



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Ewan Ferguson (above) plays the bagpipes during a dedication ceremony for the Freedom Rock Saturday morning, when Gene Blazek (right) tells the story of how a simple field rock was turned into what it is today.



It took work, time to get Freedom Rock 'done'

FREEDOM ROCK: FROM 1

ceremony. “To see so many people come out and honor them today, that’s what makes this so special.”

His words echoed the address made by Brian Quirk, the commander of New Hampton’s American Legion Fae Stine post.

Quirk used Teddy Roosevelt’s famed “Man in the Arena” speech as the theme of his talk.

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.”

“The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.”

Quirk pointed out that the Freedom Rock in Lawler not only honors veterans and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice but also those who work in law enforcement, fight fires, answer ambulance calls and respond to emergencies throughout the county.

“To me that’s what this park represents is every man in the arena, or woman in the arena, who serves in each of these branches of our community service,” he said. “It amazes me and humbles me, and it makes me proud to live amongst some of the finest people who have given so generously of their time, talent and treasure for the causes that they believe in that make our community great.”

Blazek shared the trials and



tribulations that led to the rock finding its way from a field adjacent to his acreage to Lawler. From finding the 44,990-pound rock to “digging” it out to moving it to his acreage to moving it into Lawler to building a temporary roadway to place the rock to constructing a “shelter” so that famed Freedom Rock artist Bubba Sorensen could paint it to placing the plaques honoring not only veterans but others who serve their communities, Blazek took the crowd through the tale of the rock.

“Eating soup with a fork or mowing lawn with a pair of scissors would have been comparable to this task,” he said. “It got done, but boy, it took a long time.”

But so worth it, or so he and

those who attended Saturday’s ceremony will tell you.

Just ask Quirk.

“The things that unite us — America’s past of which we are so proud, our hopes and aspirations for the world and this much-loved country — these things far outweigh what little divides us,” he said. “We are all Americans with heart and hand, and through whatever trial and travail, we pledge ourselves to each other and the cause of human freedom, the cause that has given light to this land and hope to the world.”

And he concluded by thanking veterans, law enforcement, firefighters and EMS personnel with a simple acknowledgment.

“Thank you for stepping into the arena.”



Lawler Sons of the American Legion Sergeant-At-Arms Joe Langreck (left) salutes after placing a wreath at the Freedom Rock’s panel honoring POWs and MIAs, Lawler fireman Jeremy Scheidel (above) places the wreath at the panel honoring firefighters and New Hampton American Legion Fae Stine Post Commander Brian Quirk (below) delivers a speech at Saturday’s ceremony.



Briefs

Wartburg dean’s list

Wartburg College has recognized 442 students who were named the 2023 Winter/May term dean’s list.

Those on the list include:

New Hampton: Grace Burrett, Katie Steinlage.

Nashua: Makenzie Foelske, McKade Munn.

Sumner: Kaylyn Hoth, Ethan Schellhorn

The list honors students who earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 or above in at least five course credits during the terms. Four of the five course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Simpson dean’s list

Natalie Marr of New Hampton, IA has been named to the Spring 2023 Dean’s List at Simpson College.

Marr qualified for the academic honor by earning a grade point average between 3.70 and 3.99 during the semester.

Hawkeye graduates

The following are Hawkeye Community College spring semester graduates and their programs of study.

Honors graduates had grade point averages from 3.5 to 3.74.

High honors had grade point averages between 3.75 and 3.99.

Fort Atkinson: Breanna Busta, Administrative Office Management, [AAS], high honors.

Fredericksburg: Emma Pitz, Accounting Technician, [DIPL], Peyton Schmitz, General Agriculture, [DIPL].

Hawkeye: Kylie Wurzer, Liberal Arts, [AA], high honors.

Lawler: Chase Howe, Computer Networking Technician [DIPL].

Nashua: Chase Rust, Computer Networking Technician [DIPL], high honors.

New Hampton: Macy Flick, Dental Hygiene [AAS]; Erin Kramer, Natural Resources Management [AAS], honors; Lola Lemke, Liberal Arts [AA]; Tyler Reicks, Diesel Technology [AAS]; Adrian Rings, Graphic Communications [AAA]; Gavin Rings, General Agriculture [DIPL], high honors; Ethan Theis, Police Science [AAS], honors; Preston Trower, General Agriculture [DIPL]; Kayla Walter, Liberal Arts [AA]

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A youngster (above) shows off his Irish while the Rochester Caledonian Pipe Band (right) makes its way down the street in Lawler during the Irish Fest Grand Parade that was held Saturday afternoon.



Lawler puts on its Irish!

Snapshots from another stupendous Irish Fest



The parade (left) that was held on Saturday afternoon drew a big crowd to Main Street while Croell Park — where kids could shoot baskets (above), get “painted up” (right) and more — was a pretty popular destination spot during Irish Fest.

Irish Fest photos by Lydia Gessner



Kids on the Burns Angus Farm float (left) “load up” with more candy to throw during the parade while the Lawler Historical Society’s display (above) at the Starlite Ballroom was a popular place throughout the weekend.

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Swimming under the lights!
While the New Hampton Municipal Pool’s first try at a “Late Night Swim” had to be scrubbed because of water issues at the pool last week, the pool will be open today (Thursday) for an evening swim. Sponsored by Prairie Lakes Church, the event is free and open to the public. It will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and includes free ice cream sandwiches to all who attend.

Puzzle answers can be found on Page 10

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God wants to hear from us

We need to remember that prayer isn't something formal but a conversation

We need to know that God wants us to talk to him.

Too often we can think of prayer as something formal rather than a way to talk to our Heavenly Father.

The reason we are told to pray is not because this is supposed to be yet another rule we are supposed to follow. We are told to pray because God wants to hear from us.

I have a better sense of this now than ever

before. Parents want to hear from their children. But they especially want to hear from their children when they are far away.

Friends, our Father is in heaven and we are physically separated from him.

But he wants to hear from us.

He wants to know what is happening in our lives. He wants to know how we are doing. He wants us to tell him what we need. He wants

us to tell him about our victories and about our difficulties.

We are not bothering God.

He wants to hear from us. God is a father longing for his children.

Let us take time out of our day to visit Him in prayer.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the



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prayers.

Acts 2:42



Bob Fenske/Tribune

For some, it's still the 'new' church!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church may have been dedicated in 1967 — 56 years ago for those who don't want to do the math — but as we covered Lawler's annual Irish Fest celebration, more than once we heard folks talking about the "new church" that is located to the south of Highway 24. The Mt. Carmel parish was started in the winter of 1871-72, and in 1962, a donation was made to the parish to build the new church, which remains a key part of the small city on Chickasaw County's east side.

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Romans 1:17



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Sunday	78	61	.27
Monday	86	60	--
Tuesday	88	63	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 86 and a low of 62.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 88 and a low of 65.

Saturday: Mostly sunny but good chance of storms at night; high 88, low 64.

Sunday: Mostly sunny but chance of storms popping up with a high of 81 and a low of 60.

Extended forecast: Typical summer weather with highs in the 80s, lows in the 60s and a chance of thunderstorms.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

- In 1611, the starving crew of the Discovery mutinies against its captain, English navigator Henry Hudson, and sets him seven supporters adrift in a small, open boat.
- In 1941, over 3 million German troops invade Russia in three parallel offensives.
- In 1944, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs the G.I. Bill, an unprecedented act of legislation designed to compensate returning members of the armed services for their efforts in World War II.
- In 1945, the U.S. 10th Army overcomes the last major pockets of Japanese resistance on Okinawa Island, ending one of the bloodiest battles of World War II.
- In 2001, “The Fast and the Furious,” a crime drama based in the underground world of street racing in Southern California, debuts in theaters across the United States.

Birthdays

- Famed American gangster and bank robber John Dillinger was born in 1903.
- “Pistol Pete” Maravich was born in 1947.
- American golfer Dustin Johnson turns 39.
- Author Dan Brown, whose novels include “The Da Vinci Code,” turns 59.
- Hall of Fame basketball player Clyde Drexler turns 61.
- Pop singer Cindi Lauper turns 70.
- Academy Award-winning actress Meryl Streep turns 74.

Corrections

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Sylvia Ann Silber, 83

Sylvia Ann Silber, age 83 of Lakeville Minnesota, and formerly of Nashua, died Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Boden Senior Living Center, Apple Valley, Minnesota.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 11 a.m. at St John Lutheran Church in Nashua with Pastor Todd Burrichter officiating.

Interment was held at Greenwood Cemetery, Nashua.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at Hugeback & Johnson Funeral Home in Nashua and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to the family. Online condolences may be left for Sylvia at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Laureen Nock

Laureen “Laurie Mohrfeld” Nock passed away peacefully on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at her home in Grapevine, Texas, surrounded by her husband David, family and close friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Conway-Markham Funeral Home in Elma.

There will be a one-hour visitation at the funeral home prior to the celebration on Saturday.

Laurie will be laid to rest next to her parents at Calvary Cemetery in Elma.

Online condolences for her family may be left at www.conway-markhamfh.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Freida Mihm, 96

Frieda Mihm, age 96 of St. Lucas, died Monday, June 19, 2023, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in St. Lucas, with interment at the church cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 2023, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in St. Lucas.

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

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

Alan H. King, 68

Alan H. King, age 68 of New Hampton, died Sunday, June 18, 2023, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Wednesday at the church.

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

Property Transfers

John M. Hackman and Susan K. Hackman to Richard L. Hackman and Donna B. Hackman; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST W1/2 SE 36-97-11 SE SE 36-97-11 S1/2 NE 36-97-11 NE SE 01-96-11.

Randolph R. Leach TR and Randolph R. Leach REV TR to Randolph R. Leach; PARCEL E W1/2 13-94-13.

Jennifer Maurer to Clint Whitcome TR and Clint M. Whitcome LIV TR; SE SW 25-95-12.

Dale E. Vogtlin and Susan C. Vogtlin to Richard L. Sinnwell CO TR, Susan L. Sinnwell CO TR, Richard L. Sinnwell REV TR and Susan L. Sinnwell REV TR; N17AC SW NW 03-94-14 A23AC SW NW 03-94-14.

Briefs

University of Iowa graduates

This spring, more than 6,500 University of Iowa undergraduate, graduate, and professional students earned degrees. Area students include:

Ionia: Joshua Finnegan [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Major: History].

New Hampton: Kori Jirak [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Degree: Bachelor of Arts; Major: Psychology].

Sumner: Macy Seehase [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Degree: Bachelor of Science; Major: Human Physiology]; Whitney Schirm [College of Nursing; Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Major: Nursing-RN].

Nashua: Rachel Knecht [College of Nursing; Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Major: Nursing-RN]; Sharri Dann [College of Nursing; Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Major: Nursing-RN].

University of Iowa dean’s list

More than 7,100 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean’s list for the spring semester. Students who achieve a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of “I” (incomplete) or “O” (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean’s list for that semester.

Area students on the list include:

Lawler: Jalyssa Blazek [Undergraduate - second year; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Rosalie Busta [Undergraduate - first year; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Ionia: Joshua Finnegan [Undergraduate - fourth year; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Kelsey Klassen [Undergraduate - second year; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Fredericksburg: Kallison Rochford [Undergraduate - third year; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

New Hampton: Kori Jirak [Undergraduate - fourth year; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Paige Wisner [Undergraduate - fourth year; College of Nursing.

Sumner: Macy Seehase [Undergraduate - fourth year; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Mya Seehase [Undergraduate - second year; College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Waucoma: Marisa Mueterthies [Undergraduate - third year; College of Nursing.

Buena Vista graduates

Buena Vista University congratulates more than 300 students who graduated this past spring.

Jessica Harrington of Nashua graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in elementary education and Cassandra Michael of Ionia graduated with a bachelor of arts in special education.

Thank You!

Thank you for your support, sympathy and kindness in our time of loss. We appreciate everyone that said a kind word or shared a thoughtful story. We appreciate those that sent a card, flowers, gifts and food. We thank those at Linn Haven and St. Croix that comforted Rita. We’d like to thank Pastor Peter Faugstad for his visits and an uplifting service and his wife for her beautiful solos. We also thank the Jerico women for preparing a fantastic meal.

Thanks again to everyone we truly appreciate everything.

Steven & Derik Roberson

Joyce Warnke, 80

Joyce Warnke, age 80 of Fredericksburg, died Friday, June 16, 2023, at Unity Point-Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg, with the Rev. Scott Smith officiating

Interment was held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg, with Trent Zabel, Kayla Steinlage, Kendra Teeling, Kenna Redies, Emersen Warnke, Parker Warnke, Devin Rausch and Bryce Rausch serving as urnbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at the church before the memorial service.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in Fredericksburg has been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences for the Warnke family may be left at www.hugebackfunrealhome.com.

Joyce Melinda Marie Warnke was born on Nov. 27, 1942, in rural Fredericksburg, the daughter of Paul and Marie (Schaub) Joachim. She was a selfless, loving, and thoughtful woman who dedicated her life to her family and community.

Joyce was born and raised in rural Chickasaw County, where she attended country school through the eighth grade.

She graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1961 and went on to meet the love of her life, Lloyd Warnke, in downtown Fredericksburg. He asked her to go for a ride, and the rest was history. They were married at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg on Aug. 19, 1962, and from this union, three beautiful children were born — Pam on Aug. 23,

1965; Shari on March 10, 1968; and Todd on Nov. 16, 1969.

Joyce and her family lived on their farm for 55 years, where she tirelessly worked to take care of her family and the farm. She tended to the house and the various jobs that came with it, but she could also be found driving a tractor and doing other necessary tasks on the farm. Joyce was a hard worker who was always willing to do what was needed to take care of her family.

In addition to her work on the farm, Joyce began working as a clerk for the United States Postal Service in Fredericksburg. After 10 years of service, she became the postmaster in Waucoma until her retirement in 2008. Her dedication to her work and her community was evident throughout her career.

Joyce had a deep love for watching birds and butterflies near their house. This love turned into work for Lloyd, who frequently had to buy more grape jelly to keep up with the bird demand. Joyce also enjoyed taking rides around the Warnke property on their golf cart, affectionately named “The

Charles ‘Charlie’ Kottke, 80

Charles “Charlie” Kottke, age 80 of Fredericksburg, died Monday, June 19, 2023, at the Hillcrest Home in Sumner.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2023, at Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner.

Private family services will be held.

Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg. There will be a link provided of the service on Charlie’s obituary page at www.beckermilnesret-tig.com following the service.

Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner is assisting Charlie’s family. Online condolences may be left at www.beckermilnesret-tig.com.

Charles Dean, son of Fred and Edna (Zieske) Kottke, was born Nov. 10, 1942. He was baptized at home and confirmed at St. John’s Lutheran Church, Boyd. Charlie grew up on the family farm outside of Boyd.

He began his early education in country school, rural Fredericksburg, prior to graduating from Fredericksburg High School in 1960.

On July 14, 1963, he was united in marriage with Linda Nelson. To this union two chil-

dren, Lori and Andrew, were born. Linda died in 1980.

Charlie worked at Farmer’s Butter and Dairy, which later became AMPI for over 45 years.

Charlie married Pam Weidman on Aug. 17, 1991, at the Little Brown Church near Nashua. He enjoyed camping, antique tractors and going for drives in rural Chickasaw County.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Pam of Fredericksburg; two children, their spouses and granddaughter and great-grandchildren, Lori (Lance Olson) Dawson of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Andrew (Barbara) Kottke

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Joyce Warnke

Eagle.” It was a fun way for her and Lloyd to enjoy their property and spend time in nature.

Joyce enjoyed working in her flower gardens and sharing her knowledge. She was always up for a card game and was a master Euchre player. She loved to cook and looked forward to the tradition of Sunday Dinners weekly with the family.

Joyce and Lloyd had a zest for travel and throughout their years together made winter trips to Las Vegas and in more recent years winter trips to Texas. They also enjoyed a day trip and found themselves always taking the road less traveled. They found themselves making trips to visit the local Amish and Mennonite families that offered many delicious foods and other items that made the trip to see them worthwhile.

Joyce was super involved with her grandchildren’s lives and it was important to her to be at as many activities and sporting events as possible to support them.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 60 years, Lloyd Warnke of Fredericksburg; three children, Pam (Daniel) Zabel of Fredericksburg, Shari (Brett) Redies of Boone, and Todd (Amy) Warnke of Fredericksburg; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her grandson, Brandon Zabel; and her sister, Daryls (Leonard) Hansen.

Throughout her life, Joyce was known for her selfless, loving, and thoughtful nature. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who always put her family first. Her memory will live on through her loving family and the countless lives she touched in her community.



Charlie Kottke

of Fredericksburg and their daughter, Abbie (Garrett) Raum of Fredericksburg and their children, Charlee and Grace Raum; step-children, their spouses, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren, Matt (Nora) Stahlhut of Holland, their children, Misty and Zach Harreld, Karly Stahlhut and her son, River, Kara (Kesler) Schulmeister and their son, Estin, Katlyn (Corey) Mayhew and their son, Rhett, Chad Stahlhut of Tripoli and his son, Jayden Stahlhut, Jennifer (Randy Shinstine) Stahlhut and their children, Autumn Piehl and Kinsey Shinstine; Adam (Amissa) Stahlhut and their children, Sheba, Ruhamah, Trizah, and Elisha; two sisters, Agnes (Clarence) Moore of Hampton and Virginia (David) Cutsforth of Waterloo; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Kottke of New Hampton and Helen Kottke of Fredericksburg; brother-in-law, David (Betty) Nelson of Waverly; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, Linda; he was preceded in death by his three brothers, John, James, and Eugene Kottke; and sister-in-law, Judy Kottke.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of June 18 1948 (75 years ago)

- Formal notice was made today of the change in Saturday banking hours. Effective June 20, New Hampton’s two banks will close at noon, rather than 3 p.m. The movement is said to be general throughout the state.
- In many nearby county seats, the banks as well as the Court House and law offices close at noon on Saturday. In explaining the change in hours, the banks state that to comply with the 40-hour work week, it was necessary for them to follow the action taken by many other organizations for years.

1973 (50 years ago)

- Larry Ball was a master on the mound for the New Hampton Chickasaws Friday nite while manufacturing a no hit, no run victory over Mason City Newman High. Ball narrowly missed a perfect game in the 3-0 Tribe victory before an enthusiastic home crowd at New Hampton’s Memorial Field.
- He had a perfect game, no base runners for six and a third innings and then nicked one batter and walked the next, before fanning the final two he faced. The two game-ending strikeouts were the 11th and 12th for the veteran right hander. The victory, his fourth in six decisions this summer, was the first no-hitter of his career.

1998 (25 years ago)

- The residents of Nashua were looking forward last week to their ninth Water Over The Dam Days celebration this coming weekend. Mother Nature had a different idea though as a now confirmed tornado with winds of 100 to 120 miles per hour struck the Nashua area including Ionia late Thursday afternoon. The storm left the town without power and a huge number of fallen trees.
- Assessed damage at the time included one summer home, one mobile home destroyed and 73 homes damaged. Fortunately only two

persons were injured. Farmers received even heavier damage with more structural damage to buildings in addition to the loss of trees.

- Betty Soukup, New Hampton, announced recently that she will seek election to the Iowa State Senate on the Democratic ticket. Democrats from Senate District 15 will be convening in July to officially make the nomination. The district includes all of Howard, Chickasaw, Floyd Counties and portions of Mitchell and Winneshiek.

2013 (10 years ago)

- The wettest spring on record in Iowa shows no signs of letting up, and area farmers, some of whom have yet to plant a single acre, are beyond frustrated.
- Over the 41-day period that ended on Sunday, New Hampton recorded measured rainfall on 29 days. During the same period a year ago, rain fell just eight times and was followed by 34 straight dry days.
- There are no dull days on the job for Ax, the latest addition to the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office. The K-9 unit’s German shepherd stays on top of his game by training weekly with his partner, Deputy Ryan Shawver.
- Ax is considered a “dual purpose” K-9 animal and has had training in narcotics, patrol work and tracking. So far Ax has been involved in at least six drug related arrests and usually gets called to duty once a week. If called upon, Shawver and Ax can travel to other communities to assist other law enforcement agencies.

2018 (5 years ago)

- “Joe Holschlag has a good heart.” Customers, employees, friends and family shared this sentiment during the Holschlag Bin Sales 50th anniversary open house last week.
- Holschlag Bin Sales was founded in 1968 by Joe’s parents, Richard and Rose Holschlag. After working on bins since childhood, Joe, one of six children, purchased the family business in 1988.

Biggest Threats To A Comfortable Retirement?

If you save and invest for decades, you'd like to know you can retire without financial worries. Nonetheless, you still have to be aware of some threats to a comfortable retirement — and how to respond to them. These threats include:

- **Inflation** – Inflation has been high recently, but even a mild inflation rate can seriously erode your purchasing power. In fact, with just a 3% inflation rate, your expenses could double in about 25 years — and your retirement could easily last that long. So, if you're going to rely on your investment portfolio for a sizable part of your retirement income, you will need to own a reasonable number of growth-oriented investments, such as stocks or stock-based funds, whose potential returns can equal or exceed the inflation rate.
- **Excessive withdrawals** – Once you retire, you should establish a withdrawal rate for your portfolio — an amount you can take out each year and still feel secure that you won't run out of money. mSome people make the mistake of withdrawing too much, too soon, once they're retired. Your withdrawal rate should be based on several factors, including your age at retirement, the size of your portfolio and the amount of income you receive from other sources, such as Social Security. A financial professional can help you determine a withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your needs.
- **Market volatility** – The financial markets will always fluctuate. When you're still working, this volatility may not be such a problem, as you have years or decades to recover from short-term downturns. But when you retire, you don't want to have to sell investments when their price is down. To help prevent this, you can tap into the cash in your portfolio, assuming you have enough to cover several months' worth of living expenses. You could also draw on a CD "ladder" — a group of CDs that mature at different times — to provide you with resources for the next few years and allow your equity investments time to



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recover their value.

- **Unexpected costs** – You had them when you were working, and you'll probably have them when you're retired: the furnace that breaks down, the car that needs a major repair, and so on. But if you've established an emergency fund containing a year's worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account, you may be able to "ride out" these costs without jeopardizing your investment portfolio. Be sure to keep these reserves separate from your typical day-to-day accounts to avoid the temptation of spending your emergency money.
- **Health** – Retirees may face more health concerns than younger people, and those concerns often come with larger medical bills. That's why it's important to maximize the benefits from Medicare or your Medicare Advantage plan. Also, if you contributed to a Health Savings Account (HSA) while you were working, and you haven't depleted it, you can use the money in retirement. As long as the HSA funds are used for qualified medical expenses, withdrawals are tax- and penalty-free, and won't be included in your income. This could help keep your income below certain levels, lower your Medicare premiums or avoid the 3.8% surtax on net investment income that can be assessed on high-net-worth taxpayers.

Retirement can be a pleasant time in your life — and you'll enjoy it more if you're prepared for the challenges that face all retirees.

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Supervisors will pay for cameras 'up front'

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enforcement officers to bring back more than one vendor quote before they would consider the request.

"It actually it worked out well," Shawver said about going out to seek other quotes. "It was a good experience for Zach and I to see what they had to offer, services they had to offer, serviceability, tech support moving ahead."

Motorola Solutions had the low quote at \$186,320, but that didn't include updating six in-car routers that are, as Shawver put it, "very, very old and they're failing."

Sector Technology's bid, which included the updated routers, was \$209,372 while Axon Cameras quoted a price of just under \$215,000. Shawver said that, "at the very least" it would cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000 to replace the routers, but he felt that the best path forward was going with Sector.

"It came down to how close they are, and the people that we'll work with," he said. "When we have an issue ... the serviceability was the decision point."

All three quotes came with what Nossbisch called a "three-year refresh" for the body cameras, meaning the office would receive 13 new cameras during the third year of the contract.

Supervisors agreed but also spent some time discussing where the funds would come from to pay for the cameras and operating systems. There seemed to be little interest in using ARPA funds; instead, they would rather use ending fund balances to pay for the upgrades.

"There's almost \$4.2 million — \$2.9 in [General Basic]

and \$1.2 in [General Service]," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "That's a huge ending fund balance. We've never gone into a fiscal year with almost \$4 million in the bank."

Shawver said that the county did receive a \$5,000 grant from the Iowa Governor's Traffic Bureau for camera equipment and supervisors also asked if his budget could take on another \$5,000 of the costs.

Board members also indicated that they would support paying for the camera systems "up front" and not use a five-year payment plan that Sector offers. Hackman pointed out that paying an annual fee would cost the county \$44,078 more over the life of the contract than if the county just wrote the check for \$209,372.

Shawver said later on Monday that he hopes to have the cameras "deployed" by mid-to late-fall.

"We've got a lot of training to do, and that was another real plus for me when it came to Sector and GeTac because they'll do on-site training. ... This is a big step forward for our office and we appreciate the supervisors supporting it."

Also on Monday, board members learned that the county's third ambulance was set to arrive that day, more than two months ahead of schedule.

The "remounted" vehicle will serve as a back-up to the two new ambulances that were purchased last year and have been running since the service started Jan. 1.

Supervisors agreed to sign a lease with the city of Fredericksburg to house the vehicle in that city's fire station.

The county will pay the city \$1 that will cover the lease through Dec. 31, 2024.



Photo courtesy of Dan Flieger

Class of '58 celebrates 65th reunion!

Some of the events the Class of 1958 participated in over their reunion weekend during Heartland Days included watching the parade on Main Street, followed by dinner at Poor Richards on Friday. Saturday events included a music program at the Kensington Assisted Living facility presented by classmate Bob Woodford and his cousin Jerry Bailey. After the program, a social gathering and private luncheon was held at the Pinicon Restaurant in New Hampton. Of the original 90 class members, 24 of the remaining 49 and guests attended the luncheon.

The class would like to extend its thanks to Shellie Kobliska, executive director of the Carnegie Cultural Center for taking the class photograph.

Members of the New Hampton High School Class of 1958 who attended their 65th reunion include front, from left, Dan Flieger, Alan Borlaug, Carl Berst, Pat Burns, Charles Albrecht, row two, Larry Straw, Sharon (Forsman) Lynch, Patricia Ann (Baltes) Lynch, Patti Jane (Baltes) Rochford, Daryls (Bill) Storhoff), Joyce Peters, Karen (Lukes) Krall, Carol (Chapin) Borlaug Bruch, row three, Brian Kennedy, Carlyle Lee, Sharon (Doyle) Townsend, Adrian Kuennen, Bonnie (Denner) Hassman, Charles Rochford, Gerald Laures, Robert Woodford, Leonard Upham, John Schilling, Duane Lynch.

For now, soybeans less impacted by drought than corn

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ields will still suffer.

And it has dried up in a hurry around Northeast Iowa.

In the USDA's Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report that was released on May 15, just 6 percent of the topsoil in the Northeast District that includes Chickasaw County was either "very short" or "short" of moisture.

In the report that was released on Tuesday, that number had zoomed to 81 percent.

The weekend showers — spotty as they were — didn't do much to ease the drought concerns. New Hampton officially received .35 inches of rain over the weekend, bringing its monthly precipitation to 1.19 inches, far below the 4.21 inches that normally falls in the first 19 days of the month.

It's even worse in Nashua, where .19 inches of rain fell Saturday, giving the city just .35 inches of rain this month

The U.S. Drought Monitor's weekly report that was released

A dry first half of 2023

Here is the recorded precipitation, the normal precipitation and the surplus or deficit for each month at the National Weather Service's New Hampton station:

	Recorded	Normal	+/-
January	2.11	1.31	+0.80
February	2.42	1.38	+1.40
March	1.69	2.35	-0.66
April	2.38	4.18	-1.83
May	2.19	4.95	-2.76
*June	1.19	4.21	-3.01
Totals	11.88	18.38	-6.43

* June recorded and normal precipitations are for the first 19 days of the month.

SOURCE: National Weather Service office in La Crosse, Wisconsin

Thursday showed that the southern third of Chickasaw County is suffering through moderate drought conditions while the rest of the county remain abnormally dry. That same report showed that almost all of Bremer County is dealing with "severe drought" conditions.

Unless things turn around in a hurry, June will be the

fourth straight "dry" month the area has endured. In the first 5 1/2 months of 2023, New Hampton has a precipitation deficit of 6.43 inches and that number would be worse if the area hadn't received almost two inches of above-average precipitation during January and February.

"We're looking at some major deficits," Basol said, "and

it's stressing the corn especially and concerning our growers, too."

Basol did say that, at least for now, he's less concerned about area soybean fields.

"They're just hanging out right now," he said, "but when it does come to the reproduction, flowering, stages, they're going to need some moisture, too. It's not like we're in a total crisis situation yet, but it's amazing how much we've dried up in a month's time."

And the forecast doesn't look all that promising; in fact, there is little, if any, rain in the forecast until Saturday night, when the National Weather Service says showers and thunderstorms are "likely" in the area.

Basol, though, is not holding his breath.

"The last month, 50 percent has meant 10 percent and 20 percent has meant virtually zero chance," he said. "I hope for once 50 percent means 100 percent, because it's getting a little desperate out in those fields right now."

University of Iowa president's list

Paige Wisner of New Hampton was among the more than 1,100 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the president's list for the 2023 spring semester.

Wisner is an undergraduate fourth-year student in Iowa's College of Nursing.

President's list status was earned by only 93 first-year undergraduates, 249 second-year students, 294 third-year students and 539 fourth year students during the 2023 spring semester.

Thank You

Thank you to all who sent us sweet and warm wishes on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We cherish all the remarkable words and wishes you sent our way.

David & Maxine Balke
Waucoma, IA

HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY GLORIA

Gloria Paul turns 85 on June 30th. To honor Gloria birthday we would like to honor her with a card shower.

Please send cards to:
Gloria Paul
841 W. Main St.
New Hampton, IA 50659

2023 Chickasaw County Achievement Show Family BBQ Supper

at the Big Four Fairgrounds in Nashua
Saturday, July 15th
Serving from 4:30-6:30 pm
by the Chickasaw Co. Pork Producers

Tickets \$8.00 ea.
Tickets can be purchased at the Chickasaw County Extension Office in New Hampton

Menu: Grilled Pork Loin Sandwich
Potato Salad, Beans, Chips, Lemonade
Ice cream donated by Farm Credit Service of America

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Saturday Events Will Include:
8am-12pm: Swine Show
1:30pm - 3:30pm: Poultry Show
4:30pm: Awards & Recognition Program
3:00pm: Ag-Olympics
4:30pm - 6:30pm: BBQ Supper
6:00pm: Crowning of Chickasaw Co. Fair Queen
7pm-9pm: Fair Dance

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ELECTRIC UTILITY - COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY JUNE 12, 2023 5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday June 12, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office, 112 E. Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Dahl, Hendricks and Babcock. Anderson and Cantu were absent. Tammy Robinson, Travis Schumacher, Mark Andera, General Manager Brian Quirk and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pro Tem Babcock at 5:05 p.m.

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

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; that the minutes of the May 8, 2023 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson and Cantu. Motion carried.

Kit O'Donohoe arrived at 5:12 pm

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Hendricks; That claims in the amount of \$514,188.65 be approved. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson and Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; that the Finance Reports for May, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson and Cantu. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson requested the Board to extend the second Iowa Development Group low interest loan to KTS Custom Fabrication, LLC. The loan will fund the purchase of a recycling machine which shreds scrap materials which can be sold back to manufacture. Moved by Dahl,

seconded by Hendricks; That Resolution No. 991 APPROVING AN IOWA AREA DEVELOPMENT GROUP REVOLVING LOAN OF \$38,912.00 TO KTS CUSTOM FABRICATION, LLC WITH AN ANNUAL RATE OF 2.0% AND 1% ADMINISTRATION FEE, be approved. Ayes – Dahl, Hendricks, Babcock. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson, Cantu. Resolution – approved.

General Manager Brian Quirk would like to hire Daniel Orthaus as a summer intern for the Light Plant. Orthaus is enrolled in lineman school for the upcoming school year. Moved by Dahl; seconded by Hendricks; that Resolution No. 992 HIRING DANIEL ORTHAUS AS A SUMMER INTERN AT A \$15.00 PER HOUR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Dahl, Hendricks, Babcock. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson, Cantu, Resolution – approved

City Clerk Clemens shared with the board an Arbitrage Rebate Engagement Summary from Berens-Tate Consulting Group. This company is offering to review the Lt Plant's bonding documents from 2019 and 2020 to determine if they are subject to rebate. Attorney O'Donohoe questioned the necessity of the report and will research further. Clemens will also review the interest earned during 2019 and 2020 to determine the utility's yield during that time frame.

General Manager Brian Quirk is requesting board approval of replacing the fuel tanks as soon as possible. Quirk explained that the SPP Market agreement allows 2 timelines to do major repairs; September thru November or April thru June. Quirk would like to complete the project during the September – November months. The bids received for the fuel tanks and installation:

Dick's Petroleum \$301,232.38
Unified \$354,487.00
Midwest Liquid Systems: \$318,142.51
Excavating Bids:
Speicher Excavating: \$32,470.00

Nolte Excavating: \$20,309.60
Blazek Construction \$36,665.00
Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; That Resolution No. 993 APPROVING THE BID OF DICK'S PETROLEUM OF \$301,232.38 FOR THE FUEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT, APPROVING THE \$100,000 DOWN PAYMENT DUE ON THE DATE OF SIGNED AGREEMENT; THE EXCAVATING BID OF NOLTE EXCAVATING OF \$22,309.60, be approved. Ayes – Dahl, Hendricks, Babcock. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson, Cantu. Resolution – approved.

General Manager Brian Quirk would like to hire Casey Stika as a Journeyman/Lineman. Stika has 13 years of experience, is licensed and is available to start in two weeks. Given the amount of experience Stika is bringing to NHMLP, Quirk would like to offer 3 weeks of vacation upon hire and after a successful 90 day review increase his pay from \$40.00 to \$42.64. Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Dahl; that Resolution No. 994 HIRING CASEY STIKA AS JOURNEYMAN/LINEMAN AT \$40.00 PER HOUR, EFFECTIVE JUNE 28,2023; ALSO AFTER A SUCCESSFUL 90 DAYS REVIEW BE INCREASED TO \$42.64 PER HOUR, be approved. Ayes – Dahl, Hendricks, Babcock. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson, Cantu. Resolution – approved.

General Manager Report:
1.Staff is working with New Hampton Electric continuing the meter switchover project, Iowa One Calls, tree trimming and minor mechanical repairs.
2.Discussed update the fuel transfer agreement with a different carrier; concerns regarding reliability; Quirk will develop a contract for future agreements.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; that the meeting adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson and Cantu. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk

JANINE BABCOCK,
Board Chair Pro Tem
LIGHT PLANT JUNE 12, 2023 5:00 P.M.

NIMECA,Monthly Power Bill, CTS Improvement \$333,967.76
State of Iowa,Sales & Use Tax- April \$9,947.45
Visa,Annual ArcGIS Subscription (50% split w/ City)\$467.50
USPS,Postage for Utility Bills\$119.98
Carquest of New Hampton,Antifreeze..... \$16.31
New Hampton Electric, Inc.,Electric Meter Cutover (Pay Estimate 11) \$24,066.99
New Hampton, City of,Utility Bill \$76.67
BMC Aggregates,Roadstone.....\$413.97
Rapid Printers,Utility Billings April\$151.33
US Cellular,iPad Service\$54.16
Black Hills Energy,Engine Fuel, Heat \$2,126.57
Madison National Life Ins,Term Life & Supplemental Life, AD&D\$159.00
Visa,Tools, Floor Mats, Generation School\$5,204.89
USPS,Postage for Utility Bills\$141.08
Hess, Christ,Refund Final Balance..... \$23.28
Maklenburg, Chya,Refund Final Balance \$25.46
USPS,Postage for Utility Bills\$132.57
Caberra, Daniel Isaac,Refund Final Balance \$8.10
Madison National Life Ins,Term Life & Supplemental Life, AD&D\$79.50
NIMECA,Disability Insurance\$216.50
NAPA Auto Parts,Booster Pac, Booster Cables, Fuse Block\$40.12
New Horizons Chamber,Payments on Utility Bills.....\$492.67
Rapid Printers,Utility Billings May

\$237.92
Schneider Geospatial LLC,Annual Billing Ending 6/24 (50% split w/ City)\$3,288.00
Five Star Coop,Gas\$979.03
John Deere Financial,Hose, Sprinkler, Batteries, Socket, Repairs\$417.23
USPS,Postage for Utility Bills\$119.51
Ahlers Cooney Attorney,Amend Joint Ownership Agreement \$522.75
Reimbursement,Medical Reimbursement\$258.94
Bond Transfer,Transfer\$59,000.00
City Laundering Co.,Industrial Laundering Services\$130.98
Community Insurance of Iowa,Work Comp, Property, Auto, Liability Insurance\$98,361.60
Continental Research Corporation,Wasp Spray, Towels\$902.41
DGR,Distribution, SCADA, Misc Projects\$6,385.50
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company,Tape, Connector\$423.72
IAMU,Electric Safety Training\$1,728.57
Iowa One Call,One Calls\$60.30
Jendro Sanitation,Refuse\$77.57
Kahn Tile Supply,Coupler\$6.47
LS Supply & Rental,Lumber, Screws.....\$228.07
Mercy Medical Center -- New Hampton Hearing Screening\$210.00
Mick Gage Plumbing & Heating, Inc. Engine Valves\$107.00
New Hampton Electric, Inc.,Conduit, Romex, Jboxes\$816.23
New Hampton Municipal Utilities Phone Service.....\$120.52
New Hampton Municipal Utilities Joint Expense Reimbursement\$3,016.00
New Hampton Tribune,Publication\$243.96
New Hampton, City of,Utility Bill\$87.34
Power Plant Compliance,Engine Monitoring\$16.05

Schueth Ace Hardware,Batteries, Paint, Blades, Supplies\$166.45
Reimbursement,Medical Reimbursement\$403.81
Stanton Electric,Conference Room Wiring Supplies\$272.23
Stuart C Irby, Co.,Clear Covers\$406.39
Terex,Inspect & Repair Backyard Machine\$3,219.65
Terry-Durin,Wire\$110,138.25
Van Meter,Lights\$61.50
VISA,Tools, Street Lights, SCADA Supplies\$2,004.18
Wesco Receivables Corp,Conduit\$468.66
Total\$573,188.65
Less Transfers\$59,000.00
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED\$514,188.65

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE MAY 8, 2023

AFLAC,Supplemental Insurance\$131.62
Ameritas Life Insurance,Deferred Compensation\$784.49
Ameritas Life Insurance,Deferred Compensation\$871.55
Ameritas Life Insurance,Deferred Compensation\$803.15
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes\$4,429.38
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes\$4,853.82
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes\$4,526.17
Iowa Dept of Revenue,State Withholding Tax\$1,604.90
Treasurer, State of Iowa,IPERS\$6,311.52
Wellmark,Health & Dental Insurance.....\$7,663.86
Total Payroll\$31,980.46

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JUNE 12, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Cerwinske absent. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Kathy Shekleton, Terry Johnson, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Assessor Raymond Armel, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Invenergy Cory Beckman, Jeremy McGrath.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for June 12, 2023 with a deletion of Resolution 06-12-23-46. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from June 5, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

No Public Comment

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow RESOLUTION 06-12-23-45 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: Parcel 2023-18 in the SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 AND IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 of section 3, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 11 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa

WHEREAS, ON THE 12th DAY of June, 2023 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of Parcel 2023-18 in the SE1/4 OF THE NW1/4 AND IN THE NE1/4 OF THE SW1/4 of section 3, all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 11 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 12th DAY of JUNE, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

Discussed department updates with Engineer Roman Lensing.

Review and discuss 28E Cooperative Agreement between Chickasaw County and the City of Alta Vista for a Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Project on V18

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to form an advisory committee for Tax Increment Financing/Urban Renewal Project involving Phase 1 of the Chickasaw Wind Energy Center. The committee will consist of Assessor Raymond Armel, Board of Supervisors Steve Breitbach and Scott Cerwinske, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, and Engineer Roman Lensing. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the change of status for Andrea Kime from full-time LPN to part-time Environmental Health Specialist and part-time LPN effective June 6, 2023 at \$25.00 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge an invoice for Environmental Health from Keystone Laboratories for \$2,993.50. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature for a purchase agreement for 204 E Prospect St, New Hampton, IA for the EMS Department to house ambulances for \$350,000.00 using ARPA funds and property to be delivered by July 31, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve asking Jill Brincks

to draw up blue prints for renovations of the 204 E Prospect Street property for the EMS Department living quarters. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to authorize chair signature on a Mutual Aid Agreement with Nashua Area EMS when they start services. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve paying Heartland Insurance for insurance for EMS Department from January 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023 for \$15,741.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 21.5(1)(J) TO DISCUSS THE POTENTIAL SALE OR PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE at 10:50 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

No action taken out of close session.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chairs signature on FX20/20 Service Block Contract for 400 hours for FY 23-24 at \$36,000.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Discussed Chickasaw Heritage Building Center (CHBC) water testing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 06-12-23-47 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for all officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, in accordance with Section 331.434, Subsection 6, Code of Iowa. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, Iowa, as follows: Section

1. The amounts itemized by fund and by department or office is hereby appropriated as per adopted budget. Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department or officer to make expenditures or incur obligations from the itemized fund, effective July 1, 2023. Section 3. In accordance with Section 331.437, Code of Iowa, no department or officers shall expend or contract to expend any money or incur any liability, or enter into any contract which by its terms involves the expenditures of money for any purpose in excess of the amounts appropriated pursuant to this Resolution. Section 4. If at any time during the 2023/2024 budget year the Auditor ascertains that the available resource of a fund that year will be less than said funds total appropriation, the Auditor shall immediately so inform the Board of Supervisors and recommend appropriate corrective action.

Section 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized in Section 1, each of which account shall indicate the amount of the appropriation, the amount charged thereto, and the encumbered balance. The Auditor shall report the status of such accounts to the applicable departments and officers monthly or quarterly during the fiscal year 2023-2024. Section 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this Resolution lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2024. PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of June, 2023, the vote thereon being as follows: /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

Discussed Addendum for Cott Systems and no action taken.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve TYLER INVOICE FOR SUBSCRIPTION FINANCIAL, PERSONNEL, AND DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SUITE for FY 23-24 at \$29,649.84. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT UPDATES

Supervisor Breitbach-June 6- Upper

Wapsipinicon River Watershed Project Supervisor Hackman-June 6- CSS Motion by Hackman seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 11:06 AM. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn. Absent; Cerwinske. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION Budget 23-24 DEPT

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS\$272,599.00
AUDITOR/ELECTIONS\$427,031.00
TREASURER\$414,025.00
CO.ATTORNEY\$302,883.00
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RECORDER\$187,101.00
CO ENGINEER\$9,946,322.00
VETERANS AFFAIRS\$80,935.00
CONSERVATION\$583,000.00
PUBLIC HLTH & HOME CARE SERV.\$1,441,540.00
WEED COMMISSIONER\$970.00
DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES\$2,070.00
CHICKASAW HERITAGE BUILDING CENTER\$120,557.00
STATE DHS\$10,000.00
MEDICAL EXAMINER\$50,355.00
CO RELIEF\$27,500.00
CLERK OF COURT\$70,000.00
SANITARIAN (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH)\$101,417.00
CO LIBRARY\$124,338.00
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES\$1,110,704.00
LAW ENFORCEMENT BLDG\$53,580.00
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING\$40,287.00
LEMC\$39,550.00
TWP CLERKS AND TRUSTEES\$11,710.00
GENERAL SERVICES\$806,982.00
DATA PROCESSING\$313,000.00
HAZMAT WASTE.....\$6,007.00
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton.

Board members present were Dahl, Hendricks and Babcock. Anderson and Cantu were absent. Travis Schumacher, Mark Andera, Attorney Kit O'Donohoe, General Manager Brian Quirk and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Pro Tem Babcock at 5:56 p.m.

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

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Dahl; that the minutes of the regular meeting minutes of May 8, 2023, be approved as presented. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson & Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Dahl; that claims in the amount of \$93,123.83 be approved as presented. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson & Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Dahl; that the Finance Reports for May, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson & Cantu.

Motion carried.

General Manager Update:
1.Staff is busy with installations and one calls
2.Appreciative of Iowa BIG students who assists customers with tech questions when telecom staff is busy.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; that the meeting adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Ayes – Three. Nays – None. Absent – Anderson & Cantu. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk

JANINE BABCOCK,
Board Chair Pro Tem
TELECOMMUNICATIONS JUNE 12, 2023 5:15 P.M.

State of Iowa,Sales & Use Tax- April\$1,136.93
New Hampton Municipal Utility,Federal Excise Tax Refund (From pooled checking).....\$59.00
Aureon,Transport Service\$2,685.00
New Hampton, City of,Utility Bill\$676.67
Waverly Utilities,Transport Service\$899.95
Visa,Open House Items, Shelves, Tools, Hotel\$1,495.40
Black Hills Energy,Gas Service\$109.97
Cedar Falls Utilities,Wholesale Bandwidth\$1,110.00
US Cellular iPad Service & Device Payment.....\$65.57
Madison National Life Insurance,Supplemental, Term & AD&D Insurance\$147.70
Payroll Account,May Salaries

.....\$21,293.10
Madison National Life Insurance,Supplemental, Term & AD&D Insurance\$73.85
NIMECA,Disability Insurance\$78.26
Cedar Falls Utilities,28E Agreement\$1,179.51
Five Star Coop,Gas\$100.94
Jendro Sanitation,Refuse Pickup\$77.57
BIG Network,Digital Base, Total Base, BTN\$284.40
Butler Bremer Communications,Wholesale Voice.....\$7,613.36
Butler Bremer Communications,Voice, Internet\$739.77
CardConnect,Monthly Fee\$774.70
Community Insurance of Iowa,Work Comp, Property, Liability Insurance\$12,648.06
FARR Technologies,Professional Fees\$7,377.50
Goldfield Telecom,Power Adapters\$10,639.74
High Plains Technology, Inc.,Agreement Microsoft 365, Licensing\$5,223.00
Innovative Systems,Printing, Mailing, Monthly Fee\$4,728.58
Iowa One Call,Email\$53.10
M.T.S., Inc.,Window Washing\$34.24
National Cable TV Coop,Video Programming\$8,251.86
New Hampton Electric,Elbow & Couplings, Boxes\$112.63
New Hampton Tribune,Legal Publication, Ad\$132.20
New Hampton, City of,Utility Bill\$596.29

Pocketful of Posies,Open House Basket\$50.00
Power & Telephone,Patchcord\$720.10
Rapid Printers,Office Supplies\$25.23
Schueth Ace Hardware,Tools, Toolbox, Wasp Spray\$559.22
SmartSource Consulting,Broadband Consulting\$1,205.75
VISA,Adobe PDF, Supplies\$164.68
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED\$93,123.83

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE May 8, 2023

AFLAC,Supplemental Insurance\$48.12
Ameritas Variable Life Insurance,Deferred Comp\$90.00
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EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes\$1,638.90
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes\$1,638.93
EFTPS,FICA & Federal Taxes\$1,638.94
Iowa Dept of Revenue,State Withholding Tax\$541.40
Treasurer, State of Iowa,IPERS\$2,393.57
Wellmark,Health & Dental Insurance.....\$2,885.80
TOTAL PAYROLL\$11,055.66

No. 23072
06/22/23

Legal Notice • Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KERRY J. KESTNER, Deceased, CASE NO. ESPR003122 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kerry J. Kestner, Deceased, who died on or about April 15, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on June 12, 2023, Jerry D. Johnson was appointed Administrator of the estate.

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

clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur 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 June 12, 2023

Jerry D. Johnson, Administrator of Estate, 28 7th St. N, Dakota City, IA 50529

Danielle M. Ellingson, ICIS#: AT0012534, Attorney for Executors, Noah. Smith, Slotter & Ellingson, PLC, 200 North Johnson St., Charles City, IA 50616

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Legal Notice • Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD A. CAMPBELL, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR003109 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (CHAPTER 635 – SMALL ESTATE)

To all persons interested in the estate of Howard A. Campbell, deceased, who died on or about January 17, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on April 19, 2023, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims

against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated June 12, 2023.

Margaret Campbell, Executor, 146 Lakeshore Drive, Nashua, IA 50658

Sarah C. Barr, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C., 115 Third Street S.E., Suite 500, P.O. Box 2107, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406-2107

ATTORNEYS FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR Date of Second Publication: June 22nd, 2023.

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New Hampton Superintendent Jay Jurrens makes a point during a discussion with School Board members (from left) Bob Ayers, Tim Denner and Nate Schwickerath during Monday night’s meeting.

Board covers a lot of ground during meeting

SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

maybe years, of planning,” Manson said, “and if there’s no interest, we could stop now, but if there is, we’re willing to go explore that path.”

Manson said students would still need to meet core requirements in subjects like math, science, English and social studies, but that a three-year track might be a pathway for more flexibility for students when it came to their education journey.

He pointed out that more of our students are working and want to head straight into the workforce after graduation. He said that about 30 senior students have taken part in the school’s “work program” the past few years and a three-year track to graduation might interest them.

“This isn’t going to happen overnight and we have a lot of work to do to see if it’s even possible,” Manson said. “It would mean, for example, that a student would be taking two English classes at a time to meet the requirement of four years of English.”

Board members expressed interest — albeit it seemed lukewarm — in the possibility of having a designed three-year pathway to graduation.

“I was one of those people who graduated early,” Board Member Tim Denner said, “and sitting where I’m sitting now, I regret on all the things I missed out on in those six months.”

Other board members wondered how students would feel about missing a year of extra-curricular activities and would they be able to get jobs that they can only do now because they are part of a school program. Yet, they were intrigued enough about the proposal to ask Manson to continue to develop a plan and bring it back to the board.

Superintendent Jay Jurrens on Tuesday said he agreed with the board’s decision but he added that “the best way” to proceed may be to have that three-year track include a fourth and final year in which a student would take a careers class and spend the rest of the day in a work setting.

“The issue right now is that for kids who aren’t 18 to get into those settings, they have to be a part of an educational program,” he said. “Again, I think it certainly is a positive to explore what

Student Briefs

Hawkeye graduates

The following are Hawkeye Community College spring semester graduates and their programs of study. Honors were earned for grade point averages 3.5 to 3.74 and high honors for 3.75 to 3.99.

Fort Atkinson: Breanna Busta, Administrative Office Management, [AAS], high honors.

Fredericksburg: Emma Pitz, Accounting Technician, [DIPL], Peyton Schmitz, General Agriculture, [DIPL].

Hawkeye: Kylie Wurzer, Liberal Arts, [AA], high honors.

Lawler: Chase Howe, Computer Networking Technician [DIPL].

Nashua: Chase Rust, Computer Networking Technician [DIPL], high honors.

New Hampton: Macy Flick, Dental Hygiene [AAS]; Erin Kramer, Natural Resources Management [AAS], honors; Lola Lemke, Liberal Arts [AA]; Tyler Reicks, Diesel Technology [AAS]; Adrian Rings, Graphic Communications [AAA]; Gavin Rings, General Agriculture [DIPL], high honors; Ethan Theis, Police Science

[AAS], honors; Preston Trower, General Agriculture [DIPL]; Kayla Walter, Liberal Arts [AA]

UW-Madison dean’s list

The University of Wisconsin–Madison has recognized students named to the dean’s list for the spring semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester.

Katherine Hemesath of New Hampton was named to the list, she is an honor roll student in the School of Pharmacy.

UIU dean’s list

Upper Iowa University announces the dean’s list for the 2023 spring semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average for the semester.

Area students that made the list include Christian Cutsforth and Lily Shores of Waucoma; William Kopp of Elma and Elizabeth Diers of Sumner.

Nashua caps off ‘Festival Month’

Water Over the Dam Days, Civil War Reenactment set for weekend

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

A drive through Nashua’s Cedar View Park Wednesday night provided an amazing serene scene.

Oh, there were a few campers set up in the campground and a couple of kids were hanging out on the beach at the entrance of the park.

But the grammar-lacking thought — it ain’t going to be like this in nine days — hit the reporter as he took a photograph of an almost empty park.

That’s because on Friday, Nashua’s biggest party of the year — Water Over the Dam Days — will move out to the park.

The town festival kicks off tonight (Thursday) with a host of events downtown — including the crowning of the Water Over the Dam Days royalty, a hot dog eating contest and a street dance with the band Redline.

And like a year ago, on the “other side” of town, the folks at the Old Bradford Pioneer Museum will also have a “houseful” as it gears up for its annual Civil War Reenactment.

“We’re really excited about what we have to offer this year,” Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell said in a recent interview. “I think the biggest thing with Water Over the Dam Days is you just want to make sure you have something for everyone. I might be biased, but

I think we’ve got that.”

Friday’s activities kick off with a golf tournament in the morning at the Nashua Town and County Club before the park takes center stage in the afternoon and evening, which will wrap up with the band Kris Karr playing in the new Baldwin Bandshell.

And Saturday is simply chock full of events, including the parade that will be led by Dan and Lisa Zwanziger at 10:30 a.m. in the morning.

“I said this last year, and I’ll say it again,” Sinnwell said, “but there is no greater feeling in the world than to see the park full of people.

“We put a lot of work into this, but to see so many people enjoying themselves, well, then it’s worth it.”

One of the big drawing cards for Water Over the Dam Days is the live music, and for those who don’t want to not only hear but also see musicians, Saturday is going to be a very good day.

Richie Lee and the Fabulous Fifties will play from noon to 2:30 p.m., Triple Threat will take the stage from 3 to 5:30 and the band Sushi Roll will bring down the curtain on the celebration from 8 to midnight, with a break for fireworks at 10.

“The best part of having the new bandshell is it’s on a little higher ground,” Sinnwell said, “and that’s going to make it a little easier for folks to get around, especially if it rains.”

He paused and laughed.

“I know we can use the rain, but from like 2 to 8 in the morning would be perfect,” Sinnwell said.

And as he said in a story that appeared in the Reporter a few weeks ago, the second time around is proving to be a little easier.

The Park Board took over the operation of the festival last year, and they had plenty of help from Jeff and Tori Ulrichs, whose family coordinated Water Over the Dam Days for a number of years.

“I think we were all way nervous last year,” Sinnwell said, “but having gone through it has made planning this year a littler easier. Last year, thank God for Jeff and Tori, but we were a little bit like a deer in the headlights. Now, we know what to expect.”

Water Over the Dam Days, however, won’t be the only “game” in town.

At Old Bradford, the annual Civil War Reenactment kicks off with revile at 7 a.m. on Saturday.

The two-day event will include a variety of activities, highlighted by “battles” that will be fought by the Confederates and Union soldiers at 3 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

The cost is \$5 per day, with children ages 3 and under getting in free, and lunch will be served by the Old Bradford Pioneer Volunteers.

Briefs

Library to hold open house for painting’s new ‘home’

The New Hampton Public Library’s most treasured artwork — an Adam Emory Albright painting — has a new home in the library and will be celebrated on Saturday, July 8, during an open house.

The painting was recently professionally restored by Sara Boesen of Des Moines, and Edwards Creative of Milan, Illinois, created what Library Director Carrie Becker called a “museum quality space” in which to display it. The project was funded by the New Hampton

Lions Club.

The piece, which was a gift to the library on its 50th anniversary, has been appraised at \$30,000.

The July 8 open house will run from 1 to 3 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

LifeServe to hold drive Tuesday

New Hampton will host a community blood drive on Tuesday from noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 112 E. Spring St. in New Hampton. Appointments may be made by texting LIFESERVE to 999.777; by calling 800.287.4903 or by visiting lifeserve.info/schedule.

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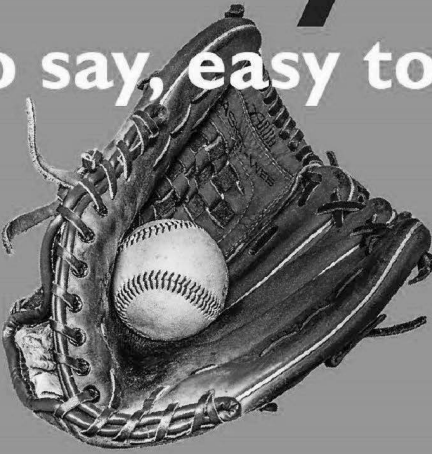
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Lawler firefighters receive late fireman’s treasured memorabilia

Bob Cutsforth may not have been a Lawler fireman, but family connections made the town’s fire station the place for him be at almost every Irish Fest

By LYDIA GESSNER
Of the Tribune

It wasn’t uncommon for the Cutsforth family to lose Grandpa at Irish Fest. But they always knew just where to find him.

“I just remember we would come up here for Irish Fest, like as a family ... and we’d lose Grandpa and we’d find him in this fire station,” his granddaughter, Jenny Monteith said, “just like sitting and talking with whatever firemen were in here.”

There was something about Robert “Bob” Cutsforth that kept him coming back to the station— from family vacations to his days off.

“When we were traveling, you know, when we were growing up, and he needed directions, you know, he’d always stop at a fire station,” his daughter and Monteith’s mom, Kim Latusick, said. “He loved it. He just loved it.”

“I’ll never forget the day, though, he showed up to the station and he wasn’t even supposed to be there,” his son, Scott Cutsforth said.

“He got his schedule mixed up and he came home,” Latusick remembered with a laugh.

So it is of little surprise that Cutsforth had amassed a collection of firefighter antiques over the course of his life. From an old nozzle to a firehouse bell, Cutsforth found these treasures across the state and the country.

For a long time, these relics could be found in his firefighter-themed basement.

“It was all fire department. Even the curtains,” Latusick said with a laugh. “It was everywhere!”

It was here that his grandchildren, including Jennifer Monteith, discovered the firehouse bell, which she remembers ringing with her sister and cousin.

Last Saturday, two years after Cutsforth’s passing, Monteith stood in front of some of her grandfather’s treasured memorabilia, including that

bell, at the fire station in Lawler.

While Cutsforth was never a Lawler resident himself, and served on the Waterloo Fire Department, it was in this small town that he spent many a summer with his grandparents, William and Elizabeth Cutsforth, who were life-long Lawler residents.

“And he had uncles that were the same age so he basically stayed his summers up here,” Latusick said. “And he’s always loved Lawler.”

But little did Cutsforth know, during those summers on Lawler soil, the great joy to be found in his career to come. It wasn’t until his uncle persuaded him to join the department in Waterloo in the early 60s that he found his true passion.

And it took quite a bit of convincing to get him through the doors. Cutsforth had a good job at Rath Packing Company in Waterloo and he didn’t want to leave it behind. His coworkers thought he was crazy. Little did they know, they would be the ones out of a job years later when the company shut down.

Cutsforth would work one 24-hour shift at the station and then take 48 hours off. That was the typical schedule at the time.

“And he always had a second job,” Latusick said.

But once he stepped back through the doors of the firehouse, the work stopped.

“And my dad said when he was a fireman he never worked a day in his life,” Latusick said. “Because he loved it. It was a brotherhood of no other and he loved what he did.”

After over 30 years of service, Cutsforth retired in 1994 as Lieutenant of the Waterloo Fire Department. Monteith has fond memories sitting on her grandpa’s lap in the firetruck as a little girl. When he passed away in 2021, those roles were reversed.

“For his funeral, he wanted to be cremated and so the station—he retired out of station three—the truck took him to the cemetery,” Latusick said.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The family of the late Bob Cutsforth (above) stands in front of a display case at the Lawler Fire Station that includes the memorabilia Cutsforth (right) collected during his long career as a firefighter.

“I held him on my lap in the firetruck,” Monteith said.

After his passing, his family was trying to decide what to do with his collection. Monteith decided to call Eric Fibikar of the Lawler Fire Department.

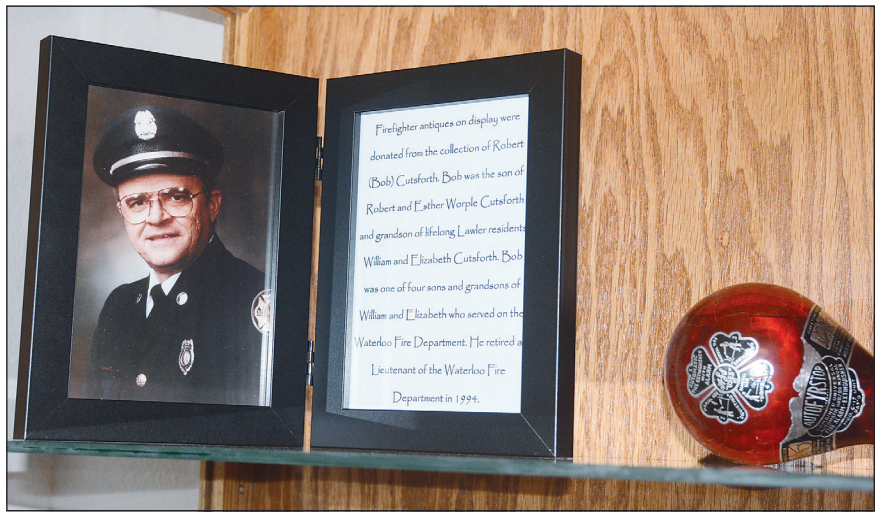
“Within a few days, Eric and Nick Heckmann found themselves in what we might call a ‘kid in the candy store’ situation in the basement of my grandparents’ home,” she said during the dedication on Saturday.

They carefully chose which pieces they wanted to display along with the Lawler department’s current collection.

“It needed to stay together so we could still enjoy it, too,” Latusick said.

But Latusick and her family now know where to go if they ever want a home for more of these treasures they have kept.

“Cause I think everybody in the



family has a piece,” Monteith said.

Included in the case is a photo of Cutsforth, along with a short explanation, and another photo of him with some of his fellow firefighters and his grandmother from Lawler, Elizabeth Cutsforth.

“This is a feel good day for sure,” Latusick said.

Latusick couldn’t help but tear up as her grandson, Easton Monteith, read off the firefighter’s prayer during the dedication.

“When I am called to duty, God

wherever flames may rage, / give me strength to save a life, whatever be its age... / Enable me to be alert to hear the weakest shot, / and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out...”

For Cutsforth, the department was more than a career—it was a calling and a brotherhood. And long after his retirement, it sent him searching for treasures that reminded him of this love. Now each member of his family has something to remember him by, and Lawler, the town he loved, now has pieces of his heart on display, too.



Photo courtesy of Dee Larkin

Methodists take on hunger

The First United Methodist Church of New Hampton was awarded a hunger grant from the Ingathering Grant Task Force to help alleviate hunger in our county. Pictured is Jennifer Riley accepting the check from FUMC member Dee Larkin.

Iowa Dairy Center to celebrate Dairy Month with breakfast Saturday

The Iowa Dairy Center will celebrate Dairy Month with “Breakfast on the Farm” this Saturday at its farm located just south of Calmar.

The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon and includes a wholesome breakfast complete with Dad’s Belgian Waffles, sausage and delicious dairy products including milk, cheese, yogurt and ice cream – all locally produced and processed.

Visitors can take a guided tour of the farm and there will be activities for all ages, including hand-milking a cow, a petting zoo, story time with a local dairy princess, cow inflatables and educational exhibits.

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a horse-drawn wagon, which was met with flying Irish flags and green-clad parade-goers eager for candy. For Janice, a life-long resident of Lawler and of German ancestry, it was a celebration of her hometown. For David, it was a celebration of not only Lawler, but of his ancestry, since his great-grandfather, James Byrne, immigrated from Northern Ireland in 1844. David’s family even has relatives in Ireland to this day.

“It’s just a great honor, and we’re happy to be here and represent the town of Lawler,” David said following the ceremony on Friday to honor past grand marshals, Junko, Janice, and him.

Janice enjoys seeing the town band together for the big weekend.

“Just seeing all the nice people that have come out,” she said. “Seeing how the town all comes together, you know, helps and enjoys the festival.”

David said that he enjoys seeing old friends come back for the festival. And while he said he has never entered the kilt contest, Janice enjoys watching the little Irish dancers and listening to the music.

The couple has fond memories, not just from Irish fest, but from their many years of living in Lawler.

David has been a “proud member” of the Lawler American Legion Harold Redman Post 279 since moving

to town in 1973 and served for several years as the Post Commander with Janice by his side. They have fond memories of going to Legion events, including the annual holiday party.

They also have enjoyed Lawler All-Nighter softball tournaments and time with friends at local establishments in Lawler, including the Brite Spot, which they owned and operated together for 14 years. They have fond memories watching their children enjoy Lawler as well—from Little League games to bike rides to creek playing to going to the park with their friends.

Junko also spent many years raising her children in Lawler, and the now 90-year-old is still happy to call the town home for a multitude of reasons.

“The friendliness of people is great—very helpful. And we’ve got everything here that a small



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The grandchildren of Irish Fest Grand Marshals David and Janice Byrne help “cool off” the crowd along the parade route Saturday afternoon.

town needs—we’ve got a church, we’ve got a gas station, a couple eating places, building, auto mechanic—most everything we need is right here in Lawler,” she said, and then added with a laugh, “Except a grocery store!”

Junko was also quick to profess the town, and area’s, dire need for rain. Yet she was grateful for the beautiful weather which shone down on the Irish, and the not-so-Irish, for another year of Lawler celebration.

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Maici Weber leads UIC in hitting

TV Softball: From 14

Saturday's morning festivities, 6-5. New Hampton turned back TV, 5-3, in a game that saw the Chickasaws plate two runs in the last half of the fifth for the victory.

"We were just a hit away," said Hackman. "Even though the New Hampton game was 5-3, I don't think any of their runs were earned except for the home run."

That dinger came off the bat of All-NEIC junior short-stop Jenna Heeren in the third inning and gave NH a 3-2 lead. TV tied it, 3-3, in the top of the fifth after Clare Courtney scored on a wild pitch. She led off the inning with a single, stole second and advanced to third on a sac-fly to right. TV had runners on second and third with two outs before Heeren – who also started the game for New Hampton – induced a strikeout to end the threat.

"We didn't hit very well, but that was probably the best pitching we faced that game," said Hackman. "We've played well. We didn't have (Olivia) Snyder or Jacqlyn (Schmitt) here today – our regular No. 1 and No. 4 hitters. That hurt us a little bit offensively."

TV senior Sierra Morris pitched well enough to win in the game versus the Chickasaws. She surrendered eight hits, two earned runs, walked just two batters and struck out six.

TV outlasted Central Elkader (3-14, 2-8) in a doubleheader sweep last week Wednesday – each by one-run scores of 12-11 and 6-5. Both victories came via walk-off wins in the bottom of the seventh.

TV freshman Maici Weber homered and knocked in five runs in the opener of the Central game. Courtney homered in the nightcap.

Weber leads the UIC in hitting with a .500 average. She is also tops in homers with three. Her 33 RBI are far and away the top stat in the category as well in the league.

Courtney, a senior, is batting .373 with 19 hits and 14 RBI.

TV is tied with South Winneshiek for the team lead in batting average (.319) in the UIC.

TV bounces back with nice win over MFL

TV Baseball: From 14

NH senior Noah Hanson allowed just two earned runs against the Hawks through six innings. Schmitt faced just the single batter in the final inning before giving up the game-winning hit.

Calvin Bodensteiner's one-out single to center field got the ball rolling for TV in the fifth inning versus NFV. Schmitt's flair hit over second base put the pressure on TigerHawk pitching. Chase Hayek hit a sacrifice fly to put TV on top for good, 2-1. Caleb Kurtenbach's RBI single added another insurance run and Garrett Dietzenbach kept the hit parade marching down the base paths with a single to right-center. Aidan Holthaus plated both runners with an RBI double to left-center to score TV's fourth and fifth runs.

TV went deep on Senior Night versus MFL-Mar-Mac on Monday. Brennen Drilling blasted two home runs – a grand slam in the opener and a three-run shot in the nightcap. Kurtenbach also homered in the second game against the Bulldogs – this one a three-bagger as well.

MFL won the first game, 9-4, while TV won second game by that same score of 9-4.

Turkey Valley is 10-11 overall and 8-6 in the Upper Iowa Conference standings. MFL (12-8, 9-5) sits in second place, while South Winn continues to rule the roost in the UIC with a mark of 16-5 overall and 13-0 in the league.

Stepan likes the fight in his squad with less than two weeks to play before postseason play starts.

"They've got each other's back – which has been fun," said Stepan.

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 5, NEW HAMPTON 0
SW 001 130 0 - 5
TV 000 000 x - 0

Pitching - Carson Busta 1 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 2 K, Chase Hayek 1 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 0 K, Logan Busta 4 2/3 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 5 K.

Hits - Oliver Schmitt 1.
SOUTH WINNESHIEK 8, TURKEY VALLEY 1
SW 602 000 0 - 8
TV 100 000 x - 1

Pitching - Russell Nieman 2 IP, 8



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TV freshman catcher Maici Weber looks at a pitch during the New Hampton Invite on Saturday. Weber is batting .500, which is leading the Upper Iowa Conference.

Snyder, another senior, has hit to healthy clip of .404. Schmitt, a senior, bats .302 and yes, another senior – Alison Leibold – has been productive at the plate as well. Leibold sports a .339 batting average. Sophomore Morgan Vsetecka brings a .308 batting average to the plate.

South Winn (13-10, 9-1) is currently in first place in the league standings as of Tuesday afternoon. North Fayette Valley (12-12), Kee High (10-13) and TV all sport league marks of 8-2 and are tied for second place with eight games left in the conference portion of the season.

TURKEY VALLEY 12, CENTRAL ELKADER 11
CE 310 043 0 - 11
TV 103 304 1 - 12

Pitching - Maici Weber 4 IP, 2 H, 2 H, 8 R, 5 ER, 11 BB, 2 K, Halle Weber 3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

2B - Morgan Vsetecka, Aubrey Hoffert. 3B - Olivia Snyder. HR - M. Weber. Runs - Snyder 4, Alison Leibold 1, M. Weber 1, Jacqlyn Schmitt 1, Kinsey Reicks 1, Clare Courtney 1, Brianna Busta 1, Hoffert 1, H. Weber 1. Hits - M. Weber 2, Vsetecka 2, Snyder 1, Leibold 1, Hoffert 1, H. Weber 1. RBI - M. Weber 5, Vsetecka 2, Leibold 1, Busta 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 6,

CENTRAL ELKADER 5
CE 001 003 1 - 5
TV 113 000 1 - 6

Pitching - Sierra Morris 6 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 3 K, H. Weber 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - Snyder. HR - Courtney. Runs - Snyder 2, Leibold 1, M. Weber 1, Courtney 1, Busta 1. Hits - Courtney 2, H. Weber 2, Snyder 1, M. Weber 1, Busta 1, Vsetecka 1. RBI - M. Weber 2, Courtney 2, Schmitt 1.

DENVER 6, TURKEY VALLEY 5
Denver 010 500 - 6
Turkey Valley 001 103 - 5

Pitching - H. Weber 6 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

2B - Courtney. Runs - Reicks 2, Courtney 1, Mariah Thronson 1, H. Weber 1. Hits - Leibold 2, M. Weber 2, Vsetecka 1, Thronson 1, H. Weber 1, Hoffert 1, Courtney 1. RBI - Leibold 2, Courtney 1, Hoffert 1.

NEW HAMPTON 5, TURKEY VALLEY 3
TV 020 010 0 - 3
NH 111 020 x - 5

Pitching - Morris 6 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 6 K.

Runs - Courtney 1, Thronson 1, H. Weber 1. Hits - M. Weber 2, Courtney 1, Reicks 1. RBI - Reicks 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 14, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 4
Nashua-Plainfield 040 00 - 4
Turkey Valley 440 33 - 14

Pitching - H. Weber 3 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 2 K, Morris 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - M. Weber, Busta, Abigail

Schmitt. Runs - Busta 3, Courtney 2, Leibold 2, Layni Schuchhardt 2, Vsetecka 2, Hoffert 1, Reicks 1, A. Schmitt 1. Hits - Courtney 2, M. Weber 2, Hoffert 2, Reicks 1, A. Schmitt 1, Busta 1, Leibold 1. RBI - M. Weber 3, Hoffert 2, Courtney 2, H. Weber 1, Annika Bodensteiner 1, Reicks 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 19, WEST CENTRAL 9
TV 023 426 2 - 19
WC 404 001 0 - 9

Pitching - Morris 7 IP, 7 H, 9 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 7 K.

2B - Courtney 2. Runs - M. Weber 3, H. Weber 3, Leibold 2, Courtney 2, Vsetecka 2, Busta 2, Snyder 1, Thronson 1, J. Schmitt 1, Hoffert 1, Reicks 1. Hits - M. Weber 3, Busta 3, Vsetecka 2, Courtney 2, Hoffert 2, Leibold 1, H. Weber 1. RBI - M. Weber 3, Courtney 3, Hoffert 3, Busta 2, J. Schmitt 1, Snyder 1, Leibold 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 14, WEST CENTRAL 4
Turkey Valley 740 111 - 14
West Central 004 000 - 4

Pitching - M. Weber 2 1/3 IP, 1 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, 5 K, H. Weber 3 2/3 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

2B - Snyder, Courtney, J. Schmitt, Vsetecka. Runs - Busta 3, M. Weber 2, Courtney 2, Reicks 2, Vsetecka 2, Leibold 1, Hoffert 1, Thronson 1. Hits - Snyder 3, Courtney 2, J. Schmitt 2, M. Weber 1, Vsetecka 1, Hoffert 1, Busta 1. RBI - Snyder 3, Vsetecka 2, Hoffert 2, M. Weber 1, Courtney 1, J. Schmitt 1.



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Oliver Schmitt turns a double play against North Fayette Valley last week Thursday in a UIC contest.

H, 8 R, 8 ER, 8 BB, 2 K, Schmitt 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K, Calvin Bodensteiner 4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

Runs - Noah Hanson 1. Hits - C. Busta 1, Bodensteiner 1. RBI - Bodensteiner 1.

KEE HIGH 2, TURKEY VALLEY 1
Kee 000 100 1 - 2
TV 000 001 x - 1

Pitching - Hanson 6 1/3 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 3 K, Schmitt 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Runs - C. Busta 1. Hits - C. Busta 1. RBI - Schmitt 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 5, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 1
NFV 100 000 0 - 1
TV 001 040 x - 5

Pitching - L. Busta 5 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, Schmitt 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

2B - C. Busta, Aidan Holthaus.

Runs - C. Busta 1, Bodensteiner 1, Schmitt 1, Caleb Kurtenbach 1, Garrett Dietzenbach 1. Hits - Dietzenbach 2, C. Busta 1, Bodensteiner 1, Schmitt 1, Kurtenbach 1, Holthaus 1. RBI - Holthaus 2, Schmitt 1, Kurtenbach 1.

MFL-MAR-MAC 9, TURKEY VALLEY 4
MFL 201 201 3 - 9
TV 040 000 0 - 4

Pitching - Hanson 5 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 4 K, C. Busta 2 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

2B - Kurtenbach. HR - Brennen Drilling. Runs - Hayek 1, Kurtenbach

1, Dietzenbach 1, Drilling 1. Hits - Hayek 2, Kurtenbach 2, Schmitt 1, Dietzenbach 1, Drilling 1. RBI - Drilling 4.

TURKEY VALLEY 9, MFL-MAR-MAC 4
MFL 000 130 0 - 4
TV 043 002 x - 9

Pitching - Bodensteiner 3 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 4 K, Schmitt 3 1/3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 5 K.

2B - Hanson, Hayek. HR - Kurtenbach, Drilling. Runs - Kurtenbach 2, Hanson 1, C. Busta 1, Schmitt 1, Hayek 1, Dietzenbach 1, Drilling 1, Ethan Orvis 1. Hits - Hanson 2, Hayek 2, Kurtenbach 2, Schmitt 1, Drilling 1. RBI - Kurtenbach 3, Drilling 3, Hanson 1, Bodensteiner 1.

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Meyers leading the charge for New Hampton

NH BASEBALL: FROM 14

New Hampton’s most memorable dogpile in recent memory happened two summers ago when NH pulled off a stunner against No. 1 Roland-Story in the 2021 substate final to crack the state tournament for the second time ever in school history.

The Chickasaws are hoping memorable historic milestones like that one repeat itself this summer – which officially began this past Wednesday.

It’s been a pretty good ride around that sun so far in 2023 as New Hampton continued to put itself in a position to make another run at a state berth. NH’s first state tournament game occurred in 2019.

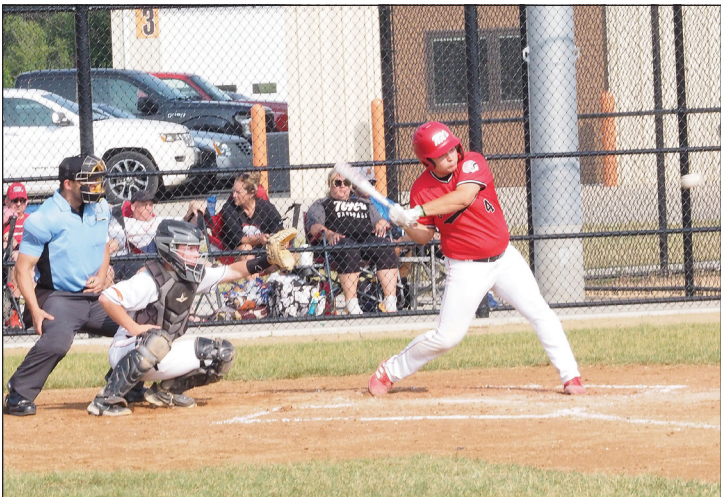
New Hampton (15-7, 8-6) climbed a notch in the latest Class 2A rankings provided by the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association (IHSBCA). The Chickasaws are now rated ninth.

While that prep poll doesn’t tell the entire tale of how the Chickasaws have performed this year – it does give one a decent indication of how talented this squad truly is, especially considering the injuries they’ve had to overcome.

“I’m excited about where our team’s at going forward,” said McDonald.

NH stopped Central Springs at Mikkelson Park last week Thursday by a score of 9-4. Then it was off to Charles City for an NEIC twinbill, which saw the host Comets win the first game, 6-4. New Hampton took the nightcap, 4-1, behind the excellent pitching of Gannon Shekleton and Braden McShane. Timely hitting late was also the order of evening as juniors Ty Robinson and Kael Meyers came up with clutch hits in the last two frames to help seal the deal.

Game one against Charles City was a bit of mystery as several perplexing calls seemed to derail New Hampton’s momentum. Two of those questionable decisions by umpires came in the fifth inning and clearly frustrated McDonald and McShane.



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NH’s Ty Robinson looks to make contact in a double-header at Charles City last Friday night.

What appeared to be a phantom hit-by-pitch befuddled the Chickasaws and led to the bases being loaded with two outs in the fifth – the game tied at 4-4. McShane would walk the next batter and CC took a 5-4 lead. The second balk of the evening was called on McShane a few pitches later and this one was the most costly as it brought home the Comet runner from third for the game’s final run scored of the evening – New Hampton now down 6-4.

McShane induced a strikeout to end the head-scratcher of an inning, but not before he rifled the ball down to the mound in disgust before heading back to the dugout.

“We just came out flat – didn’t play sound baseball. We had a bunch of walks, hit by pitches,” said McShane.

McDonald summed up his thoughts on a choppy Game 1 where there was also a question as to whether or not a Charles City runner left early on a tag from third on a sacrifice fly in the third inning.

“We coaches are really proud of how the boys responded. It was a tough loss. There was a lot of things going on in Game 1 – some within our control and some out of our control,” said McDonald. “I was proud of our boys for focusing on what we could control in Game 2.”

Shekleton was once again money on the bump as he allowed just four hits and one

earned run in just shy of five innings pitched in the nightcap. He remained undefeated at 5-0 on the season. McShane slammed the door shut in two-plus innings of work for his fourth save.

“It’s a great one-two punch, which we plan on riding all the way through to state,” said McDonald about Shekleton and McShane’s pitching prowess.

New Hampton’s team ERA is 2.33 – third-best in Class 2A.

Shekleton (5-0) sports a minuscule 0.76 ERA in 27.2 innings (allowed just three earned runs). McShane has a 1.50 ERA in 18.2 innings pitched. McShane is tied in Class 2A at the top of the save leaders category with Ryker Thoren of Grundy Center with four and Shekleton is tied with a slew of 2A pitchers near the top of the leaderboard in wins.

McShane – who has not hit at the plate (hamstring injury) since a May 27 game versus Turkey Valley – said he could possibly be back in the batting order this Friday at home in a doubleheader with Crestwood.

“It’s getting better – not quite there yet,” said McShane.

Meyers – a junior like McShane – continues to tear the cover off the baseball. Meyers won’t pitch this year as he tore a ligament in his elbow in the first week of the season. The left-handed batter – who took over the leadoff spot in the batting order as McShane heals

from his injury – is one of 2A’s best.

“You gotta take a swing when you step in the box,” said Meyers. “I just gotta control what I can control. When I found out I couldn’t pitch anymore, it just kind of gave me a reason to step up to bat and just do damage.”

Meyers leads team in almost every important hitting category with a .442 average, 23 hits, 24 runs, six doubles, a home run and 19 RBI. He’s ripped two triples, has coaxed 20 base on balls and sports a .631 on-base-percentage (7th-best in Class 2A).

“These guys are beasts,” said McDonald about his two stars in McShane and Meyers.

NH sophomore catcher Talyn Bohaty’s sac fly scored New Hampton’s first run in the nightcap versus CC. He leads Class 2A in that category with five. He is also the top dog defensively in 2A as he is No. 1 in putouts (152) and total chances (171).

A balk scored New Hampton’s second run in the fifth inning and Robinson stroked an RBI double in the sixth inning to right-center that made it 3-1.

“That’s where Ty puts it. That’s Ty’s hit right there,” said McDonald.

It was Robinson’s first double of the season. He talked about remaining positive when things don’t go his team’s way.

“A strike out’s a strike out – everybody’s going to do it,” said Robinson. “They just gotta let it blow by. The next AB – that’s what we always say. You’re gonna swing and miss. You gotta trust yourself.”

Meyers drilled a triple to dead-away center in the seventh inning of the twin bill to provide the Chickasaws with another insurance run.

New Hampton swiped a remarkable 13 out of 13 stolen base attempts in the Central Springs (4-12) game and is second in that key category in Class 2A with 109 successful swipes. Eagle Grove leads Class 2A in that team stolen base department with 132.

NH split at home versus

Charles City (9-14, 5-9) back in May at Mikkelson Park. New Hampton lost the first game, 4-3, and won the nightcap, 5-1.

New Hampton is still in striking distance in the NEIC standings and continues to be in line for perhaps its first league title since 2019. The Chickasaws may need to win out to attain that lofty distinction. As of Monday afternoon, New Hampton sits with an 8-6 record in the league. Decorah (14-7) and Waverly-Shell Rock (12-8) are currently tied for first place in the NEIC with 10-4 league marks.

NH played at Waukon in a twinbill on Tuesday and hosts Crestwood on Friday in another doubleheader. The Chickasaws finish off the league portion of its regular-season slate on Monday, June 26 at Decorah (DH).

“We gave ourselves a shot here. We just gotta win out,” said McShane.

NEW HAMPTON 9, CENTRAL SPRINGS 4

CS	210	001	0	-	4
NH	121	410	x	-	9
Pitching - Talyn Bohaty 2 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 3 K, Ty Robinson 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R 0 ER, 1 BB, 4 K, Colton Ashley 3 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.					

2B - Bohaty. Runs - Ben Gilbert 2, Gannon Shekleton 2, Kael Meyers 1, Bohaty 1, Robinson 1, Carsyn Leistikow 1, Peyton Anderson 1. Hits - Myers 1, Gilbert 1, Bohaty 1, Aiden Roberson 1, Robinson 1, Leistikow 1. RBI - Meyers 2, Bohaty 2, Roberson 2, Robinson 1.

CHARLES CITY 6, NEW HAMPTON 4

NH	004	000	0	-	4
CC	022	020	x	-	6
Pitching - Jaxon Eckley 4 1/3 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 2 K, Braden McShane 1 2/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.					

2B - Meyers, Anderson. Runs - Meyers 1, Gilbert 1, Bohaty 1, Eckley 1. Hits - Meyers 1, Gilbert 1, Bohaty 1, Anderson 1, Eckley 1. RBI - Bohaty 2, Roberson 1, Robinson 1.

NEW HAMPTON 4, CHARLES CITY 1

NH	100	011	1	-	4
CC	010	000	0	-	1
Pitching - Shekleton 4 2/3 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, McShane 2 1/3 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.					

2B - Meyers, Shekleton, Robinson. 3B - Meyers. Runs - Meyers 1, Shekleton 1, Tyler Glenn 1, Eckley 1. Hits - Meyers 2, Shekleton 1, Roberson 1, Robinson 1. RBI - Meyers 1, Bohaty 1, Robinson 1.

1. NEW HAMPTON 14, NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 2

Nashua-Plainfield	002	-	2
New Hampton	0(11)3	-	14
Pitching - Crawford 3 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 6 K.			

3B - Eggerichs. HR - Heeren. Runs - Heeren 3, Rosonke 2, Kayme Hackman 2, Olivia Eichenberger 2, Cora Schwickerath 1, Eggerichs 1, Glaser 1, Pickar 1, Ava Leichtman 1. Hits - Heeren 1, Eggerichs 1, Crawford 1, Pickar 1, Leichtman 1. RBI - Heeren 4, Schwickerath 1, Eggerichs 1, Crawford 1.

NEW HAMPTON 5, TURKEY VALLEY 3

TV	020	010	0	-	3
NH	111	020	x	-	5
Pitching - Heeren 5 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 0 ER, 5 BB 9 K, Pickar 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.					

2B - Schwickerath, Crawford. HR - Heeren. Runs - Schwickerath 1, Rosonke 1, Heeren 1, Eggerichs 1, Glaser 1. Hits - Glaser 2, Schwickerath 1, Rosonke 1, Heeren 1, Eggerichs 1, Crawford 1, Pickar 1. RBI - Heeren 2, Schwickerath 1, Crawford 1.

NEW HAMPTON 8, DENVER 3

Denver	002	010	0	-	3
NH	203	012	x	-	8
Pitching - Weigel 6 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.					

2B - Crawford. Runs - Allie Johnson 2, Heeren 2, Schwickerath 1, Eggerichs 1, Leichtman 1, Hackman 1. Hits - Rosonke 2, Crawford 2, Geerts 1, Heeren 1, Eggerichs 1, Leichtman 1. RBI - Crawford 2, Rosonke 1.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS THURSDAY

New Hampton baseball 9th doubleheader at North Fayette Valley, 10 a.m.

Turkey

Valley JV softball at North Fayette Valley, 10 a.m.

TV JJV/JV/V softball at Crestwood, 4 p.m.

NH JV/V baseball at Cascade, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

NH 9th baseball doubleheader vs. Decorah, 10 a.m.

NH JJV softball vs. Waukon (one 7-inning game), 10 a.m.

NH baseball varsity doubleheader vs. Crestwood, 5 p.m.

TV baseball at Charles City, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

NH softball vs. Waukon, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

NH JV baseball tournament, 9 a.m.

NH softball tournament at Dunkerton, 9 a.m.

TV varsity softball at Decorah tournament, TBD

MONDAY

NH varsity baseball doubleheader at Decorah, 5 p.m.

TV varsity baseball doubleheader at Postville, 5 p.m.

TV softball varsity doubleheader at South Winneshiek, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

NH 9th baseball doubleheader at Crestwood, 10 a.m.

NH JJV softball at Waverly-Shell Rock (one 7-inning game) 10 a.m.

TV JV softball vs. South Winneshiek, 10 a.m.

NH baseball vs. Oelwein, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

TV baseball at South Winneshiek, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

NH softball varsity doubleheader at Waverly-Shell Rock, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

NH JV baseball doubleheader vs. Decorah, 10 a.m.

TV JJV softball at Oelwein, 10 a.m.

TV varsity softball doubleheader at Clayton Ridge, 4 p.m.

NH baseball vs. Wapsie Valley, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

TV JV/V baseball at Riceville, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

NH 9th baseball doubleheader at Oelwein, 10 a.m.

TV JV baseball at Kee High, 10 a.m.

TV JV softball vs. Clayton Ridge, 10 a.m.

NH softball at NFV, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7.

TV softball vs. Sumner-Fred, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.



Chickasaws pick each other up when they get down

NH SOFTBALL: FROM 14

back on track after hitting a lull at the plate in losses versus South Winneshiek (1-0) and Crestwood (7-0) prior to the Chickasaws hosting their home invite.

“We all trust each other. If someone gets down, we pick each other up,” said Heeren.

Heeren entered Saturday on a roll as her three-run homer the night before on Friday was waved off against Decorah in the top of the seventh inning. Heeren’s dramatic blast was wiped out because a Chickasaw player touched her before she crossed the plate – which is against the rules. NH was down 5-3, but still managed to tie the game at 5-5 even after the homer was ruled null and void.

“To the ump, it’s under their discretion – whatever they view,” said Hofmeister. “He wasn’t going to call her out.”

Decorah appealed and eventually won the game, 6-5, in the bottom of the eighth inning. Had Heeren’s homer stood, New Hampton would have won the contest as the Chickasaws sent the Vikings down in order in the bottom half of the seventh inning.

Heeren homered earlier in the Decorah contest and now has six home runs on the season (yes, that’s if you count the one that officials took off the board against Decorah).

While Heeren was obviously dejected her “game-winning homer” versus Decorah didn’t count – you couldn’t tell by the excitement she exuded after leading her team to a 3-0 mark at her home invite. Heeren also pitched five innings against Turkey Valley and allowed zero earned runs. She said she relies on her higher power to achieve all things and fight through frustrations.

“I honestly have just trusted in God’s plan, seriously. Every single day I’m just grateful to be out on the field,” said Heeren. “I’m just happy to be out there with my teammates and just honor him.”

New Hampton won the second game at Crestwood last week Tuesday against the Cadets, 3-2. Heeren homered in that contest and freshman Chloe Weigel was stellar inside the pitcher’s circle as she allowed just one earned run

over seven innings.

New Hampton leads the NEIC in home runs with 11 – Heeren is the individual leader with six.

“In terms of batting, it was awesome to see,” said Hofmeister. “Going back to that Waverly game last week, it was just a struggle bus to get a hit until that sixth inning. The same thing happened to South Winn. We lost 1-0. We didn’t have that many hits. The first game at Cresco we couldn’t do it. Ever since the second game at Cresco, then we started to come back to being us as a team and what we’re able to do when we go out there and believe in it.”

NH sophomore third baseman Cora Schwickerath – who led the team in hitting early on through the first couple weeks of the season – helped New Hampton’s cause with a double and RBI in the Turkey Valley tilt.

“I just know that some of us were in slumps during the middle part of this week. Today we really came out and we showed up. We really played Chickasaw softball,” said Schwickerath. “Since last year I’ve just been really working on my hitting

and just have taught myself to go up to the plate with confidence. At the beginning of this week I wasn’t hitting very good but I came out this morning refreshed and I did pretty good, I’d say.”

Another player for Hofmeister – eighth-grader Caycee Crawford – collected four hits in the three-game home invite. She pitched three innings for the win against N-P and struck out six. She walked just one batter.

“We have a really young team. Once we build up more together, I think we’re going to be really good once we get a little bit older,” said Crawford.

NH played a doubleheader at home versus Charles City on Tuesday. The Chickasaws play a single game on the road at Waukon on Friday, then it’s off the Dunkerton Tournament on Saturday. The teams in attendance at the get-together will be South Winneshiek, Charles City, Clayton Ridge, Denver, MFL-Mar-Mac and West Lyon.

Heeren reminded everyone that follows Chickasaw softball, what’s the secret to her team’s success.

“All of us, it’s not just one,”

said Heeren. “Confidence is key the whole entire time. Different times you can get in a slump, but there’s majors who get in a slump. It just happens to people. You have to get over it.”

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 1, NEW HAMPTON 0

SW	001	000	0	-	1
NH	000	000	0	-	0
Pitching - Chloe Weigel 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 11 K.					

2B - Kandice Eggerichs. Hits - Jackie Pickar 2, Claire Geerts 1, Eggerichs 1, Sophie Glaser 1.

CRESTWOOD 7, NEW HAMPTON 0

NH	000	000	0	-	0
Crest	201	310	x	-	7
Pitching - Jenna Heeren 3 1/3 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 1 K, Caycee Crawford 3 2/3 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.					

Hits - Geerts 1, Elaina Rosonke 1.

NEW HAMPTON 3, C’ WOOD 2

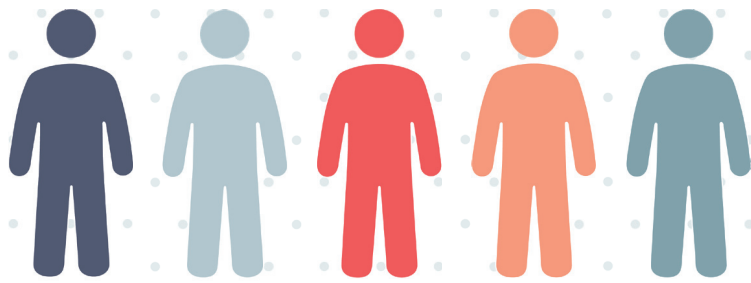
NH	000	300	0	-	3
Crest	000	011	0	-	2
Pitching - Weigel 7 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 4 K.					

HR - Heeren. Runs - Rosonke 1, Heeren 1, Eggerichs 1. Hits - Rosonke 1, Heeren 1, Glaser 1. RBI - Heeren 2, Glaser 1.

DECORAH 6, NEW HAMPTON 5

NH	101	001	20	-	5
Dec	003	020	01	-	6
2B - Heeren. HR - Heeren 2, Crawford. Runs - Rosonke 2, Heeren 1, Geerts 1, Crawford 1. Hits - Heeren 3, Geerts 2, Eggerichs 2, Crawford 2, Rosonke 1. RBI - Heeren 2, Crawford					

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New Hampton softball players congratulate Jenna Heeren (above, No. 7) after she hit a home run in the New Hampton Invitational while teammate Caycee Crawford (below) gets ready to apply the tag to Turkey Valley runner Halle Weber.

BOUNCING BACK WITH A TITLE

AFTER HEARTBREAKING LOSS AT DECORAH, NEW HAMPTON COMES HOME AND CLAIMS TOURNAMENT CROWN

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Jenna Heeren's bat has caught fire. The all-NEIC standout at shortstop and pitcher helped propel her Chickasaws to a dominating performance over the weekend at the New Hampton Invite. It was there at Mikkelson Park on Saturday that Heeren continued her all-out assault on opposing pitching. Heeren, a junior, smashed two homers in wins over Nashua-Plainfield (14-2) and Turkey Valley (5-3). She blasted a grand slam in the rout over the Huskies to start Saturday morning and cranked a solo home run that cleared the fence by a long ways in the victory against the area rival Trojans. "Obviously, the expectation today was to win our own tournament. I couldn't ask anymore from the girls pitching-wise, fielding, hitting," said NH head coach Tate Hofmeister. "The batting was phenomenal." NH (9-6, 4-5) capped the productive afternoon on its home diamond with a solid 8-3 win over Denver to end the festivities. While Heeren didn't homer again in that final game, she's helped get her team

SEE NH SOFTBALL, 13

Splits keep coming for the Chickasaws

New Hampton drops opener, rebounds to win nightcap against Comets, stay in NEIC hunt

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The sweltering hot and humid dog days of summer aren't for everyone. When one has to endure the punishing rays of the super-bright sun, it's wise to apply sunscreen and preferential for many to be around a body of water to help cool down. Splish-splash. The New Hampton baseball team can wait awhile longer for that relaxing dip in the pool because as the mercury rises, so do the stakes in prep summer baseball in the state. Sometimes you gotta sweat and get dirty to reel in runs as a winning team's hard work is never finished until it crosses the finish line. For Chickasaw head coach Cory McDonald and his New Hampton nine – that means the month of July is when championships are won. "Our two goals this season are 20 wins and a dogpile in July. If the conference championship is a part of that, that'd be the icing on the cake," said McDonald, the longtime leader of the Chickasaw baseball program.

SEE NH BASEBALL, 13



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
New Hampton senior Gannon Shekleton (above) throws a pitch to the plate while teammate Peyton Anderson (below) gets his "secondary" lead off of second base during the Chickasaws' doubleheader in Charles City last week.



Turkey Valley boys snap losing skid

Busta, Schmitt combine on five-hitter as Trojans top TigerHawks

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Logan Busta's splitter got him out of a jam or two against North Fayette Valley last week. Then his teammates earned him a "W" as their bats came alive.

Turkey Valley snapped a seven-game losing streak behind Busta's performance on the hill and the timely hitting of the Trojans to turn back NFV last week Thursday by a score of 5-1.

Busta – just a freshman who commands the standard fastball, curve ball and change up in his arsenal – also features a split-finger fastball.

The splitter – an off-speed pitch which evolved off of the forkball – was used to perfection by former Hall of Famer and St. Louis Cardinals reliever Bruce Sutter to send many a hitter back to the dugout in frustration.

It's not easy to master. For a 14 or 15-year-old high school pitcher to get batters out with it? That's impressive. "My favorite pitch is my splitter," said Busta. "I think I struck two people out with the splitter today."

Busta worked five innings of four-hit ball before he gave way to junior Oliver Schmitt. Busta hit the first batter of the game, then trusted in his stuff to keep his Trojans in the game and give the TV bats an opportunity to take control of the game. "I started off a little rough, but I thought I got a little better throughout the game," said Busta. "I kind of settled in."

Busta picked up the win after the Trojans strung together three-consecutive hits in the bottom half of the inning to bust the game wide open. TV June 12 and came away with a



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley outfielder Chase Hayek camps under a ball before making a catch for an out in the Trojans win over North Fayette Valley last week in Jackson Junction.

tallied five hits in the frame all-told and stopped a losing streak that was a direct result of the Trojans' inability to hit against top-notch pitchers.

"We've been pitching well and playing good defense. We've just struggled to score," said TV head coach Dan Stepan.

The conference leader – South Winneshiek – threw its aces against TV on Monday, June 12 and came away with a

5-0 and 8-1 sweep in Jackson Junction over the Trojans. Then it was the Kee High loss the following evening on a walk-off sac fly in the bottom of the seventh on Tuesday – a 2-1 loss. TV had tied the contest in the top half of the frame after Carson Busta came around to score on a Schmitt sac-fly. Busta tripped to start the inning.

SEE TV BASEBALL, 12



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Clare Courtney hustles down the line and beats the throw to first to reach base safely in the Trojans' win over Nashua-Plainfield Saturday.

Trojans turning it around on the diamond

After starting the season 0-8, Turkey Valley girls have put together solid run as playoffs near

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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You gotta believe before you can achieve.

It's that ever-growing confidence and faith in one's self that could well lead to another conference crown for the Turkey Valley Trojan softball team if they can tap into that winning trait.

Because the Trojans and head coach Junior Hackman are still in the mix to repeat as league champs in the razor-thin standings atop the Upper Iowa Conference.

"I would like the girls to come to these things and expect to win. I don't think they do," said Hackman. "I tried telling them the last couple days, 'there's no reason we can't go 3-0.'"

That was Hackman speaking after his young squad went 1-2 at the New Hampton Invite on Saturday. A key hit in a clutch moment or a big play made in the field could well have been the

difference between the Trojans wanting to gain momentum and riding a win streak.

They still are, but maybe not the one they had envisioned this season after claiming the league title last summer along with UIC co-champ Kee High.

It was a rough start for the Trojans to start the season as TV had to climb out of an 0-8 hole. While they're not back up to full speed and where Hackman may have liked them at this point in the season, his squad does seem to be turning a corner.

TV (9-12, 8-2) ended the NH Invite with a 14-4 win over two-win Nashua-Plainfield. Then it decimated West Central (4-17, 2-10) pitching en route to a 19-9 and 14-4 sweep at home this past Monday.

TV lost a close one to Denver (7-15) to start

SEE TV SOFTBALL, 12