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EMS landing site still unknown

Director pushes for station in New Hampton; supervisors remain undecided

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Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson made his sales pitch to locate the permanent home for the county-owned ambulance within the city of New Hampton during Monday's meeting of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors.

But it didn't seem the supervisors

were necessarily buying what Knutson was selling, and after more than an hour of discussion, the county was no closer to picking a place to house ambulances, equipment and crews.

Since beginning operations on Jan. 1, Chickasaw County EMS has utilized a rental house on South Walnut Avenue for crews while its ambulances have been parked in two stalls at the New Hampton Police Department that

the city is renting to the county.

The two most talked about buildings for a permanent home to the service have been the Community Services Building and the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center, which is located south of the city limits of New Hampton.

Knutson said a software program he used showed that the "county will have a 74 percent slower response time

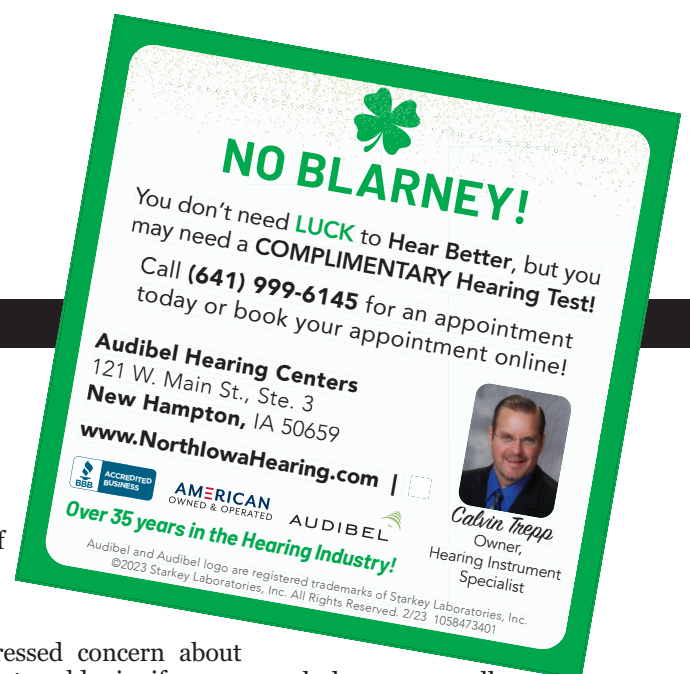
for 67 percent of our calls if the station is built" at the Heritage.

He also expressed concern about staffing issues that could arise if supervisors decide to place the station at the Heritage.

"Locating the station down at the Heritage is really going to mandate that all of our crews are with the

ambulances at all times," Knutson said. "Unfortunately, the way we are set up in this county, we will lose a number of employees if

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The French toast gang — (above) Dusin Lewis, Grant Anderson and Phil Zwanziger — cook up another batch while Nick Sanford and Bob Beckman (below) — serve up the food at the New Hampton Lions Club Pancake and French Toast Breakfast Sunday.

BREAKFAST RULES

LIONS CLUB MEMBERS HAVE JOBS DOWN PAT FOR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

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If there is a rule when it comes to the second Sunday of March it is this: The New Hampton Lions Club will be doing the cooking for breakfast.

And if there's a second rule when it comes to the day, it is this: They all know what their jobs are.

"Pretty much everyone does the same thing year after year," Lions Club member Matt Kuhn

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Directors get kids out of their comfort zones

Cantu, Pemble love watching middle school students grow during the musical 'season'

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Maybe it's one of those things where you just have to be there, but watching the start of a rehearsal for a middle school musical is a sight to behold.

Clusters of kids are talking back and forth, checking their phones, getting help with their costumes and talking about everything under the proverbial

sun.

The first thought that came to mind on Monday afternoon as New Hampton Middle School seventh- and eighth-graders gathered in the auditorium was a question — how in the heck are they ever going to get organized and get to work?

That's where Jill Cantu and Chad Pemble came into the picture. The two directors of the school's upcoming musical — Everything's Groovy! — quickly and adeptly gathered the cast of 50-some students for a quick

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New Hampton Middle School students rehearse a scene from the musical "Everything's Groovy," which they will be performing March 23-24.



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New Hampton Middle School student Emma Elliott (above) sings a song after the cast (right) of “Everything’s Groovy!” poses for a picture during a recent rehearsal.



Plenty of ‘pluses’ for musical students

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cast picture and within minutes, the kids of New Hampton Middle School were singing and dancing.

As Pemble put it so succinctly, “They bring lots of energy. This is both a challenge and a positive!”

The musical is so ingrained into New Hampton Middle School’s culture it even has its own season. There’s the fall sports season, the split winter sports seasons, the spring sports season and the musical season.

And somehow, some way, every year, the students and their directors pull it off.

“What I look forward to the most is watching students overcome their fears,” Cantu said, “and the exhilaration that is on their face when they realize that they made it!”

Cantu is a musical veteran, if you will; after all, she’s been the music director for the play since she arrived in New Hampton for the start of the 2012-13 school year.

Her co-director, in one way, is a musical rookie. This year’s musical marks the first time the high school science teacher and coach has been a director.

But for those who think of Pemble as the defensive coordinator for the football team and as a former girls basketball and assistant boys track coach, they only know part of the story.

Here’s the rest of the story.

“I was heavily involved with music in high school, in both band and choir, and involved in musicals,” he said, “but I haven’t really been involved with anything since. So it’s been nice to get back into it.”

And both directors can tick off the “pluses” of being in the musical. From making new friends, to having fun to exploring their talents to being involved in their school, the middle school musical, they will tell you, is something every kid should try.

“You may not know that your are good at acting or singing or dancing until you try,” Pemble said. “More involvement with school activities makes happier students and students who perform better in the classroom and have fewer problems.”

The challenge for the directors is to get middle schoolers to embrace getting out of their comfort zones.

“Many students have a fear of being on their own on stage so the musical will challenge them,” Cantu said, “and by the time they are in high school they have grown more confident so performing by themselves does not phase them.”

“It is amazing to watch that personal growth in each student.”

And soon the rest of us will get a chance to see how much these kids of New Hampton Middle School have grown because “Everything’s Groovy!” opens in a week. Students will perform the musical during a matinee next Thursday afternoon and then take the stage for real that night.

For Pemble, it’s been, in a word, fun.

His daughter Jersey is in the musical. He’s gotten to know many middle school students, kids who will eventually have in class when they get to high school. And he’s enjoyed working with Cantu.

“I’m just enjoying the entire experience,” he said.



Directors Jill Cantu and Chad Pemble work with the cast of “Everything’s Groovy!” during a rehearsal for the musical that will be performed next week.

Slew of New Hampton Middle School students ready to take stage

New Hampton Middle School students will present “Everything’s Groovy!” Thursday and Friday, March 23-24 at the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium.

The curtain goes up at 7 p.m. each night and cast members include:

Travis Perkins - Braden Manson
Muriel - Emma Elliott
Ann - Andi Gebel
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Tony - Gary Orthaus
Elmer Crumb - Troy Federspiel
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The New Hampton school cafeteria is filled to the proverbial brim Sunday morning during the New Hampton Lions Club annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast.

900 residents let the Lions do the breakfast cooking

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said. “The guys who do the French toast are the same, the guys who do the pancakes are the same, the guys who do the serving are the same, the guys who wash the dishes ... well, you get the idea,” Kuhn said with a laugh. “It’s not only a great fundraiser for our club but it also gives us a chance to see a lot of people in our community.”

The Lions Pancake and French Toast Breakfast has been a tradition for more than half a century; in fact, Sunday’s event marked the 51st straight year that club members have risen early in the morning to start cooking, served through-

out the morning and spent a chunk of the afternoon making the New Hampton High School cafeteria look like it was untouched.

And usually people come in droves, and 2023 was certainly no exception as the Lions served almost 900 residents, many of whom came not just for the food but the company.

“We had a time there where it was packed,” Kuhn said. “There was not another seat available. All in all it was a good day.”

And 52 weeks from Sunday, they’ll do it all over again for the same cause — various Lions programs and scholarships — and guess what? They’ll have the same jobs, too.



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New Hampton Lions Club member Tom Ryan (above) gets another batch of pancakes going while Andrew Zweibohmer (right) flips them.



Lloyd Phillips, Ryan Pickar and Mitch Pickar (left) do the dirty work — i.e., the dishes — while Paul Hereid and Jim Gorman help (above) seat the breakfast eaters.



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- More than two-thirds of investors with a financial advisor were satisfied with the amount they would have saved at retirement, compared to about 27% of the do-it-yourselfers.

How do financial professionals help their clients in these ways?

First, consider the issue of determining how much money will be needed for retirement. It’s not always easy for individuals to estimate this amount. But financial professionals can help clients like you arrive at this figure by exploring your hopes and goals. How long do you plan to work? What kind of lifestyle do you anticipate enjoying in retirement? Where would you like to live? How much would you like to travel? Are you open to pursuing earned income opportunities, such as consulting or working part time?

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Having a financial professional help you gain a clear idea of your retirement income picture can certainly be reassuring.



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ing. But there may be other reasons why “going it alone” as an investor might not be desirable.

For example, when the financial markets are down, as was the case for much of 2022, some investors make decisions based on short-term volatility, such as selling investments to “cut their losses,” even if these same investments still have solid business fundamentals and good prospects for growth. But if you work with a financial professional, you might decide to stick with these investments, especially if they’re still appropriate for your long-term strategy. Other times, of course, the advice may be different — but it will always be advice based on your goals, needs and time horizon.

Furthermore, if you’re investing on your own, you may always be measuring your results against the major market indexes, such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Industrial Average. But in reality, your portfolio should contain a wide range of investments, some of which aren’t contained in these indexes, so you might not be assessing your performance appropriately. A financial professional can help you develop your own, more meaningful benchmarks that can show the progress you’re actually making toward your goals.

In some areas of life, going it alone can be exciting — but when it comes to investing for your future, you may benefit from some company on the journey.

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EMS director expresses concerns about Heritage

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we move to that model.”

He especially expressed concerns about being able to staff his backup crews, many of whom are working full-time jobs within the city. Their employers, Knutson said, have been more than willing to let them run with the ambulance but may not be as hep on the idea if their employees have to leave work as soon as the first ambulance is called out.

“If we end up having to move to south of town, when the first truck goes out, they have to get activated and go to the truck,” he said. “A lot of the employers we feel are probably going to not allow them to leave anymore because we’re talking a fairly sizable amount of time.”

And the issue with that, the director said, is it will “make it very difficult to take transfers out of Mercy, where we make our money.”

But some board members felt, as Jake Hackman put it, that there were “too many moving pieces” with the county at this time to make a decision. They pointed to the jail feasibility study that the county will receive this coming Monday, the possibility of combining the Emergency Management Agency with EMS and the unknown cost of moving other departments — like Public Health, for example — to the Heritage.

“I think there are a lot of decisions to be made before we can really decide which building where we’re going to put it,” Supervisor Scott Cervinske said. “Are we going to combine the two? Who’s moving and what’s the cost of that moving? ... Jake’s right, there are a lot of moving pieces right now.”

Hackman said he has long believed that Public Health, EMA, the Emergency Operations Center and EMS should be housed together, and he said he didn’t think there was enough room at the Community Services Building to make that a reality.

He also asked if a new jail and law enforcement is built that would include the New Hampton Police Department, would the current Police Department building be available?

Supervisor Travis Suckow took issue



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson makes a point about the location of a permanent ambulance station to the Board of Supervisors Monday.

with the fact that Chickasaw County EMS employees would work for the service if it was located in town but not if the station was at the Heritage.

“The thing I don’t understand is are the employees really in it for the right reasons? If we move it a mile south of town, two miles south of town, why would everyone leave?”

Bridget Edson, who served on the Chickasaw County EMS Advisory Committee that helped the county get the new service off the ground, quickly rebutted Suckow.

“Those providers have other full-time jobs so they’re doing this as an above and beyond to serve their community,” she said, “so I’m not questioning like what they’re in it for. They’re working a lot of hours for us, but I understand the idea that they want to be home with their families on their down time and waiting for calls to come in for us.”

County Attorney David Laudner told the board that as much as he didn’t want his office to move that maybe the best

Supervisors to hold public hearings next week

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Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines and asked the county’s head custodian, Dave Gorman, to check with the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals and also check to make sure that the door wasn’t located next to a fire wall.

Gorman told supervisors he made a call to the department and was referred to an ADA website.

“Basically, it says doors on public buildings need to be 32 inches [wide],” Gorman said before adding that the website stated that “although automatic door openers provide greater accessibility, they are not required.”

Supervisor Jake Hackman reminded his fellow board members that the county has been looking at installing a conditioner at the Heritage because of iron in the well water.

“I don’t foresee both of these being done in the fiscal year,” Hackman said.

Supervisor Travis Suckow, though, felt the door should leapfrog the water issues.

“I guess in my book, the veterans were the one that requested this,” he said. “I feel we should take care of our veterans. To me, that’s a little more important.”

Later in the meeting, after

the board approved Hackman emphasized that the water coming into the Heritage was safe.

“The water’s good to drink, It passes every test,” Hackman said. “I think we have some concerns about the color of the water.”

In other business Monday:

- Board members agreed to have the county “sign on” to the latest opioid lawsuit settlement that was reached with two drug companies and three pharmacies.
- The settlement, County Attorney David Laudner said, was for almost \$50 billion and that Iowa should receive around \$135 million — with half of that going to the Attorney General’s Office and the other half to local government entities.
- The county has already received about \$34,000 from other opioid lawsuit settlements, but none of it has been spent yet because there are a number of guidelines that must be met for it to be spent.
- Laudner told board members that the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) is planning to hold several meetings this spring to help counties come up with ideas on how to use the money.
- Supervisors approved 28E agreements with the cities of Ionia, Lawler and North Washington to have the Sheriff’s

Office provide drive-through services to each of the municipalities for \$15 a resident.

Board members also approved another 28E agreement that in effect is the contract to provide law enforcement services to the city of Fredericksburg.

Under the agreement, the Sheriff’s Office will provide the city with 1,020 hours of service during the fiscal year that begins July 1 for a total cost of \$66,300.

And the board also OK’d a 28E agreement with the city of New Hampton to provide dispatching services for \$15.75 per resident, which means the total the city will pay is \$55,030.50.

- Board members also spent

a short time discussing the two public hearings that are set for this coming Monday. One will be to adopt the fourth and what supervisors say will be the final budget amendment for 2022-23 while the other will deal with the 2023-24 budget and maximum levy.

The latter will need four votes to pass because a “super majority” is required whenever a county asks for more than 2 percent additional tax-asking than it did the previous year.

Because the Rural Services Basic tax-asking for next year is 11.7 percent higher than it was for this year, the board needs at least two-thirds of its members, in other word four, yes votes to approve the max levy.

Briefs

STEM festival to be held on UNI campus this coming Monday

Excitement over all things science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) will abound on Monday, March 21, when the University of Northern Iowa hosts the Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival at the UNI-Dome.

This will be the first time the Cedar Valley festival is being held since 2019, the first time it will be held in the spring and the first time it will be held on UNI’s campus.

The event brings hundreds of students, their teachers, parents and families to inspire kids of all ages to get involved with STEM. Nearly 70 exhibits provide a hands-on activity, ranging from measuring the electricity of common electronic devices to going through a cave simulator box.

A major benefit of the event is that kids and their parents can see the STEM-related opportunities that exist right in their own backyards — opportunities that, in many instances, can lead to careers.

Woodburning art workshop set for Twin Ponds on April 13

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board and its naturalist, Matt Crayne, will host a woodburning workshop on Thursday, April 13, at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

Crayne said the program that will begin at 6 p.m. will have participants create art by using on of art’s oldest methods, woodburning. After a short presentation on the history of woodburning, participants will go to work on their art.

Due to a limited amount of equipment, pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with rain likely and chance of snow overnight; high 43, low 10.

Friday: Mostly cloudy and windy with a high of 26 and low of 14.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and blustery; high 21, low 12.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 31 and a low of 14.

Extended forecast: A sunny and warmer start to the work week as highs will be around 40 and lows will drop into the 20s.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors/New Hampton City Council joint meeting, 5:30 p.m., Community Services Building.
- New Hampton School Board, 6:30 p.m., High School Media Center.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1802, the United States Military Academy, the first military school in the country, is founded by Congress for the purpose of educating and training young men in the theory of military science.
- In 1945, the west Pacific Ocean volcanic island of Iwo Jima is declared secured by the U.S. military after weeks of fiercely fighting its Japanese defenders.
- In 1985, Islamic militants kidnap American journalist Terry Anderson in Beirut, Lebanon, and take him to the southern suburbs of the war-torn city, where he is held for more than 6 1/2 years before finally being released.

Birthdays

- James Madison, the fourth president of the United States, was born in 1751.
- American comedian and longtime host of the MDA Telethon Jerry Lewis was born in 1926.
- Major League Baseball star Vladimir Guerrero Jr. turns 24.
- NBA star Joel Embid turns 29.
- Actress Lauren Graham, who starred on TV's "Gilmore Girls" and "Parenthood," turns 56.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.

If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenske at 641-394-2111.

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Linda K. Anderson, 78

Linda K. Anderson, age 78 of Lawler, passed away on Thursday, March 8, 2023, at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner, with her family by her side.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Congregational United Church of Christ in New Hampton, with Hugh Macintosh officiating. Burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in New Hampton and continued at the church one hour prior to the funeral service on Wednesday.

Online condolences may be left at www.conwaymarkham.com. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Linda Kay was born April 12, 1944, the daughter of Glenn and MylaMae (Henderson) Moetsch in New Hampton. She attended and graduated from New Hampton High School.

After completing her education, Linda worked in the engineering department at Oliver Manufacturing in Charles City. In 1963, Linda began her work in the State Farm Claims office in New Hampton from 1963 until her marriage to Roger Anderson on Sept. 27, 1969, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua.

Linda welcomed Roger's son, Scott, and together they welcomed their two children, David, and Leslie. They made their home on a farm north of Lawler where they farmed together and raised their family. They later divorced but remained close friends.

In 1991, Linda began working for Mashek Insurance/Insurance Associates in Lawler. She proudly worked alongside John Cuvelier and Bob Vrzak until her retirement in 2018. Linda wasn't one to sit still and even filled in at work throughout her retirement.

Linda was an active mem-

Jean-Claude ‘J.C.’ Herman, 73

Jean - Claude “J.C.” Herman age 73, of New Hampton, IA, died Sunday, March 12, 2023, at New Hampton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with Chaplain Al Polito officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Thursday.

Online condolences for the Herman family may be left at www.hugebackfunrealhome.com.

J.C. (Jean - Claude) Rene Joseph Pierre Herman was born on May 2, 1949, in Paris, France to Jan and Raymonde (Marsilio) Herman.

He immigrated to the United States as a young boy in 1956. He grew up in Syracuse, New York.

J.C. graduated from Baldwinsville High School and during this time became a U.S. citizen. He then attended Onondaga Community College.

Later, he transferred to Upper Iowa University in Fayette. It was there he met his wife, Claudia Northrop, and they were married on August 9, 1975. To this union two children, Sean and Mark, were born.

J.C. was employed at various places during his life. He worked at Larsen's Jack & Jill in New Hampton and Klobassa's Jack & Jill in Elma. Then he went on to work in Fredericksburg at Meinerz Creamery which eventually became Con Agra



Linda Anderson

ber of the Lawler community. She was a founding member of the Turkey Valley Education Foundation and served on the board until 2020. During her children's time in school, she was a member of the Turkey Valley Music and Athletic Boosters Clubs.

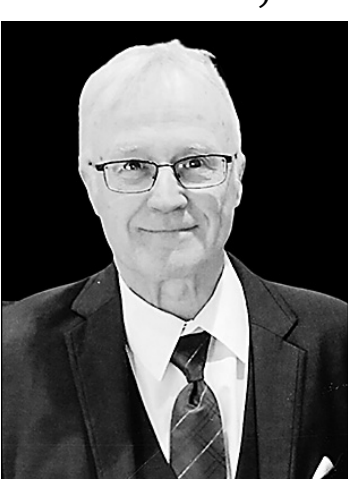
Not only was education important to Linda, but so was the city of Lawler as she also served as mayor for many years. She was also a member of Congregational United Church of Christ in New Hampton.

Linda enjoyed watching the Decorah Eagle Cam and sewing. She truly loved sharing her time with many through volunteering efforts for several organizations.

Her family was her pride and joy and Linda delighted in spending time with her grandchildren.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Scott (Doris) Anderson of Lawler, David (Maureen Stockman and her daughter, Grace) Anderson of Decorah, and Leslie (Joe) Raymond of Lawler; her grandchildren, Beth, Nathan, Luke, and Annie; her great-grandchildren, Grant and Bodie; and several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents and close friend and ex-husband, Roger Anderson.



J.C. Herman

Foods, as a foreman and later as a quality assurance lab technician. Eventually, he worked as the maintenance person at McDonald's in New Hampton; and ended his employment time at Sparboe as a quality assurance lab technician.

During his life, J.C. was an avid New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. He enjoyed attending minor and major league baseball and hockey games. Weekend jaunts to visit his sons were what he also treasured immensely. Viewing and listening to Rock n Roll and Country music videos were a daily hobby of his. And, eating delicious meals and interacting with the staff at Rancho Viejo in New Hampton was something that made him happy.

Left behind to cherish his memory, his wife of nearly 48 years, Claudia Herman of New Hampton; two sons, Sean of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Mark (Courtney) of Madison, Wisconsin; and sister, Jeannie Herman of Sarasota, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Scott J. Grober, 61

Scott J. Grober, age 61 of Cresco, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at his home.

Funeral service will be held 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2023, at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in Elma, with Father Jerry Kopacek officiating.

There will be a two hour visitation at the funeral home prior to the funeral service on Thursday.

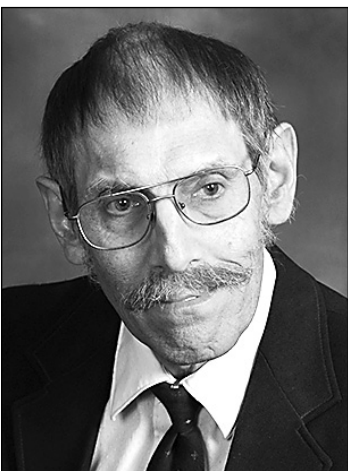
Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Alta Vista, IA. Online condolences may be left at www.conwaymarkham.com. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Property Transfers

Elizabeth A. Miller and Elizabeth Marion Miller to Elizabeth A. Miller TR and Elizabeth Miller Family TR; N1/2 SW 34-96-14. Dan Dirksen and Danny E. Dirksen to Dan Dirksen, Darwin Dirksen, Brian Dirksen, Dawn Smith and Sara Rahlf; UNDIVIDED ONE FOURTH INTEREST E1/2 NE NW 10-94-13 W1/2 NW NE 10-94-13.

Fidelity State Bank to South Water Avenue Apartments LLC; N1/2 NEW HAMPTON BIGELOW'S ADDITION Block: 7.

Richard ‘Dick’ Vrzak, 76



Dick Vrzak

Richard “Dick” Vrzak, age 76 of Waucoma, died Monday, March 6, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2023, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waucoma with the Rev. Nick Radloff officiating.

Interment was held at St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Waucoma with Logan Gage, Bob Vrzak, Jerry Vrzak, Delbert Pavlovce, Eric Zafft and Tammy Vrzak serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2023, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waucoma where there was a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continued an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Saturday.

Richard was born on Feb. 28, 1947, to Frank and Arlene (Bouska) Vrzak in New Hampton, and he was the second oldest of the couple's 10 children. He grew up on the family farm near Waucoma, helping his parents and siblings with chores ranging from milking cows to raising pigs and chickens to working in the fields.

He received his education first at St. Mary's Catholic School in Waucoma and then at Turkey Valley High School, where he was a member of the Class of 1965.

Throughout his life, he went by Dick; he often joked with people that “Richard's not here, but Dick is here!”

Dick lived his entire life with

Gary Edwin List, age 76 of Waucoma, IA, died Thursday, March 9, 2023, at Shell Rock Healthcare Center in Shell Rock.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 27, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Frey officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

Arrangements have been entrusted with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Waucoma.

Gary was born on Nov. 16, 1946, when his parents, Edwin and Helen (Lee) List, welcomed their only son in Yankton, South Dakota. He had one older sister and one younger sister and grew up in the small town of Scotland, where he attended school.

After graduating from Scotland High School, he attended college for four years and graduated with a degree in business.

Gary enlisted in the Navy and served his country as a storekeeper for 20 years in places like Hawaii, the Philippines and the Middle East, where he served in

James ‘OJ’ Norman Speltz, 70

James “OJ” Norman Speltz, age 70 of Lawler, died Friday March 10, 2023, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler, with the Rev. Nick Radloff and Deacon Jim Zajicek celebrating the Mass.

Interment followed at North Lawler Utica Township Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life also followed at the Starlight Ballroom in Lawler on Wednesday.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at the church. Visitation continued Wednesday, an hour before the Mass at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with OJ's arrangements. Online condolences for the Speltz family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

OJ was born Dec. 15, 1952, at St. Joseph Community Hospital in New Hampton, the son of Norman “Red” and Marie (Woods) Speltz. He was a graduate of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grade School and Turkey Valley High School.

One of his first jobs was working for Bob Arens at the Lawler Oil Co., where he began his lifelong priority of being a good guy to know. Continuing his mission in life while working for Fred Carlson at Fred Carlson Co. Inc., he INDEED

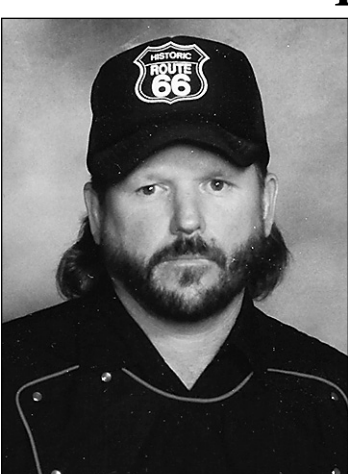


Gary List

Operation Desert Storm.

He began working as a USDA commodity grader in 1976, and it was while working in Calmar that he met Tina Kautman on his daily walks to the grocery store where she worked. The two hit it off and were married on Aug. 6, 1983.

The List family grew to include four children — Brittany, Christopher, Jana, and Michael — and although he was often away from home with his job and the Navy, he enjoyed his time with his kids — reading them books when they were little and attending their school activities when he could as they got older.



OJ Speltz

made many good friends.

OJ was forced into retirement due to health issues which led to his biggest and best adventures in friendship as he grew out his beard, rustled up his spectacles, red suit and black boots for lots of long days and nights where he delighted in having kids from all around the county sit on his lap and tell them what they wanted for Christmas.

In earlier years, he served as Uncle Buck to many of his nieces and nephews coming to their parent's rescue often. In his last years of progressively poor health, his nieces, nephews and their children were his biggest fans keeping in touch with phone calls, pictures and visits to his home.

One of OJ's greatest qualities was how much he loved to give. Giving was much more important to him than receiving. He

and confirmed, and belonged to the Catholic Order of Foresters. He and his brother were generous in support of their parish throughout their lives. Dick also served with Rodney on the Jackson Junction City Council, serving for 45 years, rarely missing a meeting. Dick was proud of his over 20 years of sobriety, quitting cold turkey.

Throughout his life, he enjoyed playing Bingo, especially at the Knights of Columbus Bingo in New Hampton. If he didn't win he knew the money was going to a good cause. He was always up for a good card game, especially Euchre, but he lived most for his family and his farm, and all of us who had the good fortune to be a part of Dick's life will miss him terribly. Yet, we also know he is in a far better place today and we will one day be reunited with him.

Dick is survived by his siblings, Phyllis (Tracy Butikofer) Fosaen of West Union, Doris (Gary) Wood of Waverly, Diane (Mark) Tieskotter of Lime Springs, Mary (Gary) Chihla of Tripoli, Rodney Vrzak of Waucoma, Elizabeth Eskildsen of Georgia, Alice (Jerome) Palas of Cedar Falls, Linda Heiselman of New Hampton and Martin (Sue) Vrzak of Tennessee; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his grandparents; brothers-in-law, Duane “Dewey” Heiselman and Irv Fosaen; and many aunts and uncles.

Gary Edwin List, 76

Gary worked as a commodity grader for 30 years, retiring in 2006.

He enjoyed sports, both watching them on television and attending games when he could. Gary and Eddie Mihm would drive over to Raymond Blong's house every Monday night to watch wrestling. He also was blessed with six beautiful grandchildren and enjoyed the time he spent with them.

Gary was a lifetime member of the American Legion post in his hometown of Scotland, South Dakota.

He worked hard, he was proud to serve his country and he will be missed by all those who knew him.

Gary is survived by his wife, Tina of Waucoma; two sons, Christopher List of Johnston, and Michael (Jacey) List of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Brittany List of Calmar, and Jana (Doug Schildgen) List of Denver; his six grandchildren, Phoenix, Alex, Cameron, Emerson, Aumrey and Declan; one sister, Lynette Mayer; two nieces, Kimberly and Brandy Mayer; and two nephews, Jeff Knodel and Robert Knodel, both of Lenexa, Kansas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Judy (Ken) Knodel.

loved the joy on people's faces when he could do something to help them out.

If you were lucky, sometimes you'd catch him strumming a tune on his guitar, singing along with his favorite country music, or daydreaming about being a cheese and hotdog eating cowboy.

His Hospice nurses — Miss Kitty, Pearl, Vanna — and many others, gave him a 70th birthday party complete with a red cowboy hat and 70 hotdogs in the shape of a birthday cake. Our family thanks them for their care and friendship — along with Jen, Judy and Joe, Tim and Steve who were invaluable as caretakers when he became homebound.

Survivors include his three brothers, Steve Speltz, Joe Speltz, Tim (Deb) Speltz, all of Lawler; seven sisters, Connie (Paul) Deeny of Charles City, Cathy (John) Lechtenberg of Bettendorf, Norm (Dave) Creighton of Des Moines, Jenny (Bob) Mikota of Sigourney, Mary (Bryan) Mikota of DePere, Wisconsin, Theresa (Brian) Jirak of Peidmont, Oklahoma, and Rose (James) Armstrong of Goodyear, Arizona; 28 nieces and nephews; and close to 50 great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Red and Marie Speltz; his grandparents, Kitt and Ray Woods and Marie and Ben Speltz; sister-in-law, Mary Speltz; nephew, Bill Paul; as well as many aunts and uncles.

Nashua-Plainfield voters approve referendum to use funds for baseball, softball complex

By Bob Fenske
editor@nhtrib.com

Nashua-Plainfield voters evidently liked the thought of saving up to \$1 million in interest payments as they overwhelmingly approved selling general-obligation bonds to help pay for a new baseball and softball complex in Plainfield.

The March 7 election results, which are unofficial until their final canvas by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this coming Monday, showed that 292, or 85.4 percent, of voters voted yes on the measure while 50 voters, or 14.6 cast no ballots. The measure needed at least a 60 percent approval rating to pass.

“We got it done, and we’re absolutely thrilled,” Nashua-

Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty said Wednesday morning. “I think voters realized that we shouldn’t leave that kind of money on the table and wanted to pay off the bonds quicker and save a bundle on interest costs.”

No matter how Tuesday’s vote had turned out, the district had planned to use its SAVE Fund, often referred to as the “state penny,” to pay for the \$3 million project that will include two new varsity field with lights, a concession stand, press boxes and two new youth diamonds. But the School Board brought the question to voters because general-obligation bonds come with lower interest rates than regular SAVE bonds.

The measure passed easily in all four counties in which the district is located. Approval

rates were 92.3 percent in Butler, 88.6 percent in Bremer, 83.6 percent in Chickasaw and 76.4 percent in Floyd.

The new complex will be built on the grounds of the old Plainfield school building, which closed after the 2017-18 school year and will allow Nashua-Plainfield to join the rest of the Top of Iowa Conference East Division schools in having baseball and softball playing their home games in the same town.

Currently, the Huskies’ softball team plays in Plainfield while the baseball team plays on a field in Nashua owned by the Big 4 Fair Board, but that field does not have lights, which means both Nashua-Plainfield varsity diamond teams play their home games at the same time. At other conference

schools, the varsity softball games are at 6 p.m. while the varsity baseball games kick off at 7:30 p.m.

Liechty said Wednesday that the district would continue to work with its bond consultant

and construction could begin earlier than originally expected. He said work on the new softball field could begin during the upcoming season.

“That has to be the priority because with baseball, we at

least have the option of playing in Nashua in 2024,” he said, “but the idea is to have it all ready to go that season. We’re going to get to work and we appreciate the support our communities gave us.”

News Bits From Our Past Compiled by Terri Josephson

Week of March 12 1948 (75 years ago)

- The New Hampton Tribune last Saturday contracted with Mr. Carl M. Johnson for the purchase of the New Hampton Economist, effective April 1.

The Tribune and Economist will both continue as regular weekly newspapers but will be published from the present Tribune location. The publication date of the Economist will be changed in order that it may be issued the fore-part of the week.

The Tribune will continue as the latter part of the week publication.

In this way, Chickasaw County will be served by an “early” and “late” issue of the New Hampton newspaper.

- The Iowa Farm and Home Labor Saving Show returned to Iowa State College Monday after completing a tour of 22 Iowa cities during which it was seen by 80,130 people.

Sponsored by the Extension Service of Iowa State College, the show made one day appearances in armories, community buildings, etc., throughout the state.

New Hampton drew a crowd of 2,101, which ranked the top in attendance for towns of similar size and outranked many towns and cities of larger population. The show was held in January in New Hampton under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce.

1973 (50 years ago)

- Dennis R. Olsen, M.D., New Hampton, has completed continuing education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians, the national association of family doctors.

According to the announcement by the academy, Dr. Olsen, who began his practice here in 1962 after completing his internship at Broadlawns Hospital in Des Moines, the requirements for retaining AAFP membership call for physicians to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years.

- The newest member of New Hampton’s Police Department, Douglas Strike, is only 21 years old but he has

already chalked up a good deal of experience in his law enforcement career.

Strike, a native of Nashua and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strike, began his duties here March 1 after resigning a post as dispatcher with the Charles City Police Department. He also served as the chief of police at Readlyn. Strike’s hiring as a member of the Police Department, brings the force to six men.

1998 (25 years ago)

- Local residents were digging out after a major winter storm dumped 10 inches of snow on the area over the weekend, hampering travel and causing the cancellation of most events.

A large crowd, however, did attend the Lions Club pancake breakfast at the New Hampton High School on Sunday morning.

Virtually all schools in northeast Iowa were closed on Monday, due to blowing and drifting snow and slippery roads. Visibility was near zero at times and wind gusts of up to 30-40 miles per hour were reported.

The Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Department responded to many calls of stranded vehicles and accidents, including rollovers, but no serious injuries were reported.

2013 (10 years ago)

A pair of New Hampton School secretaries were recognized this month with The Shining Star Award.

Longtime Elementary Secretary Linda Schwickerath and Middle School Secretary Lisa Aegerter were nominated to receive the Shining Star Award, a community acknowledgement of excellent customer service.

The pair were caught off guard when a small crowd surprised them with the award. Schwickerath has worked at the school for 33 year. Aegerter began her role in August.

- Six Mercy Medical Center-New Hampton physicians have formed DOCS for Hope, a non-profit organization that is committed to providing direct medical care for needy populations throughout the world.

Since arriving in New Hampton in the summer of

2010, Rick Moberly, John and Shea Epperly, Paul and April McQuillen and Jack Kline have taken three-month runs to conduct mission trips throughout the world.

The goal from the start has been to plant roots and open a clinic-hospital where the doctors would each work three months a year. And the doctors hope they found the place, Belle-Anse, Haiti. The Haitian government has agreed to provide the land to build a hospital in the city, which is located in the southeastern corner of one of the poorest nations in the world.

2018 (5 years ago)

- New Hampton High School’s cafeteria was filled to the brim Sunday morning as the New Hampton Lions Club held its annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast.

More than 1,000 people attended the club’s biggest fundraiser of the year and few, if any, left hungry.

- A wide range of concerns garnered student interest at an Iowa BIG North “hackathon” held last week in Charles City.

Many of the concerns dealt with issued that are part of the students’ daily lives. Iowa BIG North brings together students from different schools to work on initiatives they are passionate about.

The hackathon last week was designed to see where some of those passions lie, and to give prospective IBN students a chance to see if the program interests them, said Mike Kuennen, an Iowa BIG North facilitator and CTE teacher at New Hampton High School.

Legal Notice

FIRST SECURITY BANK & TRUST TO RELOCATE IONIA BRANCH
Ionia, Iowa - First Security Bank & Trust is filing an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to relocate its Ionia branch.
The branch, formerly at 201 West Main Street, will relocate to 404 West Main Street in Ionia. The new location will offer walk-up and curbside service from 9 a.m. - noon Monday- Friday, and night drop availability 24 hours per day.
Any person wishing to comment on this relocation application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office 100 Walnut St, Kansas City MO, 64106 not later than **March 30, 2023**. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
March 6, 2023
The Board convened on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 9:01 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of media, Kathy Shekleton, Summit Carbon Solutions Ben Fuller, EMA Jeff Bernatz, Engineer Roman Lensing, Terry Johnson, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Conservation Chad Humpal, EMS Joel Knutson, Public Health Lisa Welter, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan Denise Ballard, and Quality Insurance Administration Service Judi Hamaker by phone.
Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for March 6, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from February 27, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from March 3, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.
No Public Comment
Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by

Suckow to have Supervisor Kuhn and Supervisor Hackman start the process to fill out the Empower Rural Iowa Grant. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman. Motion carried.

Discussion about the Cowbell Cyber Insurance and no action taken.

Discussion on Heartland Insurance Property & Building values for Chickasaw County with Quality Insurance Administration Service, Judi Hamaker.

Discussion on Summit Carbon Solutions updates by Ben Fuller, Relationship Manager.

Discussion on Emergency Medical Service (EMS) updates.

Discussion on Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP) with Denise Ballard.

Supervisor Hackman left at 11:20 AM

Discussion on Secondary Roads updates and Rural Grant Program Survey

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-Aid Agreement for County Highway Bridge Program Project BROS-CO19(111)--5F-19 and authorize Board Chair and Auditor to sign. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Absent-Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair’s signature to Iowa DNR Water Supply Engineering Section Construction Permit application for Chickasaw Heritage Building Center. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Absent-Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by

Suckow to set public hearing for March 20, 2023 at 9:10 AM for the Amendment of fiscal year 2022-2023 budget and direct auditor to publish Notice of Public Hearing— Amendment of Current Budget FY 2022-2023 in the New Hampton Tribune on March 9, 2022 and Nashua Reporter on March 10, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Absent-Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to set the public hearing for March 20, 2023 at 9:25 AM for proposed property tax levy and direct auditor to publish Notice of Public Hearing— Proposed Property Tax Levy and Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2023-24 in the New Hampton Tribune on March 9, 2022 and Nashua Reporter on March 10, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Absent-Hackman. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments
Supervisor Breitbach February 27-Northeast Iowa Community Action Program
Supervisor Suckow March 2- North East Iowa Resource, Conservation & Development.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to adjourn at 12:04 PM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Absent- Hackman. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
City of: NEW HAMPTON
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton, Iowa Meeting Date: 4/3/2023 Meeting Time: 07:00 PM
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of , any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.
City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property		12.40801		
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural land is		3.00375		
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.				
Phone Number (641) 394-5906		City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Karen Clemens		
		Budget FY 2024	Re-estimated FY 2023	Actual FY 2022
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,849,097	1,973,711	1,866,785
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	1,849,097	1,973,711	1,866,785
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	310,110	300,000	206,815
Other City Taxes	6	585,180	579,208	625,883
Licenses & Permits	7	31,475	40,375	44,838
Use of Money and Property	8	157,550	76,600	102,308
Intergovernmental	9	633,699	864,284	911,228
Charges for Fees & Service	10	9,575,150	8,958,675	7,746,122
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	290,750	49,600	764,842
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	500,000
Transfers In	14	2,133,335	1,419,126	3,615,837
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	15,566,346	14,261,579	16,384,658
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	1,219,459	1,022,874	854,712
Public Works	17	790,149	729,490	551,699
Health and Social Services	18	600	1,660	1,605
Culture and Recreation	19	816,266	847,149	779,387
Community and Economic Development	20	574,992	554,454	400,050
General Government	21	523,675	481,251	485,027
Debt Service	22	281,494	366,021	542,280
Capital Projects	23	60,000	293,000	241,364
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	4,266,635	4,295,899	3,856,124
Business Type / Enterprises	25	8,764,778	8,069,243	12,249,073
Total ALL Expenditures	26	13,031,413	12,365,142	16,105,197
Transfers Out	27	2,133,335	1,419,126	3,615,837
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	15,164,748	13,784,268	19,721,034
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	401,598	477,311	-3,336,376
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	17,766,558	17,289,247	20,625,623
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	18,168,156	17,766,558	17,289,247

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Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/27/2023 **Meeting Time:** 06:00 PM **Meeting Location:** Alta Vista City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number (641) 364-2975

	Current Year Certified Property Tax 2022 - 2023	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2023 - 2024	Annual % CHG
Regular Taxable Valuation	4,162,179	3,974,687	3,974,687	
Tax Levies:				
Regular General	33,714	33,714	32,195	
Contract for Use of Bridge			0	
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit			0	
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.			0	
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center			536	
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project			0	
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	18,000	18,000	18,000	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission			0	
Emergency	1,124	1,124	994	
Police & Fire Retirement			0	
FICA & IPERS	3,000	3,000	5,473	
Other Employee Benefits	3,000	3,000	8,880	
Total Tax Levy	58,838	58,838	66,078	12.3
Tax Rate	14.13635	14.80318	16.62469	

Explanation of significant increases in the budget:
Increased cost of wages, supplies, repairs, and fuel.

If applicable, the above notice also available online at:
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*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.
**Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year

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Pastors Kevin Frey
and Dan Christensen
Service times: 6 p.m.
Wednesday; 9 a.m., Sunday.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC

202 N. Broadway
641-394-2105
Father Jim Goerend
Mass times: Saturday, 4
p.m.; 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
& UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST

at First United Methodist
201 N. Locust Ave.
Pastor Dong Hun Shin
Service times: 9:15 a.m.
Sunday at FUMC and 10:30
a.m. Sunday at UCC.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN

611 W. Court St.
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 4 p.m.
Saturday Divine Service
HARVEST CHURCH
481 S. Linn Ave.
harvestcares.com
641-394-4380
Pastor Anthony Harris
Service time: 10:30
a.m. Sunday.

PRAIRIE LAKES

234 S. Linn Ave.
prairielakeschurch.org
641-456-6880
Pastor Cory Orr
Service times: 3:30 and
5:30 p.m., Saturday.

JERICO

JERICO LUTHERAN

2512 120th St., New Hampton
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or
10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine
Service (check website).

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2949 Stevens Trail, Lawler
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or
10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine
Service (check website).

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CHRIST

firstumcnewhampton.com
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Service time: Sunday,
8 a.m.

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Father Jim Goerend
Mass time: Saturday,
March 25, 6 p.m.

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CATHOLIC

Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass time: Saturday, 4
p.m.

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Mass time: Saturday,
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Student Pastor Sue Cira
641-364-2115
Service time: Sunday,
8 a.m.

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CONCEPTION CATHOLIC

Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass: Sunday, 7:15 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sunday.

NORTH WASHINGTON

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CONCEPTION

Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.

The best gift

The great news of the season is that we have a Savior

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is
your name in all the
earth! You have set
your glory above the
heavens.

— Psalm 8:1

David begins this
psalm by ascribing
greatness to the name
of the Lord. How excel-
lent is His name in all
the earth! How majestic
is His name in all the
earth!

This was most certain-
ly true to the Jews. How
unfortunate that the
name of the Lord is not
held in greatness among
us in general today.

The name of the Lord
is so majestic, and yet

man has turned His
name into a byword and
even a curse word. We
must remember that the
name of the Lord is to
be held sacred and holy
and only used to speak
of His mighty works and
wonders.

“O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your
name in all the earth.”

Without God, we have
no value. Without God,
we are no better than the
animals. Without God,
we are small in this uni-
verse and our lives have
no meaning.

With God, we have
meaning and signifi-
cance. As we get closer
to Resurrection Sunday

stop and remind your-
self how majestic God
truly is and that you are
a child of His.

For we are his
workmanship, cre-
ated in Christ Jesus
for good works,
which God prepared
beforehand, that we
should walk in
them.

— Ephesians 2:10

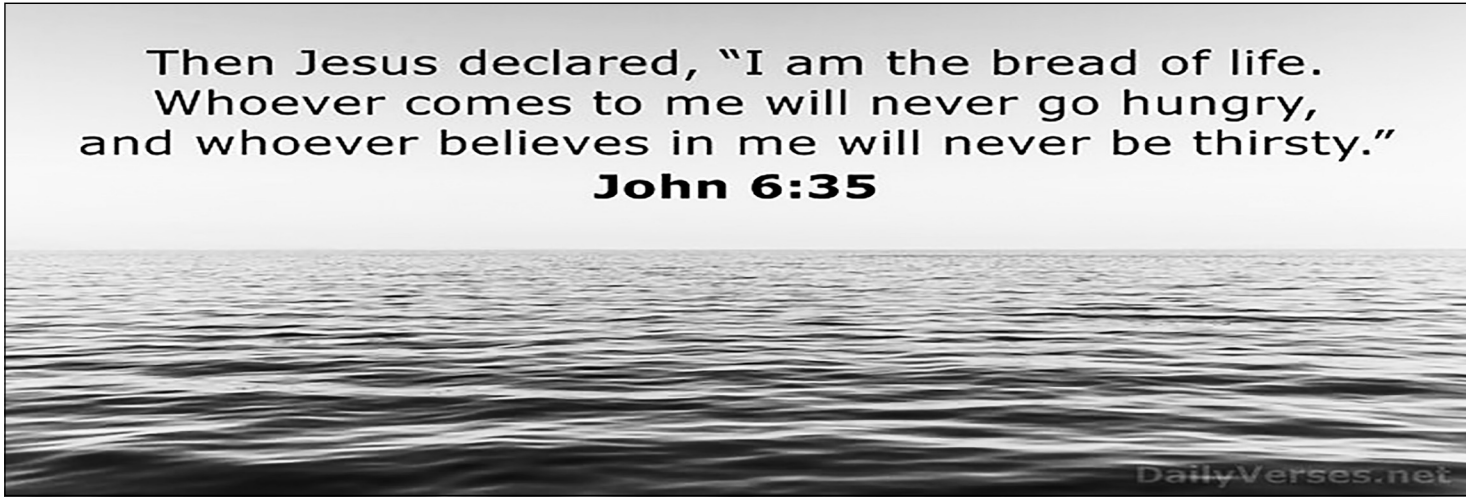
Have you placed your
hope in Jesus Christ? If
you have not been bap-
tized for the forgiveness
of sins, then your hope
rests somewhere else.

If you haven’t truly
accepted the Lord and
Christ as your savior
then your hope rests



Pastor Anthony Harris
serves Harvest Church New
Hampton, and more about the
church can be found online at
harvestcares.com.

somewhere else. It is
time to turn to the Lord
today and remember
how majestic He is. For
He is the Father who
sends His Son to die for
you and I.



The man behind St. Patrick’s Day

Do you have your favorite green shirt
ready to go for March 17? Will you dye
your scrambled eggs green that morn-
ing? Believe it or not, behind our silly St.
Patrick’s Day traditions – like wearing
green or stories about leprechauns and
pots of gold – lies a rich story about a man
devoted to God who spread the Gospel
throughout Ireland.

Cultures all over the world celebrate
St. Patrick’s Day. Of course, St. Patrick’s
Day has become a pretty secular holiday
but when we understand the real meaning
behind the celebration, it can become a
more fun – and meaningful – experience
for the whole family!

Who was St. Patrick?

Patrick was born in Britain circa A.D.
385 – over 1600 years ago! At the time,
the Roman Empire (of which Britain
was a part) was on the verge of collapse.
Barbarians were on the move, invading
different regions of the empire.

Roman legions (large groups of sol-
diers) had deserted Britain, making it
vulnerable to attack. When Patrick was
sixteen years old, Irish pirates invaded
his village, destroyed it and took Patrick
captive. He was put on a ship bound for
Ireland.

In Ireland, Patrick was sold as a slave
and put to work as a shepherd for pigs. In
those Irish hills, life was hard for Patrick.
He was exposed to a harsh climate and
nearly starved to death. He was completely
alone, but he turned to God for comfort
and companionship. Through prayer
Patrick found great relief:

“The love of God and the fear of him
surrounded me more and more. And faith
grew. And the spirit roused so that in one
day I would say as many as a hundred
prayers, and at night only slightly less.”

Six years into slavery, Patrick had a

vision from God. He was told he would
return to his homeland. Not long after he
had another vision and was told his ship
was waiting for him. Patrick ran away and
traveled more than 200 miles to Ireland’s
southeast coast and boarded a ship head-
ed for Gaul (modern-day France), where
many people believe he trained for minis-
try.

After returning to his homeland, Patrick
received another vision. In it a man named
Victoricius came to him holding many let-
ters. Patrick read one of the letters aloud,
called “The Voice of the Irish.” As he read
he heard Irish voices calling out to him
and pleading for his return to Ireland.

Years later Patrick was ordained as a
bishop, a leader in the Church. Around
A.D. 432 Patrick returned to Ireland to
start sharing the Gospel about Jesus with
the Irish people.

Patrick’s missionary work over the next
thirty years was truly remarkable. He
journeyed across Ireland, spreading the
gospel, baptizing and confirming countless
believers and founding many churches and
monasteries.

One of Patrick’s missionary strategies
was to focus his efforts on evangelizing
Ireland’s many tribal kings. His thought
was that converting the kings would lead
to the conversion of the their subjects. His
strategy proved extremely successful, and
many people became Christians!

Spreading the Gospel in Ireland was far
from easy for Patrick. He faced frequent
opposition and was in constant danger of
being killed for his bold faith.

Patrick died on March 17th in A.D.
461. His is best known for organizing
the church in Ireland and spreading
Christianity there.

Why is St. Patrick important?

Historically, St. Patrick’s missionary

work forever changed Ireland. His bold
faith and godly character makes him one
of the great saints in church history. As a
former slave, he condemned slavery as an
ungodly institution.

As a missionary, he lived among the
Irish, identified with them, honored their
customs and beliefs and redeemed many
of them to reflect the truth and teachings
of Christianity.

As an evangelist, he was driven to make
God’s name known among the Irish. God
used his steely resolve and ambition to
advance God’s kingdom in a mighty way
in Ireland. Patrick was passionate about
evangelizing the Irish, but he was also
passionate about educating converts in
Christian living and service.

Should Christians celebrate St.
Patrick’s Day?

Like Patrick often did with Irish tradi-
tions, believers today can redeem a hol-
iday that has become quite secular in its
practices and traditions (e.g., leprechauns
and shamrocks).

Christians throughout the centuries
have participated in cultural events like
St. Patrick’s Day and used them as spring-
boards for relationship building and gos-
pel conversations with nonbelievers.

How do Christians honor him?

St. Patrick’s Day is an officially recog-
nized feast day in the Roman Catholic,
Anglican, Eastern Orthodox and Lutheran
Church. Church services near the holiday
usually honor Patrick’s life and missionary
work.

Many Christians participate in the tra-
ditions surrounding the holiday, such as
public parades and festivals, Gaelic folk
music dancing and wearing green and
shamrocks.

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Pastor Darin Cerwinski
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Pastor Scott Smith
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Mass: Sunday, March
26, 8:30 a.m.

ST. LUCAS

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC

215 East Main
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Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.

PROTIVIN

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Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

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Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, March
26, 10:30 a.m.

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Position Summary:

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- Must successfully complete an ISU Extension and Outreach criminal background check
- Contact Bruce Arendt at barendt@iastate.edu for the job description and job application
- Apply by sending the following: 1. Cover letter 2. Resume 3. Completed application 4. Three (3) references to Attn: Bruce Arendt, 506 W. Milwaukee Street, New Hampton, IA 50659 or barendt@iastate.edu

This position is open until filled; however, for full consideration please submit application materials by March 31, 2023.

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New Hampton High School is looking for coaches for the 2023 School Year.

**•7th Grade Boys Track Coach
• JV Softball Coach**

New Hampton is in need of a 7th Grade Boys Track Coach as well as a JV Softball Coach.

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Must maintain Iowa Grade II Water Treatment & Water Distribution License; and willing to obtain a Grade I Wastewater Certification. Prefer ability to obtain and maintain CDL Class B driver's license with air brakes and maintain good driving record.

The City of New Hampton offers excellent benefits including health insurance, IPERS, vacation, and sick time.

Find full job description and application can be found at: <https://www.newhamptonia.com/employment-opportunities>

To apply, fill out the application and please submit 1.) Cover Letter, and 2.) Your Resume with three professional references to: nhpublicworksdirector@gmail.com

Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 14, 2023, 12:00 pm.

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brokerage services.

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The City of Ionla has designated the following City Clerk as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this policy. Inquiries should be directed to:

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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

No. 22789
03/16/23

LIST OF AGENCIES TO WHOM THE FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI) SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED

If after following the Environmental Clearance Worksheet a Finding of No Significant Impact was reached, mail a copy of the FONSI notice to the following Agencies:

U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, 1511 47th Ave., Moline, IL 61265

DNR Contact for **Water** Projects:
Mark Moeller, P.E., Section Supervisor, Henry A. Wallace Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

DNR Contact for **Sewer** Projects:
Satya Chennupati, P.E., Section Supervisor, Department of Natural Resources, Henry A. Wallace Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII, 11201 Renner Blvd, Lenexa, KS 66219

*HUD regulations 24 CFR Part 58, Subpart E, require EPA to receive copies of FONSI notices. However, the EPA does not want to receive FONSI notices for the following categories:

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- Improvements to existing facilities to meet ADA or public safety requirements (fire, medical, etc.)
- Funds for administrative purposes, training, or to maintain existing programs (meals-on-wheels, homebuyers, etc)

No. 22788
03/16/23

Motion passed.
A letter will be sent out to homeowners to clean up the portion of the waterway along their property.
The city received a grant from Trees Forever. Suzette will be in contact to the residents who reached out to her for a tree for \$25. You will not be allowed to plant within the boulevard (8ft from street)
Mark presented the Chickasaw County Firefighting Mutual Assistance Agreement for the council to review.
Motion made by King to accept the Chickasaw County Firefighting Mutual Assistance Agreement. Scheidel second.
Ayes: Kuehner, Scheidel and King
Nayes: None
Absent: Croell and Izer
Motion passes.
Utility payment agreement was discussed. Suzette reached out to City Attorney John Anderson. The city can decide the date the past due needs to be paid in full by. If the customer doesn't agree, but doesn't disputed the bill, service can be disconnected as long it is not from November to April and prior notice has been given to the customer that if past due amounts are not paid, service will be disconnected.
Next meeting will be April 3, 2023 at 7:00pm
Motion made by Kuehner to adjourn at 8:00pm. Second by Scheidel.
Ayes: Scheidel, King, Kuehner
Nayes: None
Motion passed.
Suzette Byrne, City Clerk

Resolution adopted.

Motion by Day, seconded by Crooks, to publish Public Notice-AFFIRMATIVE FAIR HOUSING POLICY. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Day, seconded by Havner, to review, approve, and authorize Mayor's signature on Community Development Block Grant Subrecipient Procurement Policies and Procedures. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Havner, seconded by Day, to review, approve, and authorize Mayor's signature and two signatories on Alternative Signature Authorization Form. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Havner, seconded by Day, to publish Public Notice-NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS and set Public Hearing for April 3, 2023, 7:30 pm at Ionia City Hall. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The resolutions adopted are a summary. Anyone wishing to review the entire resolution may view a copy at Ionia City Hall or email city clerk at loniaclerk@outlook.com.

No updates from mayor or council.

Moved by Day, seconded by Denner, that the meeting adjourn at 8:57 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Randy Taylor, Mayor
Attest: Donna Geerts, City Clerk

No. 22793
03/16/23

Replace Turn Signals 2019 Durango.....	41.55
Batteries (Police)	744.00
Wertjes Uniforms.....Uniforms (Police).....	744.00
Ziegler Inc.Filters, Yellow Paint, Element (Street)	380.82
Total	26,557.56
Plus City Written	12,861.07
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED	\$ 39,418.63
PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE FEBRUARY 20, 2023	
AFLACSupplemental Insurance.....	725.02
EFTPSFICA Tax, Federal Tax.....	9,444.17
Employee Benefit Systems	
Administration Fees 276.00	
Empower Retirement Deferred Comp.....	325.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue.State W/H Tax	2,945.50
City of New Hampton.Self Funding Fees	8,964.30
Treasurer, State of IowaIPERS.....	16,333.58
Wellmark.....Health Insurance.....	28,354.80
.....	67,368.37
CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN	
Jendro Sanitation.....Refuse Pickup.....	19.64
LIBRARY- TO BE WRITTEN	
Schuetz Ace Hardware.Air Filters, Extension Cord, Supplies	73.72
No. 22790	
03/16/23	

Rochford's last hoops season ends with all-state honor

ALL-STATE: FROM 1

state squad for the second consecutive season.

“Our community and our program is very proud of putting Carlee and a New Hampton high school girls basketball player at that level. It helps build our program and helps build our community,” said Leichtman.

Regardless of what team she was voted to or resides on again this year, it's been a tremendous ride for Rochford and her Chickasaws.

“Yeah, my last season has come really fast and hard to believe. But I am ready for one last season with my teammates and hopefully a memorable one – not just for me, but for my teammates as well,” said Rochford.

Rochford is referring to the sport of track and field – for which she has signed to compete collegiately in the black and gold uniform donned by the University of Iowa Hawkeyes.

The hoops stat lines – although noteworthy and impressive – are secondary, at least in Rochford's mind. Her 24 points a game averaged in her senior year (2nd-best in Class 3A) and an all-time scoring mark (1,378 points) accumulated take a back seat to the relationships she's built and the memorable moments she was a part of.

“I am honored to have received the awards I did. They are definitely an honor, but don't mean as much as the memories I have made,” said Rochford, who also excels in volleyball at an all-conference level.

Rochford made it a point to utilize her talent in any number of athletic endeavors.

“Focusing on one sport has never really made sense to me. Growing up in a small town you have to be involved in as much as you can. Each sport has a benefit to another sport. Being a multi-sport athlete has made me the player that I am today,” Rochford added.

Then there's the little things along the way that might not seem important at first glance or could be looked at as trivial – that mattered.

Memories like Chad Pemble's music selection during basketball practices her freshman year. Think classic rock and plenty of it from Pemble, who coached Rochford her first two years of varsity competition when she was an underclassman.

There was a career highlight just this past winter – a record that was destined to be broken.

A game at home versus Waverly-Shell Rock saw Rochford eclipse the century mark in scoring and pass Leichtman's daughter – Isabel – as the school's top scorer in 5-on-5 at New Hampton.

“The top moment of my high school career is reaching the 1,000 career point mark surrounded by my teammates, coaches, and family,” said Rochford.

Leichtman said Rochford's drive helped get her to where she is today.

“Carlee has worked her whole career for her name to be printed in those awards,” said Leichtman.

Leichtman, who first saw Rochford play basketball as a sixth-grader, was impressed right off the bat.

“She was at that point already where she was beyond her peers or the individuals that she played,” said Leichtman. “She was destined to be a great athlete and really had some very

good intangibles on the court that just led her to be a superior player when she entered into the high school level at that point.”

Rochford also holds the single-game scoring record of 39 points scored in a game versus Kee High in January. New Hampton won that contest by a score of 77-42 – the most points scored by a Chickasaw team since a 79-35 win over Charles City in 2017.

The previous highest single-game total notched by a Chickasaw player was also held by Rochford. The old record was 38 points, which was netted by Rochford against Kee as well – back in December of 2021.

Rochford was still tabbed first-team all-conference in the NEIC despite only playing in nine games in an injury-plagued sophomore season. She was first-team All-NEIC all four years she competed on the varsity level.

For her career, Rochford averaged 19.6 ppg in what was a total of 70 games. She was second in the NEIC with a 7.7 rebounds-per-game tally and led the league in scoring in 2022-2023.

Only West Liberty's Kelsey Joens (24.6 ppg), an Iowa State recruit, outscored Rochford in Class 3A. She is the younger sister of Iowa State senior Ashley Joens, the all-time leading scorer at Iowa State. Kelsey Joens is a transfer from Iowa City High, where she helped the Little Hawks to two state tournaments in Class 4A.

The rest of Class 3A's all-state roster for the IPSWA included repeat first-team selections – Haylee Stokes of Estherville-Lincoln Central, Gracie Schoonhoven of Unity Christian and Katy Reyerson of West Marshall. Jenna Twedt of Benton Community, Callie Levin of Solon and Emily TerWee of West Lyon rounded out the eight-player, first-team all-state squad.

Algona Garrigan's Audi Crooks was named 2023 Miss Iowa Basketball as she helped lead her Bears to back-to-back state titles in Class 1A.

With stature and recognition comes responsibility and Rochford isn't shy about helping make a difference in the lives of potential Chickasaw future stars.

She has worn their shoes – figuratively speaking.

“Being a leader and role model for me is what it's all about. I remember growing up and looking up to the high schoolers when I was a younger athlete. Being able to be in that position for other younger kids has been a highlight for me,” said Rochford.

Rochford is competing in her final sport this spring – and perhaps her best – as track fans across this portion of the state are witnessing one of Iowa's marquee prep athletes make one final turn around the oval.

It's not a goodbye quite yet for Rochford, but a final chapter will be written soon to the ending of a book that has been a remarkable read.

Rochford wouldn't change one second of her journey as a Chickasaw.

“I have spent many hours in the gym and it has all paid off. I have gotten to play with and against all of the top players in the state and nation,” said Rochford.

“Being dedicated and spending numerous hours working to get better has taken away from getting to do many things, but I wouldn't have traded it for anything.”



2023 Chickasaw Women's Pool Tournament winners

The Chickasaw Women's Pool League wrapped up its season with its annual tournament that was held on March 4.

Finishing in first through third were the teams of (clockwise, from top left) Michelle Rosonke and Sue Matthews, Cathy Knutson and Leslie Noehl and Staci Vrzak and Jess McCabe.

The final regular season games were played on March 1, and the team of Butch's II won the team title with a record of 91-71, four games ahead of the two teams from Dak's Tap that finished the season 87-75.

Photos courtesy of Maria Roethler



Chickasaw throwers off to a good start

RAGBRAI : FROM 1

but Jenkins said he chose not to as there was not enough time to warm up. McShane and Beau Serie, a sophomore, were scheduled to run in the event.

“It was kind of a decision we had to make. Do we really want to go down for just a few of the events and not have a full day?” said Jenkins. “I just figured we were better off doing it just because – number one, it gets us out of practice mode. Giving the kids a chance to run against somebody new was a good thing.”

New Hampton also missed out on competing in the 60-meter hurdles with senior Aiden Roberson as well as freshman Kale Venem in the long jump.

The boys distance medley of McShane, Cahoy, Huter Serie and Peyton Anderson also did not compete.

Anderson – a two-time state competitor in cross country – ran well in the 3,200 run with a time of 10:54.82. That was

good for ninth place among 20 competitors. His PR from a year ago as a junior was 10:36 – so he's got out of the gates quick this spring.

“For P.J. being sick the week before and only having a few practices under his belt – he ran really good. That's a good time,” said Jenkins. “He's right there.”

NH junior Marshall Zeien and senior Carsyn Leistikow also fared well in their throwing events. Zein placed 12th overall with a personal-best throw of 40-8.5 in the shot put. That topped his previous best effort by over three feet (37-7). Leistikow tossed a 36-1.5 – less than six inches away from his PR of 36-7. That slotted him in 27th place.

“That was a big jump for both of them, especially Marshall,” said Jenkins.

New Hampton finished 10th in the 4x400 with the squad of Roberson, freshman Dylen Schmitt, Hunter Serie and McShane. The time clipped out for the Chickasaws in that event was 3:44.58.

“I told those guys I would have been happy with a slower time than what they ran,” said Jenkins. “Then when they exceeded that, it gives everybody a good feeling coming out of there.”

Most indoor tracks New Hampton runs on are of the 200-meter variety – meaning the turns at Iowa State's indoor 300-meter track aren't quite as tight.

“I like that track just because it's a little bit longer and it gives you a little more room to open up and stuff,” said Jenkins. “A really good time indoors should hopefully translate to even faster for outdoors – just because of turns.”

New Hampton competed on Tuesday at the Wartburg Indoor and will finish off the indoor season at the NEIC meet held at Luther College in Decorah on Tuesday, March 21. The Chickasaws begin the outdoor portion of the 2023 season on Thursday, March 30 at the Co-Ed Go-Hawk Early Bird Invitational in Waverly.

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 21 March 6

	W	L
Brite Spot	101	79
Big Willie's	98	82
HereZ 2 U	96	84
Dak's Tap 2	93	87
The Pub	90	90
Butch's I	87	93
VFW	84	96
Dak's Tap 1	81	108
Butch's 2	78	102
Hide-A-Way	76	104
The Office	61	119

RESULTS

Big Willie's 7, Dak's Tap 1 2
Dak's Tap 2 5, HereZ 2 U 4
The Pub 5, VFW 4
Hide-A-Way 6, The Office 3
Butch's 1 6, Butch's 2 3
Brite Spot, bye
THREE-GAME WINNERS
Big Willie's: Cody and Austin; Dennis and Dennis
Hide-A-Way: Jim C. and Jason
Dak's Tap 2: Danny and Gary

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 21 March 1

	W	L	GB
Butch's II	91	71	0
Dak's Tap I	87	75	4
Dak's Tap II	87	75	4
Bowlaway	85	77	6
Butch's I	79	83	12
Schucky's	73	89	18
Hide A Way	65	97	26

RESULTS

Dak's Tap II 5, Butch's II 4
Bowlaway Lanes 6, Hide-A-Way 3
Dak's Tap I 5, Butch's I 4
Schucky's - Bye Week

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Dak's Tap II: Staci Vrzak and Jess McCabe
Bowlaway Lanes: Christine Venem and Carrie Barloon



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Indoors to start practice

Members of the New Hampton soccer team work on a passing drill on Monday, the first day of practice not only for the Chickasaw soccer squad but also for the New Hampton golf teams.

Unfortunately, opening day wasn't exactly spring like as temperatures were in the 20s, and the news for the rest of the week isn't that great, either, as teams will probably be forced inside today (Thursday) because of rain and snow in the forecast.

Legal Notice - Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY EILEEN CARLIN, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003100 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary Eileen Carlin, Deceased, who died on or about January 30, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on February 28, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Mary Eileen Carlin, deceased, bearing date of August 22, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Dannette Carlin Roethler was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably

ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated March 2, 2023.

Dannette Carlin Roethler, Executor of Estate, 1001 18th Ave., Charles City, IA 50616

Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#, AT0004198, Attorney for Executor, Kennedy & Kennedy, 12 E. Main St. PO Box 406 New Hampton, IA 50659 Date of second publication: 03/16/23

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A good day to compete indoors

Chickasaw seniors Aiden Roberson (left) and Carlee Rochford (above) compete in the 55-meter hurdles at the Wartburg Indoor track meet on Tuesday afternoon.



New Hampton sophomore Natalie Nosbisch (left) runs in the 4x800 relay and Bryce Flugum (above) takes a crack at the long jump. NH senior Peyton Anderson (right) had another solid run in the 3,200 at Waverly on Tuesday.



Sixth-seeded Blockhus makes run at Big 10 crown before falling in overtime

BLOCKHUS: FROM 13

loss is a loss, but that match, I think it showed everyone I can wrestle with anyone.”

And now the three-time Iowa high school state champion is in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where the NCAA tournament kicks off its three-day run today (Thursday), and the former Chickasaw great has set his sights not on just becoming a first-time all-American but standing on top of that podium Saturday night.

Blockhus’ aim is on a “natty” — a national title — and although he’s heading into the tournament as an 11th seed, the Golden Gopher is heading into the tournament knowing he’s never wrestled better than he is during the 2022-23 season.

“Physically, I’ve never been better,” he said. “I’m at a good weight, the weight-cutting’s perfect, my nutrition is good, and one of the things we’re known for is peaking at the end of the year. ... And mentally, I’m flying right now. At this level, if you don’t have supreme confidence, you’re in trouble. Right now, I have the mindset that no one is better than me.”

It’s been a long and, at times, winding journey for Blockhus, who wrestled his first two years of high school at Crestwood before open-enrolling to New Hampton, where he compiled a gaudy 81-1 record, led the Chickasaws to two state dual titles and won two individual state champion-

BLOCKHUS RECORD BOOK

2014-15 Crestwood	42-1*
2015-16 Crestwood	37-6**
2016-17 New Hampton	24-1*
2017-18 NH/TV	57-0*
Career high school record	160-8
x-2018-19 Northern Iowa	18-4
2019-20 Northern Iowa	22-10***
2020-21 Minnesota	9-8***
2021-22 Minnesota	17-15***
2022-23 Minnesota	17-5***
Career college record	65-38
* - State champion	
** - State runner-up	
*** - NCAA tournament qualifier	
x - Redshirt year at UNI; wrestled unattached	

ships.

After graduating, he headed down the road to the University of Northern Iowa, where he competed for two years — first as an “unattached” wrestler during a red-shirt year in which he went 18-4 and then claiming his first NCAA berth as a freshman 141-pounder for the Panthers.

That trip, however, never materialized as the national meet, which was scheduled to be held at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, was canceled

at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I still remember hearing that it was off,” he said, “and I’m not going to lie. I was pissed. To work so hard to get to nationals and then find out they were taking it away from all of us ... that was hard.”

Blockhus would never don the Panther gear again, for during the offseason, he decided to transfer.

“UNI was so familiar, so close, and I just felt like I needed something different,” he said. “I guess I was thinking I needed to strike out on my own, and no disrespect to UNI, but it’s the best decision I ever made.”

He found a home in Minneapolis, trading in the purple and gold for the maroon and gold of the Gophers.

“I think growing up, every kid in Iowa wants to wrestle in the Big 10,” he said of the nation’s premier wrestling conference, “and I wanted to wrestle the best of the best.”

He went 9-8 in his first year at Minnesota but ended the 2020-21 season at the national tournament, going 1-2. A year ago, he upped his record to 17-15 and once again qualified for the national tournament and repeating his 1-2 showing.

But he took off this year — opening the season with an impressive tournament title at the Bison Open in Fargo, North Dakota — and compiling a 14-4 record heading into the Big 10 tournament that was held March 4-5 in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Seeded sixth, Blockhus opened the tournament by avenging a pair of earlier-season losses as he pinned Nebraska’s Dayne Morton and defeating Northwestern’s Yahya Thomas by 6-4 decision in sudden victory.

He then came up with a dominating semifinal performance — one that included more than

four minutes of riding time — to beat Indiana’s Graham Rooks 6-2.

That set up a finals date with Sasso, a four-time Big 10 finalist. Blockhus opened the match with a quick takedown and led 5-4 after two periods, but the Buckeye got an escape in the third period and then after Blockhus initiated the first attack in overtime with a single-leg attempt, Sasso was able to spin behind for the score.

“That’s the thing about wrestling here, as compared to high school,” Blockhus said. “That’s a takedown every single time I was in high school; here, I just got a tiny little out of position. If I get another shot, trust me, I’ll be exactly where I need to be the next time.”

Maybe the biggest question facing the former Chickasaw will come in the offseason.

Because the NCAA granted student-athletes an extra year of eligibility because of the pandemic, Blockhus can return to Minneapolis next winter. He and his parents took part in Senior Day activities earlier this year, but Blockhus, who plans on going into MMA (mixed martial arts) fighting, hasn’t completely closed the door on remaining a Gopher.

He’ll graduate this year with a degree in human resources management but could take post-graduate classes if he decides to keep wrestling.

“I’m still not sure,” he said and added with a laugh, “but if I do come back, I’m not going to go through the senior stuff again. Once is enough.”

He paused for a moment and that old Michael Blockhus focus that Chickasaw fans know well came through loud and clear over the telephone line.

“Right now, all I’m thinking about is Tulsa,” he said. “Everything else can wait.”

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Michael Blockhus takes to the mat for the 149-pound championship match at the Big 10 wrestling tournament, where the former Chickasaw picks up riding time against Northwestern's Yahya Thomas en route to the finals.

FORMER CHICKASAW LOOKING FOR BREAKOUT NATIONAL TOURNEY

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Michael Blockhouse walked off the Crisler Arena mat that Sunday evening feeling both excitement and disappointed. The 2018 New Hampton High School graduate and current University of Minnesota wrestler had just given the nation's second-ranked wrestler, Ohio State's Sammy Sasso, an absolute dogfight in the 149-pound championship match at the Big 10 tournament before suffering a heartbreaking 8-6 loss in the sudden victory period, wrestling's version of overtime. "I dominated that match," Blockhus said in a recent phone interview, "and I think Sasso knew who the better wrestler was. A

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4x1 relay win highlights opener for Chickasaws

New Hampton's McShane, Cahoy, Serie brothers come up with an impressive win

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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Scott Jenkins and his New Hampton boys track team can blame the weather for running a little behind schedule on Friday morning. A decent amount of snow that fell the night before delayed the Chickasaws' trip down to the Iowa Association of Track Coaches (IATC) Indoor meet held at the Lied Recreation Center on the campus of Iowa State University. Better late than never. New Hampton came up smelling like roses after crossing the tape first in the 4x100 relay. The group of Beau Serie, Carter Cahoy, Hunter Serie and Braden McShane placed first among 27 entrants with a sizzling time of 45.4. Jenkins said New Hampton's best time last year in the relay was 45.75 with the foursome of juniors from a season ago — Ben Tenge, Cahoy, Hunter Serie and McShane. "We've already bettered that time with just one indoor meet so far," said Jenkins, NH's head coach. To give you another idea of just how impressive New Hampton's first run of the season in the sprint event was — Jenkins also mentioned that if the relay can cut a few more tenths of a second off their winning time, a Drake Relays spot may be in the cards. "It puts us in a better frame of mind, for sure," said Jenkins. While New Hampton didn't lead on the final 4x100 exchange of the baton on the 300-meter track, McShane's anchor leg tracked down the Chickasaws' first blue-ribbon

win of the year. "Braden ended up running another guy down to get first," said Jenkins. "They all looked really good." Because of the inclement weather that blanketed a large portion of Iowa last Thursday, the Chickasaws did not take off for the two-plus hour trip to Ames until 8:30 a.m. That meant New Hampton was going to miss the 9 a.m. start for all 1A and 2A girls/boys events. Jenkins said his squad arrived shortly after 10:30 a.m. — right before the start of the 60-meter dash. New Hampton could have run in that event, **SEE NH BOYS, 11**



Photo courtesy of Scott Jenkins

Members of the New Hampton 4x100 relay team — (from left) Braden McShane, Carter Cahoy, Hunter Serie and Beau Serie — pose for a group photo after winning the race at the ITCA State Indoor meet last Friday.

Chickasaw senior caps stellar career with all-state nod

Iowa Print Writers Association puts Rochford on its Class 3A first team

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If Carlee Rochford were a painter — imagine the colors of expression that would cover the canvas. As most accomplished artists will tell you, the hues appearing on their palette are diverse and meaningful — creating a portrait or drawing that best exemplifies their shared experience as a whole. There's just one final brushstroke left before Rochford's easel will be folded up and the final print of her work will be preserved for generations to come. Then her legacy at New Hampton High School will be complete — at least athletically. Only the future knows exactly what that illustration or sketch will look like — and it's

highly doubtful an answer will be relayed in advance. But time will tell a story, as it did this past winter when Rochford put a cap on a Chickasaw basketball career that is unparalleled at NHHS in the 5-on-5 game. "We're very proud of her and putting up that mark for New Hampton," said NH girls hoops head coach David Leichtman. "That's a big deal." Rochford was awarded for her expertise out on the hardwood with a selection on the first team Class 3A all-state squad as voted on by the Iowa Print Sportswriter's Association. Rochford cracked the second team squad last year for the IPSWA. She was also named to the Iowa Girls Coaches Association second-team all-

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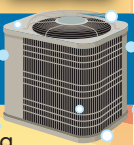
Carlee Rochford gets set to take a shot during a game at Waverly-Shell Rock this past season.



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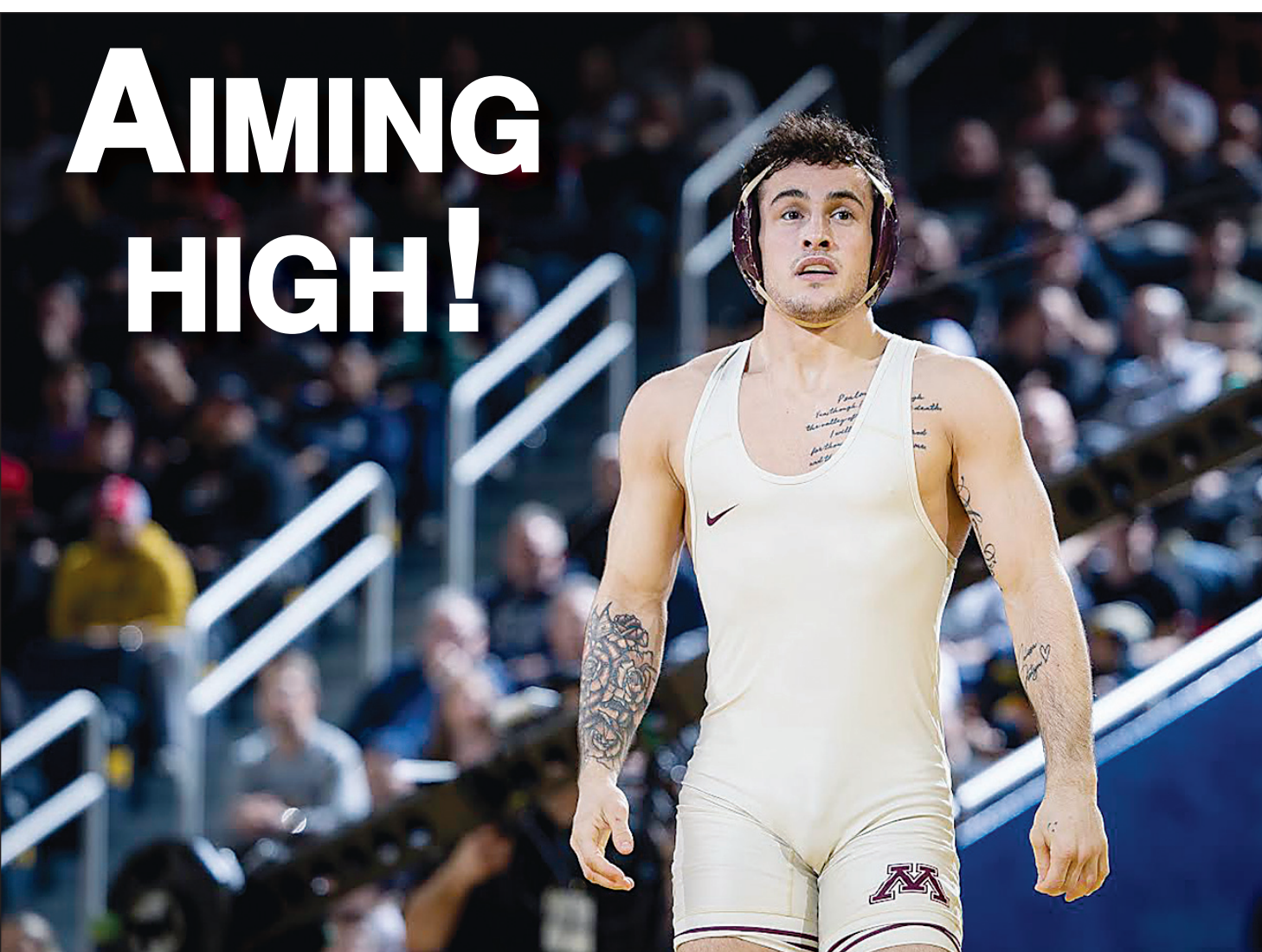
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A message to our readers...

It’s About Freedom, Transparency and Your Right To Know

Members of the Iowa Legislature are wondering if public notices published in newspapers remain relevant and necessary.

The Legislature is proposing a bill that removes a major component of government transparency. This legislation would require legal notices to only be posted on a website controlled by the very government legal notices are designed to oversee.

This is the wrong move today, tomorrow and for the future. Government transparency is more important than ever. In truth it is critical.

While the Tribune and other Iowa newspapers have an economic interest in seeing that the public notice publishing requirement remains, the issue goes far beyond a few dollars. Maintaining the legal requirement is crucial for ensuring accountability and making important information accessible to all members of the public. It strikes at the heart of truth. Government workings should never be hidden.

While many people now browse digital platforms for information – including nhtribune.news – not everyone has access to the internet or the technological know-how to navigate online platforms. And the staggering amount of information available online, representing every viewpoint, degree of accuracy, hidden agendas and motivations from every philosophy and side of the political spectrum, makes it more and more likely public notices posted online would be lost among the chaff. Worse, they may be vulnerable to manipulation.

The basis for public notices published in newspapers remains as important as ever:

- Requiring an independent, third-party to publish the notices in accordance with the law helps prevent government officials from hiding information they prefer the public not to see. The government cannot be in charge of holding itself responsible. A public notice must be published in a forum independent of the government. As an independent and neutral third party, a newspaper has an economic and civic interest in ensuring that the notice delivery requirements are followed.
- Publishing the notice in a newspaper ensures that the information is widely accessible to the public. Unlike social media or other online platforms, newspapers are trusted sources of information that are available to everyone, regardless of whether or not they have access to the internet or social media accounts. This helps to ensure that all members of the public have an equal opportunity to be informed and involved in government decision-making.
- A public notice must be archived in a secure and publicly available format. Newspapers have always fulfilled this requirement because a public notice published in a newspaper is already archived and accessible. This is particularly important for notices that contain information about government decisions and actions that impact individuals and communities for years to come. Requiring governmental bodies to publish legal notices in newspapers ensures that this information is always accessible.

- The public must be able to verify that a legal notice is not altered after being published. In a newspaper notice, an affidavit is provided by the publisher, which can be used in an evidentiary proceeding to demonstrate that a true copy was published as well as the exact wording that was used. Legal notices published in newspapers are subject to public scrutiny and can be easily monitored by journalists or concerned citizens. This guarantees that governmental bodies are held accountable and acting in the best interests of their constituents.

- Community newspapers have established relationships with readers and have a deep understanding of the issues and concerns that matter most to them. When public notices appear in newspapers, government bodies can tap into these relationships. Legislators must pledge that their messages are being heard by those people who are most impacted by their decisions.

- Newspapers have a long history of serving as watchdogs for their communities, holding local officials accountable and shining light on issues that might otherwise go unnoticed. By requiring government bodies to publish public notices in newspapers, we are ensuring that these important watchdog functions are preserved and that the public has access to information that might otherwise be hidden from view.

- Newspaper public notices are already online at iowanotices.org, a site run by newspapers at no cost to government or taxpayers. It is available for those who prefer accessing an electronic version.

There may be parts of the country where newspaper readership is receding, but not in Iowa, and especially not in community newspapers like the Tribune. Every month 84% of Iowa adults read local print or digital newspapers.

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It is true that newspapers charge a nominal fee, set by Iowa law, for publishing legal notices. This is a very small price for freedom. All Iowans should demand more scrutiny of government affairs, never less.

We believe that requiring governmental bodies to continue publishing legal notices in newspapers is crucial for ensuring transparency, accountability and accessibility in government decision-making. Newspapers – especially Iowa newspapers – remain a trusted source of information that is widely accessible and easily searchable.

As a newspaper, we strongly urge Iowa’s representatives and senators to vote “no” on this short-sighted bill.

As should all Iowans.

— **Christopher Hall**
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