belts.

"We all appreciate what is going on up front," Frerichs said. "I think that their experience is one reason why we executed so well on Friday at Decorah. Defenses are changing and it can be a challenge to block all of the different fronts you see."

That's where the experience really comes into play.

"It helps a lot," Josephson said. "We've seen a lot of different things so we're ready for almost anything. When we made varsity, the big difference was just how fast the game got and we're used to that now."

The Chickasaws aren't lacking for size, at least from their three returning starters up front. McCumber tips the scales at 273, Zeien, who is moving to center this season, is a solid 246 while Josephson weighs in at 240.

The Chickasaw guards — senior Leander Reicks (180) and junior Caleb Rochford (181) — make up for their size with quickness and savvy.

But the rest of the offense is, in a word, inexperienced.

Graduation cost New Hampton its quarterback and much of its receiving corps, but Frerichs believes that he has players who are ready to jump into the lineup. New Hampton threw 112 passes a year ago and 107 of those passes were thrown by players who graduated this past spring. Of the 67 receptions New Hampton made in 2022, 53 were caught by seniors. The only "returning receptions" were the 13 by McShane and one by senior Cael Laures.

Both senior Ben Gilbert and junior Reid Rausch had their moments during last Friday's scrimmage at Decorah while Laures and junior Beau Serie both caught touchdown passes against the Vikings.

"We will be playing a new quarterback this year," Frerichs said when asked about his team's signal callers. "It has been a good



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Manning the "trenches" for New Hampton this season will be the linemen who include (front row, from left) Olandreon Saunders, Leander Reicks, Kam Josephson, Marshall Zeien, Gatlin McCumber, Ty Shekleton, (back row) Kysion Kielman, Tristen Willadsen, Caleb Rochford, Ryan Willadsen and Logan Thiele.

competition as they have some of the same strengths. It will be ongoing but I am first and foremost looking for communication and running the football team. I feel that both could possibly do the job."

Defensively, the Chickasaws are slightly more experienced with five returning starters — McShane, the three senior linemen and Gilbert, who played a solid defensive back in 2022.

But New Hampton must replace two outstanding linebackers — Ben Tenge and Isaac Howe — who were both all-district players last fall.

"We will move Braden to the middle of our defense," Frerichs said. "We have some young men working hard to replace a couple of good linebackers from a year ago. It is undecided who they will be for sure at this time."

Frerichs, though, believes that his team is on the right path, saying his Chickasaws have had an excellent preseason camp and first three weeks of workouts.

"I like the way our team listens in practice," he said. "I think that we have a good amount of experience coming back. They may not be returning starters but they did play on the varsity level. We have some players who have had success in other sports and that carries over. I think that we have another group of kids who like to play football and that will go a long way as we get deep into the season."

Right now, though, the Chickasaws are focused on Friday, when they play their season opener against Denver at home. Then again, they've been focused on that game for a while now.

When New Hampton players gathered together back on July 31, McShane couldn't help but smile.

"Three weeks from Friday," he said, referring to the Chickasaws' first game. "Can't wait. And I'm not the only one, trust me on that."

Granted, the 2023 slate is a challenging one. New Hampton's three non-district games include 2022 1A playoff teams Denver and MFL-Mar-Mac and a date with Clear Lake, a 2A playoff team that is moving to 3A this year

"Our football program has always had competitive non-district football games," Frerichs said. "You have got to find someone willing to play you. That is a complement to our players and coaches. This year is no different."

And three weeks from Friday, New Hampton will begin its trek in a district filled with schools, as Frerichs put it, "where football is a big deal."

In addition to New Hampton, Crestwood, Osage, North Fayette Valley and Waukon all made the playoffs a year ago, and Frerichs said while he believes his team is "one of the strongest" in the district, the schedule is a "challenge."

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RETURNING LETTERWINNERS FOR THE CHICKASAWS AND THE TROJANS



Returning letterwinners for the New Hampton volleyball team are (from left) Paige Steinlage, Braelyn Rosonke, Taylor Ries, Marissa Cahoy, Hailee Pesek and Molly Wegner.



Returning letterwinners for the New Hampton football team are (front row, from left) Ethan Swehla, Ben Gilbert, Braden McShane, Gatlin McCumber, Kam Josephson, Ty Shekleton, (back row) Leander Reicks, Cael Laures, Talyn Bohaty, Ty Robinson and Ethan Praska.



Returning letterwinners for the Turkey Valley cross country team are Bode Balk (left) and Russell Nieman, but we promise Russell doesn't have to don the pads when he runs cross country!



Returning letterwinners for the New Hampton cross country team are (front row, from left) Jarrin Robinson, Calyb Zein, Braiden Schaufenbuel, (back row) Natalie Nosbisch, Ella Knutson and Tegan Dungey.

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Turkey Valley fans meet teams
TV's Maici Weber (above) sets a volleyball at the Trojans' practice last week and Cale Langreck (below) gets under center during the team's football scrimmage as Trojan coach Dan Stepan looks on.

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New Hampton JV/varsity volleyball vs. Charles City and Denver 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton football vs. Denver, 9th at 5 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Turkey Valley football vs. Coon Rapids, Bayard at Valley Stadium, West Des Moines, 3 p.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton varsity volleyball vs. Turkey Valley and MFL, at Turkey Valley, 5 p.m.

Turkey Valley JV football vs. Gladbrook-Reinbeck, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton JJV and freshman volleyball vs. MFL-Mar-Mac and Turkey Valley, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

Turkey Valley cross country at Charles City Invitational, Wildwood Golf Course, 4 p.m.

New Hampton volleyball vs. North Fayette Valley, 9th at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Turkey Valley volleyball at Decorah, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

New Hampton football at Clear Lake, freshman at 4:30 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Turkey Valley varsity football vs. Kee, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

New Hampton and Turkey Valley varsity volleyball at New Hampton Invitational, 8 a.m.



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It's 'go time' Friday!

New Hampton's Beau Serie (above) picks up extra yards after catching a pass while teammate Kale Venem (below) breaks a tackle during last Friday's scrimmage at Decorah. The Chickasaws kick off the 2023 season for real on Friday evening when they host Denver in a non-district game.



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Kicking off the season with a pair of wins!



The New Hampton volleyball team opened the regular season on Tuesday in a triangular at Jesup with the host J-Hawks and area rival Nashua-Plainfield. NH seniors (above) Marissa Cahoy (5) and Jenna Heeren (7) go up for a block against the Huskies, while junior Braelyn Rosonke (left) tips a ball over the N-P defense. NH senior Hailee Pesek (below) rises above the net for a block.

The Chickasaws and head coach Jess Geerts stormed out the gates in their first match of the evening against N-P. New Hampton (2-0) solidly defeated the Huskies by scores of 25-7 and 25-13.

New Hampton outlasted the J-Hawks in the last match of the night – 25-21 and 25-17.

“We played comeback the whole time. We struggled a little bit. When we were on it was good,” said Geerts about the Jesup victory. “We struggled to do some of the little things well and that just let ‘em play with us.”

NH gets back at it tonight (Thursday) at home versus Denver and Charles City.

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It's a Monday morning and the lights in the storefront part of Screenprints are off, but in the shop area of the New Hampton business, lights blare and Amanda Pemble is settling in for another busy day.

There are "online stores" to set up and monitor, orders to be placed, screens to be made and shirts to be "printed."

A decade after becoming a partner in the business located on New Hampton's west side and five years after becoming the sole owner of the business, Pemble still loves her job, still enjoys owning her business.

"For me, the best part of this is the design work and the interaction with customers," she said. "Over the years, you learn a lot. I think I knew coming into this that there were hectic times, times where you run around like that chicken with its head cut off, but I still love what I do."

Granted, Pemble has faced some challenges in recent years. There was COVID-19, and there was the health issues she had to battle.

But she is quick to say that she and her business are here for the long haul.

"We live in a great community, a really supportive community," she said, "and yes, I'll admit it's been challenging but the athlete in me I think has helped. I'm competi-



tive, and I'm going to give it all I have. That works in sports and that works in life."

PEMBLE GREW UP in Cresco and graduated from Crestwood High School, but she's a full-blooded Chickasaw these days.

Her husband, Chad, is a science and computer science teacher at New Hampton High School, where he is currently an assistant football coach and has coached a variety of other sports over the years. Three of her children are New Hampton High School graduates, with Zach

receiving his diploma in 2017, Alexa walking across the stage in 2020 and Drake graduating in 2022. A fourth child, Jersey, is heading into her final year at New Hampton Middle School.

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Nashua’s Johnson pulls off her version of ‘balancing’ act

Big 4 Chamber of Commerce president strives to balance work with family life in effort to keep Nashua vibrant and ever-evolving

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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On occasion, one has to take what Val Johnson says with a grain of salt. Meaning, she often displays her wit and humor intertwined in a serious sentence. If you haven’t met Johnson – president of the all-volunteer Big 4 Chamber of Commerce in Nashua – you walk away from an encounter with her feeling energized. She has that kind of positive vibe when tackling any number of subjects. She also doesn’t mince words and is refreshingly honest. Couple those attributes with her funny bone (see sentence above) and it’s easy to see why she gets along with almost anybody. Johnson always stays busy, as evident by her time spent while not working. While she’s not punching the clock – she’s raising four children along with her husband Adam, who live just north of Nashua on their family farm. Oh, she’s an independent insurance agent and fledging farmer as well. This is a juggling act few dare to dream. So when Johnson says she has an “unhealthy addiction” with Nashua – she means it, but in a good way. “I openly started admitting that last year,” said Johnson, explaining the time she has spent involved in trying to get Nashua’s name out there and for its residents to reap the benefits of her effort to revitalize and reinvigorate the rural, small-town sandwiched between Charles City and Waverly.

IT SEEMS HER work is never done in attempt to keep the town of 1,500 that rests right near the beautiful Cedar Lake in northeast Iowa – relevant, vibrant and ever-evolving. “As volunteers we continue to try and work piece-by-piece to try to get some of that accomplished. Obviously, as volunteers, that’s not something we can do overnight,” said Johnson. “It’s not an easy task.” That process can be tedious and tireless at times – especially when it’s not a full-time job and you need to get people on board to help facilitate and foster a committee’s vision of what the future may hold for Nashua. “Nashua, of course as we know, is a bedroom community. We have a lot of assets that we’ve never capitalized on,” said Johnson. “As the Chamber and the Community Foundation – we try to continuously keep that vision alive by working on various projects and doing fundraising activities.” As Johnson said – that’s not easy to do in a society that has gravitated to larger metro areas in droves across the nation – often leaving small



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Big 4 Chamber of Commerce President Val Johnson poses for a picture in downtown Nashua, and she has put countless hours into the organization that touts all Chickasaw County’s second largest city has to offer.

town, rural America with voids across the board. Whether that’s downtrodden downtowns, lower student enrollments in the school district or just lack of interest by community members – those key factors can severely hurt or limit a town’s chance at success. Nashua doesn’t have that problem for the most part and Johnson is a big reason why. Being a team player doesn’t hurt, either. “I think we’ve come a long ways,” said Johnson. “There is a some forward motion in working together as a group.” What’s the secret to success when it comes to helping build up a community and remain viable? “I can talk until I’m blue in the face – the number one problem in a dying community is communication,” said Johnson, a 2004 Charles

City High School grad. THE CHAMBER WAS formed in 2015 and the Nashua Community Foundation soon thereafter. Johnson’s been president of the Chamber since 2018. The insurance work helps pay the bills for the Johnson family. Adam started farming in 2007 and went from a 100-bushel-an-acre harvest to double that total since he started working the land over 15 years ago. Adam also owns a trucking company – Country Express Inc. The couple has been married since 2008. “I got into insurance by mistake. I only got into insurance because I don’t know what I want to do with my life,” said Johnson. “I’m a doer, so if I did insurance – then I could learn it, maybe understand it, and help some people along the

way, because I like to help people.” VAL WILL BE the first one to tell you she didn’t get involved in the farm until 2020. The farm two miles north of the fairgrounds has six feeder cattle, 20 head of sheep, chickens and ducks. “We’ve grown that to over 200-bushel-an-acre on untiled river bottom ground, for the most part,” said Johnson. “We’ve made some big accomplishments in the first 12 years that were were there. We had hit a plateau while we’re listening to everybody else grow. So I started doing my own research. Back in 2020 we went to this field day. It was just kind of eye-opening.” SEE JOHNSON, 7

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New city employees embark on new journeys

Economic Development assistant is ready for new challenge

By Bob Fenske
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Kristi Pederson won't get quite the exercise in her new job as she did in her last one, but she's excited nonetheless to join New Hampton Economic Development as an office assistant.

That previous job? Shopping for Fareway customers as part of the grocery store's online shopping program.

"I'll tell you what, I'm going to have to figure out a way to get my steps in," Pederson said with a laugh, "but trust me, I'm not complaining. Basically, you shop all day in that job, and we're talking about 20,000 steps a day."

She won't be walking that much as Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson's assistant, but she will be learning a lot as she takes over for Megan Baltes, the longtime assistant who took a new office job with Omega Machine and Tool, a company owned by Robinson's brother, Travis Lechtenberg.

Pederson is the wife of New Hampton Police Chief Tim Pederson, who began work with the city in May while his wife remained in Harlan to "close up shop."

She'll be the first to admit that the move was one she faced with a bit of trepidation; after all, she had lived her entire life in Harlan, a city of 4,912 residents located in southwest Iowa.

"I think any time you make a move like this — especially when you've lived in one city your whole life — can be a little nerve-wracking," she said, "but at the same time, we've been so impressed with New Hampton, it's all worked out well."

The Pedersons have two children — Andy, a sophomore at New Hampton High School, and Madison, a seventh-grader at New Hampton Middle School.

Andy was able to "test out" of his freshman year at Harlan and joined his dad when he moved to New Hampton so that he could play baseball for the Chickasaws this summer.

A few weeks later, after Madison finished the school year, the "Pederson girls" joined the boys in Northeast Iowa.

"It was a great opportunity for Tim — not just for his job



Bob Fenske/Tribune
Kristi Pederson, the new assistant at New Hampton Economic Development, poses for a picture with her boss, Tammy Robinson, during Pederson's first week of work in the office.

but to be closer to his family," Pederson said, whose husband's family lives in the St. Ansgar area. "It was his turn to be close to his family and it's not like we moved half a country away."

In Harlan, Pederson worked for a number of years as an administrative assistant at Myrtue Medical Center, Harlan's hospital.

"I really enjoyed the people I worked with at Fareway," Pederson said, "but I'd also had an IPERS job for quite a while so that was one thing that really interested me about this position."

She will admit that she has

plenty to learn in her new job, but Pederson said it will provide her an opportunity to really "get to know" her new town.

"Even just a few days in," she said, "I've realized that we have a lot of businesses and industries town and I'm really looking forward to help grow our town."

And the fact that Harlan and New Hampton are similar in size and atmosphere certainly helped make the move more palatable.

"Honestly, New Hampton reminds me a lot of Harlan," she said. "Maybe Harlan was a

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Bob Fenske/Tribune
Parks and Recreation assistant Kayla Flick takes a quick break to pose for a picture, while Tara Hackman, her boss and the department's director, finishes up a project.

Parks and Rec assistant loves job, lack of commute

By Bob Fenske
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Growing up in North Washington, Kayla Flick remembers that it was a "treat" to go to the New Hampton Municipal Pool.

"We didn't live in town so I didn't get to do a lot of the Parks and Rec stuff," she said, "so now, it's kind of nice to be able to help kids get some of those opportunities. We have so much to offer, and that's what I love about this job. I get a chance to help keep kids busy, active and looking forward to the next thing."

Flick has served as the assistant to Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman since April, and she appreciates the job for a couple of reasons — not only does she get to help make sure New Hampton-area kids have plenty to do but she also doesn't have to make the daily commute to Decorah.

She replace Brodie Bohlen, who worked for the department just a few months before accepting the director position at Solon Parks and Recreation last month. Bohlen, of course, replaced current Parks and Rec Director Tara Hackman, who took over as the department's administrator when longtime Director Rick Kramer retired in early January.

Flick graduated from New Hampton High School in 2011 and then attended North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City to become a physical therapy assistant. After grad-

uating from NIACC, she worked for nine years in Decorah.

"Loved the job," she said and then added with a laugh, "but the drive was another story. I really did enjoy working with the patients but I was at the point where spending an hour and a half in the car every day had gotten really, really old."

Now, she's a mere minutes from the office, and although she admits that there has been a learning curve — "until you work here, you have absolutely no idea how many programs we actually have" — she's enjoying the work, her new boss and her co-workers at the New Hampton Community Center, which is also home to the City Clerk's and Economic Development offices.

"Everyone really pitches in, and it makes it a fun place to work," she said. "I work with a great group of people who have a lot of fun but also get a lot of things done for the city."

One thing she has really come to appreciate about the Parks and Recreation Department is the fact that it's much more than just a sports-based entity. Don't get her wrong, she loves the games kids play — be it soccer, football, volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball — but she likes the fact that she's part of a department that also sponsors a number of arts programs.

"One of the things I'm already really proud of is that we not only have the sports," she said, "but we also accommodate the creative side. I couldn't have asked for a better few months and I can't wait to see what Tara comes up with next."

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Turkey Valley fourth-grade teacher Robyn Vsetecka has always had a sense of adventure — like the time she rappelled down the school building — but her heart remains with her students that fill her classroom each year.



Teacher loves seeing kids excited about school

Scores of Turkey Valley students thankful that Mrs. Vsetecka gave up accounting and went into education

By DOROTHY HUBER
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When Robyn Vsetecka was a student at Turkey Valley — then Robyn Hageman — she thought her career path would lead her to a job in accounting.

Her dad was into math; it was in her blood.

So as the teacher prepared last week for her fourth-grade students to come back from their summer vacation, Vsetecka — back at Turkey Valley — talked about the twist her plans took.

“When I was taking accounting at UNI, I thought ‘I can’t sit behind a desk all day long, I have to move!’”

Growing up on a farm with seven

“IN FOURTH GRADE THE KIDS ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT SCHOOL. I’VE HAD KIDS WHO DIDN’T WANT THE SCHOOL YEAR TO BE OVER AND THAT MAKES ME FEEL REALLY GOOD.”

— TURKEY VALLEY FOURTH-GRADE TEACHER ROBYN VSETECKA

siblings, she was used to a lot of activity.

After graduating from UNI in 1991 she taught four years at De Sales in Ossian and another four years at St. Joseph Community School in New Hampton, before taking a job at Turkey Valley, where she’s taught for the last 24 years. During that time she went back to get her masters from Viterbo University in 2005.

That desire to be active led to some questionable decisions made by Vsetecka as an adult, but deciding to become a teacher wasn’t one of them. “I enjoy children and have a desire to learn,” she said. “And fourth grade is my favorite age, it’s an exceptional age.”

She’s also taught second and sixth grades. “In fourth grade the kids are so excited about school. I’ve had kids

who didn’t want the school year to be over and that makes me feel really good.”

BEFORE GRADUATING from TVHS in 1987, Vsetecka was in cross country, track, and was a wrestling cheerleader. But her love of running is what led to some of those questionable decisions. Like the mud run she entered in the Des Moines area. “Sharon Samec talked me into that one. There was rain the night before, so that might have made things worse, but the mud was nearly up to my waist. It was horrible, not pretty!”

There was apparently a photo taken after the race, but Vsetecka courteously declined to provide a copy to go along with this article.

The St. Lucas native also had some other so-called “dumb ideas” — the kind that inflict misery at the time but make great stories afterward. Like the seven-mile Quad Cities Bix 7 (“big hill at the start, nearly killed me”), half marathons or the winter event held on Lake Superior called Book Across the Bay, where participants snowshoe a total of six miles, across the lake and back. The trek takes place at night; organizers try to pick a time during a full moon. “Oh yeah, I’ve had a lot of bad ideas.”

VSETECKA’S ACTIVITIES this summer centered more around family. During her time off she spent time

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Screenprints owner appreciates supportive community

PEMBLE: FROM 1

After graduating from high school, Pemble attended Waldorf College in Forest City, where she received an associate of arts degree in business and played volleyball for the Warriors. She then transferred to Iowa State University, where she received her bachelor's degree in business and marketing.

"I've always been a people person," Pemble said, "and really, that's what business is. If you want to succeed in business, you have to be comfortable with different kinds of people. Your customers are always different. Some are talkative, some are quiet, some know exactly what they want, some have just a concept, some want you to tell them what they need. It's important to realize - like anything in life - that no two people are alike."

After college, she worked for Von Maur, where she was working to become a buyer for the Dubuque-based department store. Eventually, after a stop in Decorah where she worked as the clothing manager for the Luther College bookstore, she made her way to New Hampton.

For almost four years, she worked as an advertising representative for the Tribune.

"It really gave me a great start in getting to know New Hampton," she said. "I met so many people, and I really enjoyed it."

AFTER JERSEY WAS born in 2010, Pemble took a job with Janet Gage, the then-owner of Screenprints.

The long-term goal when she accepted Gage's offer was to become a partner in the business, but first ...

"I wanted to make sure this was something I really wanted to do," she said, "and it didn't take me long to realize this was an incredible opportunity and something I enjoyed. That first year — those first few years really — I learned a lot." She paused and laughed.

"Like those shirts don't just magically happen."

If there is a lesson for those who aren't screenprinters, it is this: It is labor intensive, with the emphasis on intensive. If there's a second lesson, it is the fact that there are times there isn't, well, a lot of time.

Start with the labor intensive part.

Pemble begins every project at her computer, coming up with the design that she and, more importantly, the customer like.

Screens are made, and yes, for most jobs, it is plural. That's because every color needs its own screen. So a shirt with five colors needs five screens. After the screens are ready, the shirt is laid down, the screen is applied and the shirt is run through a dryer. And for each color, the



Bob Fenske/Tribune

A line of New Hampton Chickasaw clothing fills the "shopping area" at Screenprints, but the reality is that owner Amannda Pemble and her staff also provide a variety of items for businesses, benefits and organizations.

process is repeated.

Also in her shop is an embroidery machine that is used for caps, but the point is — be it a shirt or a hat — there isn't a machine to drop said shirt or cap into and that does all the work.

"In the end, when I get to see a shirt — be it for a school, a business, a benefit or anything else — finished," she said, "it is rewarding and it comes with the realization that a lot of work went into it."

IN 2018, PEMBLE took over the business as its sole owner, and for a couple of years, things went, in a word, smooth.

And then came 2020. To be more precise, then came March 2020 and the onset of the pandemic. For a while, she had to close the business, but the lingering effects of COVID were felt for years.

"The biggest problem was with shipping," she said, "and you never knew if you were going to be able to get product. That was so frustrating because it was something you really didn't think about before COVID. Now, all of a sudden, we were ordering shirts and just praying that they would show up sometime."

The good news is that the supply-chain issues are finally sorting themselves out. In recent months, Pemble has had fewer and fewer problems with getting product.

"It might be four days, instead of two," she said and then added with a laugh, "but that's way better than it was when it might be three weeks or never."

YET AN EVEN bigger challenge popped up just before Christmas in 2021, when Pemble was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I've had better Christmas presents," Pemble said, "and as hard as it was, the support from Chad, my kids, my family, our friends, the community ... it shows you what a special place this is."

As she went through her medical treatments, she cut back the hours that the store was open because "every doctor and nurse told me to listen to my body."

Yet, Screenprints didn't turn down a single job. Her daughter, Alexa, and her employee, Kiersten Tenge, both stepped in and did a yeoman's job filling in for Amannda when her illness kept her at home.

Her customers were also understanding.

"There were times we had to say, 'We can get it done but we might need an extra day or two,' and they didn't bat an eye," Pemble said. "It's times like those that you know the community, your customers, really have your back. Grateful doesn't even come close to how I feel about how people were there for us and lifted us up."

NORMALCY HAS RETURNED to Screenprints in recent months, and the business' owner has embraced the changes she has seen since she first reported to work at 651 W. Milwaukee Street in the fall of 2010.

For years, all orders were done on "paper" so when this team or that team put together a clothing order or this team or that team made it to the state tournament, the sheer volume of paperwork was immense.

Now, Screenprints opens its "online stores" and folks can look through a store's "catalog" and pick out what they want and at a touch of a button, Pemble and her staff, which these days also includes New Hampton High School student Addison Trower, knows exactly how many t-shirts, sweatshirts, stocking hats and caps

have been ordered.

That's doubly important on those quick turn-around orders.

For example, a wrestling team doesn't know how many wrestlers have qualified for the state tournament until a Saturday evening, but that team wants its shirts ready for the state tournament that begins on the following Wednesday.

"It's exciting and all that," Pemble said, "but it's nerve-wracking, too. Remember how I told you this business is labor intensive? Those weeks, that doesn't even come close to what it's like around here. ... It's why you'll see my vehicle here at some really strange times."

IT HAS BEEN a busy summer for Pemble.

Zach married Emily Schwickerath on July 1 and just accepted a new job, one that will have him return to Ames. Alexa graduated from Iowa State in just three years and has settled into her new job at U.S. Bank in Waterloo. Drake was home for the summer but is getting ready to shift from playing football at Morningside to picking up a basketball at Wartburg. And Jersey is getting ready for eighth grade, which means she'll be a high schooler next year.

"Don't make me cry," Pemble said with a quick smile. "I can't believe how fast time goes. When we're younger, people tell you that it speeds up as you get older and I hate to say it but they're right."

Meanwhile, on New Hampton's west side, the owner of Screenprints is gearing up for another busy year — getting all kinds of shirts, sweatshirts and hats ready to be worn not only by proud Chickasaws but also employees of area businesses and supporters of those going through tough times.

"This is a great community filled with so many supportive and caring people," Pemble said, "and we're excited for the future. We're not going anywhere, that's for sure. Yes, it's work but it's fun work and it's nice to see our work out there in the community."

She paused for a moment and smiled.

"When I see a shirt from back when Zach played — or any of the kids played — it brings back great memories. That's pretty cool."

(L-R): Barbara Schwickerath, Dawn Anderson, Sue Gossling, Erin Phillips, Victoria Lechtenberg, Amber Kurash, Rachel Kiffel, Jane Goodwin, LeEllen Sobolik, Pam Hruska, Pauline Shatek; Kathy Gruenberg (not pictured)

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N-P teacher, coach stays true to her roots at alma mater

With child No. 3 on the way, McCall adeptly juggles family life, teaching career and her duties as a Husky coach

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Amber McCall was raised smack dab in the middle of Nashua and Plainfield here in northern Iowa.

That meant she rode the Plainfield school bus, while her address was technically Nashua. She's a true blue Husky any way you slice it. So it only made sense for the 2014 Nashua-Plainfield High School graduate to return to her roots. That meant she stayed in the area as an educator/coach to help plant the seeds that have produced countless and successful N-P students in the school district ever since the two schools merged in the 1990s.

"I grew up here. I went here my entire life. My dad actually graduated from Plainfield," said McCall.

McCall – who is pregnant with her third child (daughter) – works a balancing act between mom, teacher and coach that is rewarding, yet challenging at the same time. That means there's joyful moments as a parent and instructor – which also include juggling any number of important tasks and duties.

"I saw a meme this morning and it was moms – and they have like 50 tabs open in their head and it's like just rotating through the tabs. I felt like I could relate to that a lot," said McCall, N-P's junior high physical education teacher and health instructor.

The former standout N-P volleyball and softball star for the Huskies knows she can't do it all alone. She says the help she receives – just like a pass or throw from a teammate in the sports world – is vital to not only herself, but to her student athlete's success as well. Understanding that is what helps make McCall the influential leader and devoted wife and parent that she is.

"Honestly, it takes a village. I'm very, very blessed with my husband. He's an absolute rock star at home," she said about her husband Zade, a 2015 N-P grad that works for the city and took over for Dan Zwanziger, who retired recently as head of Nashua's street department.

Zade and Amber are more than just high school sweethearts – as they started dating back in junior high.

"We've been together for 13 years," said Amber, who was head coach of the N-P volleyball squad for several seasons and helped lead the Huskies girls track team to its first ever girls state championship in track two years ago as an assistant coach. The Huskies placed runner-up at state in Class 1A this past spring under the direction of McCall, who was head coach in 2023.

Just like in athletics, life's path can incur bumps in the road that sometimes derail one's plans.

That means kids get sick – which is just a fact of life. So when Amber needs to be by their side to get them back up to full strength – she knows she can count on her "team" to provide the assistance she needs in order to keep things running smoothly. That "squad" would be her mother, grandparents and Zade – who come to the rescue on occasion to give Amber a helping hand.

Late nights can be par for the course in Amber's chosen profession.

"There's sometimes I don't get home until 10 o'clock. He has the kids fed, he has them bathed. A village, thankfully, goes beyond that, too. My husband's very involved. He's on the fire

SEE MCCALL, 7



Amber McCall poses for a photo in her classroom last week as she gets ready to begin another school year at Nashua-Plainfield just a few months after guiding the Huskies to a Class 1A runner-up finish at the state track and field meet.

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Former teachers made it easy for McCall to stay 'home'

McCALL: FROM 6

department. He drives for the EMS and he has fire calls or fire meetings, too. Thankfully, his grandparents, or my grandma and my parents will fill in and take the girls no matter what. We have a really awesome village. That helps allow me to have the opportunity that I do have.”

When her daughter Karter was born over three years ago – she had to make some sacrifices. That meant not staying to help the kids lift weights late in the evening as much as she used to.

“I try to tell my students and for sure my athletes – you guys are student athletes, I’m mom-coach. I’m mom-teacher before. You guys, they are my family – but there’s gonna be days that I have to be gone. My daughters were sick quite a bit in the spring and thankfully Toni (Nelson) was an absolute rock star and she filled in. I had to make priorities with that as well.”

Perhaps that’s one of the reasons why her sports teams are so successful is that team work that she is used to implementing. It’s essential in order to come up with a winning, finished product – whether that’s out on the track, on the volleyball court or raising a family.

“The group of girls, they are the ones that make that happen. Obviously, I have to provide instruction and help them with that as well, but having girls that have goals and that set those standards really high are obviously what get that done,” said Amber about her N-P track squad.

Team work and unity also involve dealing with adversity and things that don’t go your way. In order to succeed, there are times one must fail first.

“I think the most important thing, too, is just being real with them,” said McCall. “The hard stuff – that is part of life. Our job as teachers and coaches is to help teach them life skills – help prepare them. It’s not all about track. It’s not all about volleyball. It’s about those life skills that will help prepare them for the real world.”

McCall, who played volleyball at NIACC as a libero/defensive specialist, also made quite an impact on the softball diamond at second base and center field for the Huskies. She was an all-conference player in that sport in addition to her all-league recognition where she dug out many a spike from hitting the hardwood.

McCall graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 2018 and started coaching at just 20 years of age at N-P while she was still going to college.

She understands now what she didn’t know back then about her teachers and mentors – many of them who are now her academic colleagues. It’s an extremely rewarding profession as an educator – but it can be challenging at times dealing with young adults that are growing up in an ever-changing society that is still filled with many potential pitfalls.

“The number-one thing to me is that I’ve gained from all this is a lot of respect for the teachers and coaches that I have. When you’re in high school, you see a different perspective. You see the commitment that they make, but you don’t see how much that they are away from their family. You don’t really understand that process until you kind of go through that,”



Photo courtesy of Amber McCall

The McCall family — mom Amber, dad Zade and their two children, Kayzlea and Karter — are gearing up to welcome a new member to the household as “Baby McCall 3” is due to arrive on Oct. 9.

said McCall.

McCall talked about N-P’s storied state track run – a streak of success that has never happened before in the school’s history in the sport.

“I don’t know how many times I said, ‘wow, did I just see that?’” said McCall, explaining the last two years at the state track meet. “It’s just a “wow” moment – like you’re just so thankful and so blessed to have that opportunity and to have the opportunity to be able to coach such amazing individuals and the team. To have the support that we do – it’s just a blessing.”

The due date for the McCall’s third child is amazingly the same day as her second child’s birthday. Her name is Kayzlea and that date is Oct. 9. She’ll be two years old in what amounts to little over a month from now.

“I’m due in October with number three,” smiled McCall about Karter and Kayzlea’s future sister.

Coincidentally, Zade’s mother and uncle also share the same birthday.

Zade and Amber live on their grand-

parents’ acreage – a place the McCalls purchased two years ago. In turn, grandpa and grandma moved into Zade and Amber’s house in town.

No matter the residence – N-P will always hold a special place in the heart of the hometown girl and her junior-high sweetheart.

“We plan to be there forever. Nashua-Plainfield’s always been home. These communities are just outstanding. The amount of help that is provided – the amount of support – is awesome,” said Amber.

Amber’s influence and guidance from her teachers made it an easy decision for her and Zade to stay close to home. Now she’s part of guiding and enriching the lives of teenagers who will soon be adults that may also choose to teach just like McCall did.

“We had teachers and we had coaches that had such a big impact on our lives that we knew we wanted our kids to have that same experience,” said McCall. “We knew this is where we wanted our family to be.”



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Val Johnson holds her then-4-day-old daughter, Shelby, at the 2021 Best Dam BBQ event put on by the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce.

Life is ‘crazy as always’ for this Nashua booster

JOHNSON: FROM 2

That means the Johnsons switched to a liquid system to plant their crop. They also soil test the grounds they work and add micro-nutrients that help feed the soil.

“Of course it was a huge learning curve, because we didn’t have any influence from anyone,” said Johnson. “It was something interesting.”

Adam and Val also started their own agri-business.

“Now we do starter and micro-nutrient sales,” said Val Johnson.

Of course, the Johnsons have other ideas in the works as well for their homestead.

“We have more business ventures ahead,” said Johnson.

Val also owns real estate. She bought a second property in downtown Nashua that she is remodeling.

“Last summer, Adam decided I needed to buy a second building on Main Street,” smiled Johnson.

THE MOTHER ROLE for Val is also a large part of her life. She’s raising two boys Corbin (13) and Coy (9) – along with daughters Ezri (8) and Shelby (1).

Implementing solutions to help solve problems is a big thing with Val. That’s just part of who she is and what she does.

“It’s helping people see the vision, but at the same point in time, it can’t be my vision because this is a community thing,” said Johnson.

When does Johnson get some down time with all that is on her plate?

That’s a good question. It definitely seems like she wouldn’t want it any other way.

“I wouldn’t know what it would be – the other way,” laughed Johnson. “I’m going to embrace my addiction to Nashua and I’m going to embrace the crazy,” said Johnson. “So if anybody asks me how I’m doing – I say ‘crazy as always.’ It gets a giggle out of people.”

It’s been a year full of ‘new things’ for Pedersons

PEDERSON: FROM 3

little bigger but that same helping-your-neighbors attitude, looking after each other, it’s Harlan, just in a different part of the state.”

She laughed when asked about the night the City Council approved her appointment.

You see, Robinson takes grief as well as she gives it, so on that evening, Pederson

heard more than a few “good-luck-with-your-new-boss” comments.

“I know I haven’t been here that long — heck this is my third day,” Pederson said, “but I’ve already realized that this is going to be a fun place to work, and at the same time, we know when things have to be taken seriously. I’m excited. This whole year has been full of new things, so why not a new job?”

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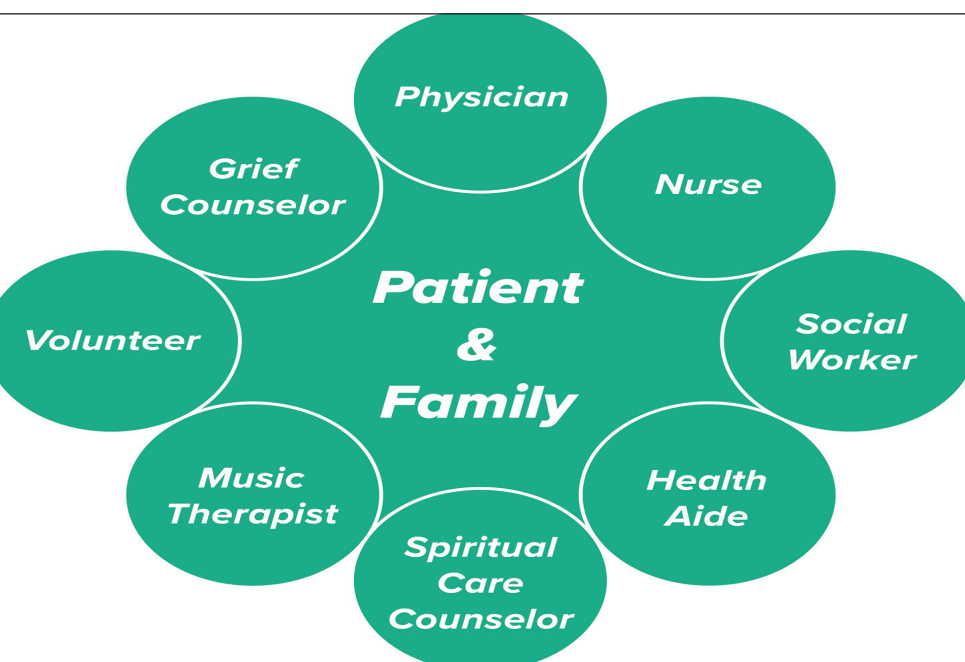
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Cortney Manning, office and volunteer coordinator

What is the best part about working for Cedar Valley Hospice?

All of it – I love my coworkers and serving the community. Our staff goes above and beyond, providing excellent and top-notch care for every patient, every day. Everyone employed here embodies our mission: To enrich lives with knowledge, respect and compassionate care. From those who take the initial phone calls, to our wonderful hospice aides, knowledgeable social workers, nurses and providers. Even our office staff that aren’t directly involved with patient care go above and beyond every day. It’s truly an honor to be a part of this team.

Taylor Kramer, clinical services manager



In your position, how do you help patients and families?

In my role as a nurse, my goal is to provide education and resources to ensure patients and families are set up for success. I predict needs ahead of time so that when a new situation arises, families know what to do. This helps families feel more confident and comfortable as a caregiver, which allows them to focus on spending quality time with their loved one, living in the moment and enjoying the things they love the most.

I feel the most important aspect of my job is showing patients that they are loved, important and valued. I enjoy spending time reminiscing with patients and families about their loved ones, accomplishments in life and hobbies they have enjoyed. I encourage patients to continue doing those things they love, to remind them that although they may be in their final days or months, they can still find happiness in each day.

Kelsey Peters, hospice nurse

In your position, how do you help patients and families?

I listen and learn what’s most important to them and allow them to share their life’s memories. I provide validation of feelings and encourage/educate on the use

of healthy coping skills to both patient and family. I facilitate difficult conversations on end-of-life care and desires for the patient and advocate for them to ensure these desires are followed. I then provide them with the tools they need to help themselves and their loved ones throughout their journey.

Ella Aldrich, social worker

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

My role as a grief counselor provides me the opportunity to walk beside people through their journey of grief. I love building relationships with these clients, who are brave enough to seek help to ease the pain of loss. It is truly a privilege.

Lynette Jordan, grief counselor

Share a memorable moment from your career?

There are many memorable moments that have impacted my 16 years of service to Cedar Valley Hospice patients and families. One couple comes to mind that touched my life in such a way that it couldn’t have been anything other than a divine appointment.

I went to visit a patient for a "trial" respite visit so his wife could run errands. While there, it was a blessing to witness her love for and devoted service to her husband. The patient shared a beautiful cross his skillful hands produced in the wood shop. I marveled at the intricacy of his carving and felt richly blessed to be a part of their journey.

He later admitted to me with a smile, "I really thought that ‘trial’ babysitting was NOT going to work out, but I’m so glad it did." It warmed my heart and touched my life in such a way a special friendship still endures. It is such a privilege to meet and serve families and grow in servitude alongside the amazing people I work with. For this I am eternally grateful.

Paula Spurlin, hospice aide

Teacher appreciates support from families

VSETECKA: FROM 4

helping her daughter Emma care for the little lad that gave Vsetecka the title of “grandma.” Though he’s not so little any more.

“Three months old and he’s 17 pounds! He’s a bruiser. I got a lot of Nicholas time in this summer which was great, I was glad to be able to be there and help Emma out.” She and husband Dave — who works at Homeland Energy — also have sons Phillip and Jacob.

Plus all the children she gets to know through the school year.

“One of the great things about this job is the relationship with the students and the families, I think I’m really fortunate at Turkey Valley with how supportive the families are. I enjoy the people and the joy that the kids bring to the classroom.”

In the past, Vsetecka thought, being in a larger district would give teachers more access to information, but that divide has closed.

“Now with the internet I can get into Facebook groups and connect with other teachers, that’s a way to get ideas. No, I like it right here. I like green space and we have a lot of that at Turkey Valley.”

And she hasn’t stopped learning, as technology changes every year. “We have a new reading series that has a lot of use of instructional materials on smart boards,” she related. “Kids can connect with the smart board with their Chromebooks and can interact with the lesson while I’m teaching it.”

Slightly different than when she was in high school. “I took office procedure and we learned how to use electric typewriters.... There were not many computers in our classes.”

One of Vsetecka’s goals this year is in the area of robotics.

“We experimented with that last year. Coding is so good for problem solving, to understand how that robot is going to move. Just seeing the perspective.

“It’s very basic — not like what they’re doing in high school — but I’m hoping to do more of that this year.”

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“teacher shortages” and you’ll come up with a variety of reasons some districts are scrambling to fill open positions before the school year starts — pay, working conditions, lack of support, and the changing curriculum.

“We have all our spots filled but we’re still seeing the effect of the shortages,” said Vsetecka. “A lack of subs, the list [of substitute teachers] is not super long, which makes it tough if we have to take off because of an emergency.”

With 32 years of teaching under her belt, she’s happy with her wages, which started out as \$13,000 a year in 1991.

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Wednesday, and even before she welcomed back her students, Vsetecka was looking forward to another year of making an impression on young lives.

“I don’t always see the immediate impact I have on their lives until I run into them years later and they have families of their own and they thank me for inspiring them to go into the science field,” she said. “One young lady recognized me at the Cresco Fitness Center and told me she became a dermatologist because of my love for science, it inspired her! And of course, Dave loves it when they recognize me and then say ‘this must be Mr. V’..... LOL!”

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