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Time becoming key for budget

Supervisors to hold special meeting Friday in an effort to get max levy published

By BOB FENSKA

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors not only has to approve a 2023-24 budget and tax levy in coming weeks, but it will also need to pass an amendment to the current year's budget.

And the two are intertwined, to say the least.

That's because supervisors are hoping to use some ending fund balances from this year's budget to make next year's budget work.

Although board members still have plenty of time — unlike past years, when budgets had to be certified and sent to the state by March 31, counties, cities and schools have until April 30 to certify their budgets — time is of the essence.

"If we can get this max levy voted on for publication by next Monday, that's March 6 already," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "Thanks for the 30-day extension, but I see a time crunch."

If supervisors vote to publish its maximum tax-asking this coming Monday, the earliest it can have a public hearing on that max levy is Monday, March 20. And because, at least during budget work sessions held the past

several meetings, the board is increasing its tax-asking for both General Basic/General Services and Rural Services Basic by more than 2 percent, supervisors would need a "super majority," or four votes, to approve the maximum levy.

Once the max levy is approved, the county will have to hold another public

hearing to approve its final budget. Under state law, it can only lower — not raise — the tax-asking once the max levy is approved.

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County to keep property on East Main little longer

Group buying county's property wants more time before closing

By BOB FENSKA
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New Hampton's second Dollar General store is still on track to becoming a reality, but at least for now, Chickasaw County still owns the building and the lot that the store will occupy.

County Attorney David Laudner told the Board of Supervisors Monday morning that the Overland Group, which has agreed to purchase the building and lot at 910 E. Main St. in New Hampton for \$100,000, last week exercised its right for an additional 90 days inspection period.

In exchange for exercising that right, the Overland Group paid the county \$5,000, and Laudner told board members that, unlike \$900 of the original \$1,000 the group had to place in an escrow fund, that is non-refundable.

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Let's play!

Check out our Pawsome Pets pages and meet some pretty cool animals, like Nick, Gina and Clayton Larsen's fun-loving Lockie. See PAGES 10-13



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Members of the New Hampton Dance Team perform a pom routine during its annual Dance Showcase that featured a variety of solo and group routines. See MORE PICTURES, Page 2

BITTERSWEET SHOWCASE

COACH SAYS DANCE TEAM SENIORS HAVE ADDED TO SCHOOL'S DANCE DYNASTY

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Friday night had all the "feels" for Emma Schwickerath; then again, so did Monday.

Then again, it's kind of an annual melancholy thing — saying goodbye to her seniors — for the New Hampton Dance Team coach.

On Friday, those seniors — Kelli Jirak, Emily Manweiler and Annala Elliott — performed for the last time at the team's Dance Showcase. Three days later, they performed their state

NEW HAMPTON QUARTET TO PERFORM WITH HONOR TEAM.

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championship prop show and their state-place-winning hip-hop dance at the girls state basketball tournament.

"I'm not going to lie, it's always hard seeing them performing for the last time in front of their home crowd," Schwickerath said, "but

then to go to Monday and see them perform on the floor where they won their state championship ..."

For a moment, the emotion got the best of the coach.

"They're just great kids, and I think what I will miss most is their drive and their passion," she said. "They were really good about boosting the mood. We had a big group of new kids this year, and these three seniors were always there

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Kindness Square benefit draws one packed house

Organizers ecstatic at the support given to New Hampton's soon-to-built inclusive park

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Forgive Kayla Brown and Brittany Phillips if they were exhausted Sunday — or even Monday — but weary as the two friends were, the smiles never left their faces.

That's because the night before, the Kindness Square Vision2Reality Benefit they helped plan surpassed even their wildest expectations — raising tens of thousands of dollars for the new inclusive park that will be built this summer at Union Park in New Hampton.

"I took a three-hour nap with my kids," Brown said with a laugh Sunday evening. "I mean I was bushed, but it was so worth it, so unbelievable. To see that kind of support, it just took my breath away."

Phillips concurred.

"I'm still recovering," she said Monday afternoon. "It was overwhelming. I think that's the best word to describe it. It's one of those things you hope to have the support, you hope people will come out and then to see that room so full, so supportive,

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Photo courtesy of Kayla Brown

Healthy yields

According to report, Chickasaw County farmers brought in bountiful harvest this past fall

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Four-timer

New Hampton's Carlee Rochford named to all-NEIC first team

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First-timer

Chickasaw's Gannon Shekleton honored on all-NEIC first team

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Members of the New Hampton Dance Team (above) perform their state-championship props routine while team member Kylee Junk (right) does a solo routine at the annual Dance Showcase that was held this past Friday night.



Emma Carpenter (above) does her solo routine while the Upper Iowa University Dance team (below) was a "special guest" at the Dance Showcase."

Senior dancers will be missed

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to help them push forward and push through."

The veteran coach paused and laughed.

"Oh my gosh, I'm going to start crying again."

Yet, the Dance Showcase, as much as it is about saying farewell to seniors is also a chance to glimpse the future of New Hampton dance and, this year, also gave a chance for the crowd to welcome in visitors as the Upper Iowa University dance team made an appearance.

As far as the future goes, Emma's Dance Company's All-Stars performed.

"We do it for a couple of reasons," Schwickerath said. "First, you don't know just how much those younger girls love the older kids and so if those middle-schoolers continue with dance in high school, they're comfortable with them already. And their first competition is next month so it's good to put them in front of a crowd."

Still, this was a night for the seniors, a trio that played a key role in three state championship routines. New Hampton won a hip-hop title in 2020 and went "back-to-back" with prop state championships the past two years.

Manweiler has been dancing since she was 3 years old, but Elliott and Jirak came to dance as high school freshmen.



Olivia Horner performs a solo during the Dance Showcase.

"I think the biggest thing — and really I'm not trying to toot my own horn, I'm not like that — but if they have the drive and the passion," Schwickerath said, "we can teach the rest. And all three of these girls, like I said, had the drive and the passion. ... The good news is we have a lot of our

New Hampton quartet to dance at state

For four members of the New Hampton Dance Team, the season isn't quite over yet.

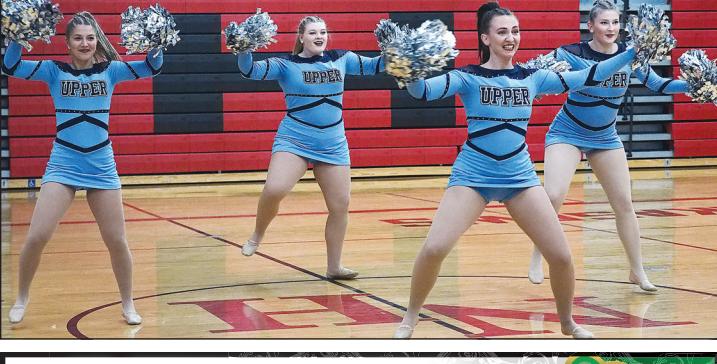
That's because Kelli Jirak, Emma Carpenter, Olivia Horner and Kylee Junk will join about 250 other dancers from around the state to take part in the all-Iowa Honor Dance team that will perform Saturday during one of the championship games at the girls state basketball tournament in Des Moines.

The quartet will head to Des Moines Thursday, take part in a full day of practice on Friday, run through a four-hour dress rehearsal Saturday morning and then take the floor Saturday evening.

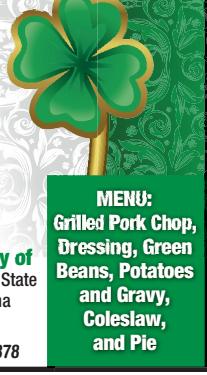
"It's a huge honor and I'm so proud of all four of them for their commitment to dance," coach Emma Schwickerath said. "It's a pretty cool sight to see 250 girls on the floor and know that your school is represented."

team coming back next year and they are extraordinary dancers.

"But, trust me, these three are going to be hard to replace — I mean really, really hard to replace."



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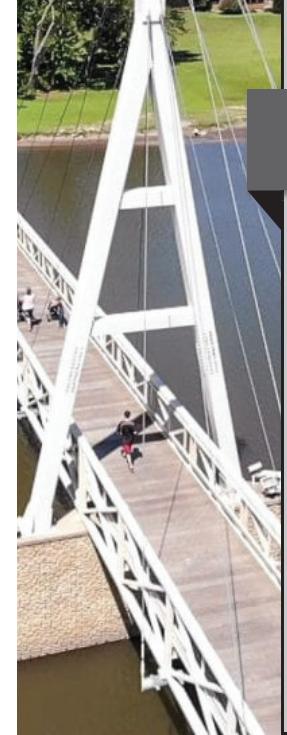
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Children help friends' bond grow deeper

KINDNESS SQUARE: FROM 1

it's hard to believe."

For several hours at the Waucoma Events Center, folks enjoyed food provided by Lynch Barbecue, bought raffle tickets and submitted bids for both a silent and a live auction to support a playground for everyone.

Kindness Square, when it's complete, will be completely handicap accessible, and that means kids like Skylar Phillips and Arlo Brown will have a playground where they can hang out with their friends.

And thanks to Saturday's benefit, there's a chance that the "second phase" of the project will be built right along with the playground.

New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman said Monday that while the Kindness Square Committee had already reached its \$350,000 fundraising goal before Saturday, the proceeds from Saturday's event can be used to help build a pavilion that will include a handicap-accessible restroom and be connected to the playground by a sidewalk.

"We're at the point where we're not building a playground but a park," Hackman said. "Honestly, I'm just blown away by what happened on Saturday. We all are, but it shows you how many people see how important this is."

PHILLIPS AND BROWN have been lifelong friends. They went to grade school together, they graduated high school a year apart, and they were both in each other's weddings.

But that friendship was taken to another level on July 27, 2018, when Phillips and her husband, Wyatt, learned that their daughter had been diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy. That same day, Brown and her husband, Dylan, were told that their son had Down's Syndrome.

"It's been a ride together," Brown said. "We had been friends forever, but I think we held each other up through this. I don't know where I'd be without her, I don't know where we'd be without her and Wyatt."

A day later, Phillips echoed her friend's comments.

"I don't know how to say this, but when



Photos courtesy of Kayla Brown and New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department

Wyatt and Brittany Phillips and Kayla and Dylan Brown (above) pose for a picture during the benefit for Kindness Square that was held Saturday, and the ultimate goal is to include a pavilion, similar to one pictured below, in the inclusive park that will be built later this year in New Hampton's Union Park.

someone's going through the same thing you're going through," she said, "they understand things other people don't. I know Wyatt and I are so grateful to have friends like Kayla and Dylan."

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641-394-2105

Father Jim Goerend

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Sunday.

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201 N. Locust Ave.

Pastor Dong Hun Shin

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Sunday at UCC.

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611 W. Court St.
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Pastor Peter Faugstad

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Pastor Anthony Harris

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Sunday.

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641-456-6880

Pastor Cory Orr

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Pastor Peter Faugstad

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Pastor Peter Faugstad

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Father Jim Goerend

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Rev. Jerry Kopacek

Mass time: Saturday, 4 p.m.

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ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC

Rev. Jerry Kopacek

Mass time: Saturday, 6 p.m.

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Student Pastor Sue Cira

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Service time: Sunday,

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Rev. Jerry Kopacek

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ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller

107 Wood St. Elma

Service time: 9 a.m.

Sunday.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Father Jim Goerend

Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.



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Sister Vicky Arndorfer, the chaplain at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, distributes ashes to hospital CEO and President Aaron Flugum last week on Ash Wednesday.

Kicking off Lent with Ash Wednesday

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday.

Christians marked Ash Wednesday last week, although a number of area churches called off services because of the ice storm that hit Northeast Iowa.

Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

Who Celebrates Ash Wednesday?
Have you ever noticed, usually in February or March, a lot of people walk around with an ash cross on their foreheads once a year? You probably knew it had something to do with Lent, but you weren't sure why the ash cross was significant.

Or maybe, you grew up in a Catholic or Protestant church that held Ash Wednesday services each year, so you're already familiar with the service but aren't too sure about the history of Ash Wednesday and Lent and what they have to do with the Christian faith. Read on if you want to learn more about this important day in the liturgical calendar and why so many celebrate Ash Wednesday and Lent!

Often called the Day of Ashes, Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession. This happens during a unique Ash Wednesday service.

What Happens on Ash Wednesday?

During Mass (for Catholics) or worship service (for Protestants), the priest or pastor will usually share a penitential and reflective sermon. The mood is solemn - many services will have long periods of silence and worshippers will often leave the service in silence.

Usually, there is a responsive passage of Scripture, usually centered around confession, read aloud about the leader and congregation. Attendees will experience communal confession and moments where they are prompted to confess sins silently and pray.

After all of this, the congregation will be invited to receive the ashes on their foreheads. Usually, the priest or pastor will dip his finger into the ashes, spread them in

a cross pattern on the forehead, and say, "From dust you came and to dust you will return."

Source and Meaning of the Ashes

In many congregations, the ashes are prepared by burning palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, churches bless and hand out palm branches to attendees, referencing the Gospels' account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when onlookers lay palm branches on his path.

The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. "Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (Genesis 2:7), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash."

"When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy" (TheCatholicSpirit.com).

With this focus on our own mortality and sinfulness, Christians can enter into the Lent season solemnly while also looking forward in greater anticipation and joy to the message of Easter and Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death.

The History of Lent and Ash Wednesday

The history and beginnings of Lent aren't clear. According to Britannica.com, Lent has likely been observed: "since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the First Council of Nicaea in 325 CE." Christian scholars note that Lent became more regularized after the legalization of Christianity in A.D. 313. St. Irenaeus, Pope St. Victor I, and St. Athanasius all seem to have written about Lent during their ministries. Most agree that "by the end of the fourth century, the 40-day period of Easter preparation known as Lent existed, and that prayer and fasting constituted its primary spiritual exercises."

Is there Fasting on Ash Wednesday?

Regarding the exact rules and practices of Lent, those have changed over the years. "In the early centuries, fasting rules were strict, as they still are in Eastern churches," notes Britannica.com. "One meal a day was allowed in the evening, and meat, fish, eggs, and butter were forbidden. The Eastern church also restricts the use of wine, oil, and dairy products. In the West, these fasting rules have gradu-

ally been relaxed. The strict law of fasting among Roman Catholics was dispensed with during World War II, and only Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are now kept as Lenten fast days."

Is Ash Wednesday only for Catholics or Protestants?

Catholic, Orthodox, and many (but not all) Protestants appreciate and observe Lent. Though Lent is not named or observed in the Bible, as Christianity Today notes, "the path of Lent—prayer, fasting, and generosity over a period of time—is heavily emphasized by the authors of and characters in the Bible, including Jesus. The Bible commands a lifestyle of worship and devotion that looks considerably like Lent. Therefore, while the word is absent in the Bible, the reality of Lent is woven throughout the whole of Scripture, as we have discovered."

In his Gospel Coalition article "Evangelicals Embracing (and Rejecting) Lent," Trevin Wax gives us an important reminder regardless of whether we personally observe Lent:

"I hardly think the church is suffering from too much fasting," Wax says. "But I do think the church is suffering from too much self-righteousness (and I include myself in this indictment). Lent – being either for or against – can become a way of climbing up on to the pedestal."

He goes on to say, "What is more important than the practices we take on is the heart attitude behind them. If there's anything we should give up this time of year, it's our sense of superiority either to those outside the church or those inside the church who do things differently than we do."

Bible Verses for Ash Wednesday

Our Creation: Genesis 2:7 - Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Our Curse: Genesis 3:19 - By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

Our Cry of Repentance: Psalm 51:7-10 - Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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Can you plan for an unplanned retirement?

Many people plan to take an early retirement, so when that day arrives, they're ready for it. But what if you were to face an unplanned retirement? Would you be prepared to deal with the financial issues?

It's something worth thinking about, because any number of factors — illness, a spouse's illness, downsizing, other issues — could lead to an abrupt departure from the workforce. But taking action while you're still working may help you make the transition easier on yourself.

Your first move, of course, should be to at least consider the possibility of having to retire earlier than you planned. You can then move on to some concrete steps, possibly including the following:

- **Build an emergency fund.** Under any circumstances, it's a good idea to build an emergency fund — but it's especially important if you want to prepare for an unforeseen retirement. Generally speaking, your emergency fund should contain three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account. But if you suspect an earlier-than-anticipated retirement may be in your future, and you have some time to prepare for it, you should consider an emergency fund that contains a full year's worth of expenses.

- **Consider your portfolio's asset allocation.** If you're concerned about an unexpected retirement, you may want to consider the equities allocation in your portfolio. If you think you may need to tap into your portfolio sooner than you expected, you may not want to be over-exposed to investments most vulnerable to market volatility. However, these are the same investments that offer you the most growth potential — which you'll need to help stay ahead of inflation. So, look for an investment balance that's appropriate for your needs. As part of this positioning, you may want to shift some assets



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into income-producing vehicles, while also adding to the "cash" portion of your portfolio to boost your liquidity.

- **Evaluate your Social Security options.** An unplanned retirement may cause you to consider taking Social Security earlier than you had planned. You can start taking Social Security when you're 62, but your monthly benefits will be up to 30% lower than if you had waited until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. If you have sufficient income through other sources, you may be able to delay taking Social Security until your checks will be bigger — but of course, if you need the money, waiting may not be an option.

- **Address your health care needs.** If you take an unplanned retirement, and you have employer-sponsored health insurance, you'll have to look for alternatives. You might be able to get extended coverage from your employer, but this could be quite expensive. Of course, if you're already 65, you can get on Medicare, but if you're younger, you might be able to get coverage under your spouse's plan. If that's not an option, you may want to explore one of the health care exchanges created by the Affordable Care Act. To learn more about these exchanges, visit healthcare.gov.

Taking an unexpected retirement can certainly be challenging — but the more prepared you are, the better your outcomes are likely to be.

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Middle school oratory stars!

New Hampton Middle School students (front row, from left) Kenzie Roethler, Addi Douglas, Andi Gebel, Emma Elliott, (middle row) Troy Federspiel, Journey Aergerter, Alexis Nosbisch, Sydney Laures, Keira Reicherts, Kimber Dungey, Brooke Vestal, Ella Wassenaar, Cargin Robinson, (back row) Capri Lester, Brenna Thronsdson, Skyler Bugenhagen, Katelyn Flanscha, Connor Stumme and Braden Manson — pose for a photo Monday night after putting on the school's annual Oratory Showcase.

The event is a celebration of the work that students have done during their oratory projects this year. Social studies teacher Jason Rude and English instructor Patricia ten Hoeve said they saw some great speeches on topics that range from anxiety to right-handed bias to body image. They added that the showcase also offered a chance to see some spectacular poems written by the students, as well as some improv games that showcase our students' abilities to think on their feet.

The oratory program works in conjunction with Ford's Theater in Washington D.C., and Rude has been a part of the National Oratory Fellowship for six years, reaching master fellow status. He, along with ten Hoeve, have worked together to help give students a platform in which to talk about topics that mean the most to them.

"Every year the students absolutely blow us away with what they create," Rude said. "We often get comments from those that attend the showcase that they never knew that eighth-graders could think so deeply, write so well, and speak so passionately."

St. Patrick's Supper set for March 12 at Alta Vista church

The 37th annual St. Patrick's Supper, sponsored by St. Bernards Church in Alta Vista, will be held on Sunday, March 12.

A drive-through meal of pork chop, dressing, green beans, potatoes and gravy, coleslaw and pie will be dished out from 3 to 6 p.m. that day.

Meals may be paid for and picked up at the Alta Vista Municipal Hall, or tickets may be purchased ahead of time from parishioners or at AV Express, Security State Bank and Fareway in New Hampton or Security State Bank in Elma.

Prices are \$14 in advance and \$15 the day of, for both adults and children.

Snow date for the event will be March 19.

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An icy 'dud'

Well, last week's winter storm turned into a "dud," at least as far as snowfall was concerned, but it still presented some dangerous conditions for area residents and led school officials to call off classes both Wednesday and Thursday. The storm technically dropped 4 inches of snow on the area, but most of it melted or turned into ice when it hit the ground. More troublesome was the rainfall — 1.41 inches in New Hampton — that fell Sunday night. That led to several area roads having to be closed Monday because of flooding.

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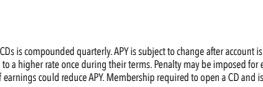
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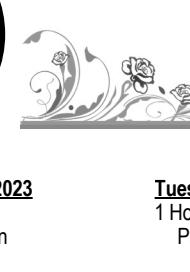
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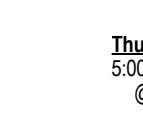
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Wednesday, March 8, 2023

3:45pm- 6:00pm

Preschool Registration

Saturday, March 11, 2023

FFA - NE District Convention @ Dyersville
IHSSA State Individual Speech @
Starmont HS

Monday, March 13, 2023

7:00pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

1 Hour Early Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, March 16, 2023

1 Hour Early Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, March 17, 2023

NO SCHOOL
4:00pm Track: High School Conference
Indoor @ Luther College
5:00pm GALA Turkey Valley Waucoma
Event Center

Monday, March 20, 2023

NO SCHOOL
Professional Development

Monday, March 27, 2023

IHSSA All-State Individual Speech
@ UNI

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

TBD Track: High School Var. Girls/Boys
vs. North Fayette Valley @ NFV High
School

Thursday, March 30, 2023

5:00pm Soccer: High School Varsity
@ Charles City High School

Friday, March 31, 2023

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Tuesday	40	28	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 36 and low of 24.

Friday: Mostly cloudy, slight chance of snow showers; high 38, low 22.

Saturday: Partly sunny with a high of 38 and a low of 22.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 40 and a low of 28.

Extended forecast: We'll start the work week relatively warm with highs in the lower 40s and lows in the upper 20s; chance of rain on Monday.

Meetings**MONDAY**

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

• New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

• In 1807, Congress passes an act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States ... from any foreign kingdom, place, or country."

• In 1836, during the Texas Revolution, a convention of American Texans meets at Washington-on-the-Brazos and declares the independence of Texas from Mexico.

• In 1917, residents of Puerto Rico become American citizens.

• In 1972, Pioneer 10, the world's first outer-planetary probe, is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a mission to Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet.

Birthdays

• Sam Houston, the first president of the Republic of Texas and later a U.S. senator and the state's governor, was born in 1793.

• Pope Pius XII, who led the Catholic Church from 1939 to 1958, was born in 1876.

• Famed American children's author Dr. Suess was born in 1904.

• Mikhail Gorbachev, the last leader of the Soviet Union, was born in 1931.

• Former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger turns 41.

• Daniel Craig, who played James Bond in several films, turns 55.

• Rock singer Jon Bon Jovi turns 61.

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Linda L. Leibold, 75

Linda L. Leibold, age 75 of Waucoma, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023, surrounded by her family at her daughter's home in Elkader.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma with Father Nick Radloff celebrating the mass.

Burial followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Waucoma.

Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma with a 3:30 p.m. Rosary and continued at the church one hour prior to the funeral mass on Tuesday.

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

Linda was born July 10, 1947, the daughter of Clem and Bernice (DeSloover) Langreck. She attended and graduated from Turkey Valley High School. After completing her education, Linda moved to New Hampton where she was a nanny for a number of years.

While at a wedding dance, Linda caught the eye of Linus Leibold. The couple was united on Aug. 2, 1969, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Lawler. They made their home in Waucoma where they welcomed their three daughters — Ann, Nancy, and Sally.

Throughout the years, Linda and Linus worked together as they owned and operated Leibold Motors/Bears Mini Mart until 1999. As a retirement gift to each other, Linda and Linus purchased a lake home at Jefferson Lake in Minnesota. They enjoyed spending their summers on the lake, fishing with their family.

Even after losing Linus in 2002, Linda remained on the lake in the summers for another 12 years. She also began working at Walmart during that time. Even though, Linda was "retired," she wasn't ready to sit down as she went to work for the Waucoma Library which was a perfect fit since she loved reading to her great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Linus; her daughter, Sally; and great-grandson, Coby.

The family would like to say a special thank you to St. Croix Hospice for the care they gave Linda in her final weeks.

Milton Marion Gaede, 82

Milton Marion Gaede, age 82 of Plainfield, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with the Rev. Darin Cerwinski officiating.

Interment was held at Willow Lawn Cemetery, Plainfield.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Clifford C. Wiebke, 91

Clifford C. Wiebke, age 91 of Nashua, died Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at the Bartels Lutheran Home in Waverly.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 4, 2023, at St. John Lutheran Church in Nashua, with the Rev. Todd Burrichter presiding.

Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

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Linda Leibold

advantage to spend precious time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed dirtying her hands with flowers and vegetable gardening.

Linda was also a bit of a card shark, playing euchre in a card club for many years.

Linda was an active member of Catholic Daughters of America, Catholic Order of Foresters and St. Mary's Catholic Church. She also was a 4-H leader for many years with Eden Outer Limits of Waucoma.

Never wanting to be left out, Linda became more adventurous and outgoing even to the point of overcoming her fear of water by wading in the ocean.

Those left to cherish Linda's memory are her children, Ann (David) Winter of Elkader, and Nancy Leibold of Decorah; her grandchildren, Jessica (Erik) Gran, Chelsey (Jason) Mattheis, Nicholas (Paige) Winter, Nichole (Chase) Leech and Kayla (Cody) Kuehl; her great-grandchildren, Shanel, Savannah, Sawyer, Edison, Beckett and Knox; her siblings, Marilyn (Gary) Baack of Marion, Dee (Merle) Brannon of New Hampton, Jan (Chuck) Bittner of Clarksville, James (Mary) Langreck of Lawler, Susan (Steve) Mahoney of Ionia, and Gladys (Bill) Hruska of Lawler; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Linus; her daughter, Sally; and great-grandson, Coby.

The family would like to say a special thank you to St. Croix Hospice for the care they gave Linda in her final weeks.

Friends greeted the family from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the church prior to the memorial service.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, Northeast Iowa Antique Engine & Power Club, Alpha Methodist Church, Alpha Cemetery.

Raymond Charles Lantow was born on Nov. 30, 1937, on the Massey farm near Nashua, Iowa to Herman and Lena (Etter) Lantow.

He attended rural country schools near Nashua, and Fredericksburg through the eighth grade and he did get his GED in later years.

Raymond completed the family of three sisters (Norma, Maxine, Viola) and one brother (Robert). He and his family lived on this farm until he was 10 years old and then moved to the "home" place which was

near Fredericksburg. As a child Raymond loved farming, hunting and fishing.

One night in September 1957, he and friends went to a dance in Hawkeye and that is where he met the love of his life, Mary Pierce. He and Mary dated a few short months and were married on June 29, 1958, at the Alpha Methodist Church in Alpha. To this union three children — Cindy, Harold and Glen — were born.

Raymond and Mary worked side by side on the farm for many years. Along with the farming, Raymond worked at John Deere Waterloo Tractor Works in Waterloo, Iowa from February 1967 to August 1997.

Farming and working a second job was tough, but together Raymond and Mary made it work and supported their family.

Raymond loved to hunt

and fish, and enjoyed

hunting trips with friends and family.

Raymond will be remembered by his family and friends for his kindness, willingness to help out, and that he always had time to chat, have a cup of coffee and a cookie or two.

Raymond leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Mary Lantow; daughter, Cindy; son, Harold (Karen); two grandchildren, Ashley (Matt) and Nathan (Lexi); eight great-grandchildren, Quincy, Shay, Grady, Alex, Sophia, Kaedence, Mariah and Leighton, all of Fredericksburg; sister, Viola Sullivan of New Hampton; sisters-in-law, Betty Sternat and Carol (Jim) Schulz of Fredericksburg; nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Lena Lantow; father- and mother-in law, Eben and Ruby Pierce; son, Glen Lantow; sisters, Norma Ferguson and Maxine Bennor; brother, Robert Lantow; brothers-in-law, Paul Schulz, Elden Sternat, Dewey Barth, Gerald Ferguson, Max Bennor, Ott Schulz, John Sullivan, and George Pierce; sisters-in-law, Mary Pierce and Ruth Barth; and two nieces, Susie, Judy Bennor.

As Raymond would always say at the end of a phone conversation, "Bye for now."

Phyllis L. Willadsen, 86

She was a member of the Red Belles.

She was an avid bowler and served as secretary for 23 years in the Rollaway League. Many will remember seeing her at the Carnegie Cultural Center where she volunteered.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Craig (Donna) Willadsen, Bruce

Willadsen, Jon (Heather) Willadsen all of New Hampton, Joy Willadsen of Tyler, Texas, Kevin (Nancy) Willadsen and Kim Rosonke, both of New Hampton as well; and Amy Willadsen of Tyler, Texas; her daughter-in-law, Janet Willadsen of Mesa, Arizona; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Donna (Gene) Richmond and Marsha (Jerry) Whitnable; her brothers, Larry (Doris) Hibbs, Karl (Jeanne) Hibbs and Paul (Patti) Hibbs; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Legal Notice • Legal Notice**Board Proceedings**

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, February 20, 2023, in the High School Media Center. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Denner, Superintendent Jurrens, and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director Ayers was absent.

Director Denner moved to approve the agenda. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to open the public hearing on the New Hampton High School Parking Lot. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to close the public hearing on the New Hampton High School Parking Lot. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the consent agenda items. Approve minutes of the January 16, 2023, regular session. Approve the January monthly financial report and the February 2023 bill listing. Accept the resignations of Maggie Konecne (High School Wrestling Cheerleading). Approve the hiring of Nicole Sanford (7th Grade English Language Arts Teacher), Rachel Bauer (High School Vocational Agriculture Instructor), Shannon Pethoud (High School Library Associate), Roxanne Gray (Food Service at 5.5hrs./per day), Jason Dallman (Full-time Custodian), Chad Pemble (Middle School Musical Director), Laura Schwickerath (Freshman Volleyball Coach) and David Coltrain (Volunteer Soccer Coach) pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Director N.

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Superintendent Jurrens gave an update on the possible partnership with Little Sprouts Daycare. After discussion between the board and daycare board, Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the partnership with the daycare by paying \$100,000 over a five-year period. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent presented the winning bids for the high school parking lot from Mehmet Tiling for Asphalt and Wicks Construction for Concrete. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the winning bid from Wicks Construction for concrete in the amount of \$648,203.47.

Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens presented information on the increase ELL population and the need to add more support for the program. In anticipation of licensure completion, we would like to offer a third position to Hannah Jenkins. Director Denner moved to approve the hiring of Hannah Jenkins pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

There will be a joint board meeting with Turkey Valley in the high school media center prior to regular board meeting on March 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the Mercy One Waste Management Agreement. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Monthly Bills, February 2023, General Fund (10) Vendor Name ,Amount

AFLAC 90.27

LIBRARY SPECIAL PROJECTS \$1,001.25

ROADS CAPITAL PROJECTS \$9,731.25

STORM WATER CAPITAL PROJ \$5,598.67

CAPITAL PROJECTS \$66,662.78

WATER UTILITY \$100,378.62

SEWER UTILITY \$18,821.43

SOLID WASTE \$66,847.69

CAPITAL PROJECTS-WATER \$52,587.77

TOTAL \$13,082.73

CAPITAL PROJECTS-SEWER \$25,406.72

TOTAL \$436,044.84

7:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Schwickerath announced now is the time and place fixed for the public hearing on the proposed Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levy proposed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. The Council investigated and found that the time and the place of the hearing had in accordance with the law and as directed by the City Council been published in the New Hampton Tribune on the 9th day of February 2023 in New Hampton, Chickasaw County.

Moved by McDonald, seconded by Fisher; That the consent agenda be approved. Ayes - Five. Nays - None. Absent - Humpal. Motion carried.

1. Approve meeting agenda

2. Approve City Council Minutes of February 6, 2023

3. Approve City Claims of \$79,578.57

4. Department Head Minutes of February 7, 2023

5. Hiring Committee Minutes of February 6, 2023

6. Park & Rec Minutes of February 9, 2023

7. Library Minutes of February 7, 2023

8. Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill Agenda 2-14-23

9. Class B Retail Alcohol License - Dollar General #2397, 807 North Linn Ave.

10. Chickasaw County Conservation Board Request to sell Firewood

11. Board of Adjustment - Kahn Tile Request

12. Finance Reports

FUND RECEIVED, DISBURSED GENERAL \$69,643.32

..... \$243,692.04

ROAD USE TAX \$34,725.44

SPECIAL REV/EMPLOYEE BEN \$36,001.56

\$9,439.68

LOCAL OPTION TAX \$47,334.34

HOTEL/ MOTEL TAX \$0.00

SPECIAL REVENUE- GRANTS \$5,000.00

..... \$29.00

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the Agreement with Crossroads Academy in Decorah. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

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Superintendent Jurrens shared the FY2021 Audit Findings. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the FY2021 Audit. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

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Ag Vantage FS	3,194.29	J.W. Pepper & Son Inc.....	183.99
Amazon Capital Services	6,394.83	Jendro Sanitation Services Inc	1,252.28
Auditor of State	625.00	John Deere Financial.....	71.12
Betteridge, Margaret	25.00	Jostens	2.00
Blackhawk Automatic Sprinkler	1,385.99	Kayser-Kemp, Karen	85.05
Bowlaway Lanes	200.00	Kuennen, Morgan	12.00
CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON	22.22	Kwik Star	728.36
Casey's Business Account	139.90	Lakeshore Learning Materials	260.97
CATCHLIFE30	450.59	Lunch Fund	215.80
Charles City Comm School ...	13,258.12	Lutheran Services in Iowa	315.00
Chickasaw Chassis	51.00	Maas, Shannon	12.00
Chickasaw Wellness Complex	300.00	Madison National Life Insurance	1,919.35
Circle K Communications	78.37	Martin Bros. Distributing	1,078.39
City Laundering Co	1,302.49	Mason City Comm. School	3,788.04
City of New Hampton	10,819.04	Medical Enterprises Inc	120.00
Clayton Ridge Community School District	9,680.53	Mercy Medical Center	4,083.33
Counseling & Family Centered Services, Inc.	12,750.00	Mick Gage Plumbing	750.00
Dawley, Lydia	25.00	Miller Hardware	11.99
Decorah Community School District	12,750.00	Mohawk Electric	303.63
Howard Winneshiek Comm School	1,364.11	NAPA Auto Parts	27.97
Interstate All Battery Center	375.00	New Hampton Tribune	611.80
Iowa Assoc. of School Boards	1,335.00	NHMU Fiber	300.00
Iowa Assoc. of School Business Officials	245.00	Nolte, Comman & Johnson	5,250.00
Iowa Department of Education	1,350.00	Northeast Iowa Community College	105.00
Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation	300.00	Office World	1,564.47
Iowa Prison Industries	52.00	On Track Signs	40.00
ISFIS, Inc.	300.00	Oriental Trading Company Brands, INC.	160.41
		Pfaffle, Steve	561.60
		Poor Richards	51.50
		Principal Life Insurance Company	871.71
		PSAT/NMSQT	306.00
		Pub at the Pinicon, The	125.02
		Really Great Reading Company	1,593.90
		Riemann Music, Inc	85.00
		Riverside Insights	93.15
		Saunders, Latrice	1,348.78
		Schmitt, April	272.93
		Schmitt, Bradley	45.02
		Scholastic Book Clubs	113.00
		School Specialty, LLC	21.64
		Schuett Ace Hardware	387.48
		Schuett Ace Hardware	574.00

Scrubber City Inc	214.80
St. Joseph's School	32,611.84
Steve Smith Snow Removal	4,990.00
Superior Welding Supply	154.63
SupplyHouse.com	1,341.16
Sweets by Keke, LLC	45.00
Swisher & Cohrt, P.L.C.	111.00
Teachers Pay Teachers (Teacher Synergy LLC)	18.00
Tobii Dynavox LLC (Mayer-Johnson, Inc.)	99.00
Turkey Valley Community School	237.22
United Parcel Service	15.60
University of Northern Iowa	45.00
Ventris Learning	90.00
VISA	1,276.34
Wagoner Bros. Repair	6,215.13
Washington National Ins. Co.	1,081.21
Weaver Paper Company - Division of Capital Sanitary	2,474.43
West Music Company	283.36
WEX BANK	336.82
Windstream	2,003.60

Fund Total: **196,379.87**

Physical Plant & Equipment (36)

Fund Total: **\$1,659.46**

Capital Projects (33)

Align Architecture & Planning, PLC

BlueAlly Technology Solutions, LLC

FEHIR GRAHAM Engineering & Environmental

Fund Total: **\$55,743.40**

Attest: February 20, 2023

Jay Matthews, Board President

Christy Roethler, Board Secretary

No. 22760
03/02/2023

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Farmers take in a bumper crop in '22

USDA report: Chickasaw County among top-20 in corn and soybean yields

By BOB STEENSON

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The northeast corner of the state had the highest average yield in corn and soybeans last year, and Chickasaw County growers were right in the mix when it came to bountiful yields.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service reported on Friday that Iowa averaged 200.0 bushels per acre for corn and 58.5 bushels per acre for soybeans in 2022.

Chickasaw County farmers brought in average yields of 214.6 bushels for corn and 63.6 bushels for soybeans. That placed the county 20th among Iowa's 99 counties in corn production and 18th in soybean yields.

Kossuth County took advantage of being the largest county in the state to harvest the most corn for grain production in Iowa in 2022 with 57.1 million bushels produced.

Delaware led all counties

with an average yield of 230.8 bushels per acre. Clinton, with 225.2 bushels per acre; Dubuque at 223.7; Benton with 221.7; and Cedar County with 221.4 bushels per acre average rounded out the top five counties for top yield per acre. Nineteen counties exceeded the 215 bushel mark last year 2022.

Kossuth County came out on top in soybean production as well, with 12.9 million bushels, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Forty-nine of Iowa's counties averaged at least 60.0 bushels per acre.

Scott County had the highest yield with an average of 69.1 bushels per acre. Dubuque, 68.6 bushels per acre; Delaware, 67.4 bushels per acre; Cedar, 67.0 bushels per acre; and Des Moines, 66.9 bushels per acre rounded out the top five highest yielding counties for soybeans.

Decatur County recorded the lowest average yield at 37.9 bushels per acre.

Area County Corn & Soybean Yields

WORTH	MITCHELL	HOWARD
Corn - 219.5 Beans - 62.0	Corn - 217.9 Beans - 64.6	Corn - 217.3 Beans - 60.9
CERRO GORDO	FLOYD	CHICKASAW
Corn - 216.9 Beans - 60.8	Corn - 204.6 Beans - 61.9	Corn - 214.6 Beans - 63.6
FRANKLIN	BUTLER	BREMER
Corn - 220.1 Beans - 62.8	Corn - 212.4 Beans - 61.6	Corn - 210.8 Beans - 66.7
2022 average bushels per acre		

Source: USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service

Press Graphic by Bob Steenson



Photo courtesy of Noah Fenske

Fin and Millie check out "who's outside" at the home of the author's son in Carbondale, Illinois.

Why dogs are simply the best

One of our favorite games to play when it comes to my youngest son's dog, Millie, is to see how fast she can go from relaxing, maybe even snoozing, to the window.

"Hey Millie," one of us will say and then add with a little sense of urgency, "who's outside?"

I'm telling you, Usain Bolt, the great Jamaican sprinter, has nothing on Noah Fenske's dog ... at least when it comes to protecting the old homestead.

Then again, I'm a sucker for dogs. I think they're all cute. I think they're all lovable. I think they're all the best, which is why I love the fact that Laurie Tiemessen, our advertising rep here at the Tribune, puts together our "Pawsome Pets" section.

As soon as the pages are completed, I start paging through them. "I want that one, I want this one, wait, I want all of them."

You see, I've been "dog-less" for more than four years now, and honestly, there isn't a day that goes by where I don't think to myself that I need to get my next dog.

Man's best friends have been a big part of my life since my parents brought home Jack when I was 3 years old, and Jack let me ride him like a horse. I don't remember Jack — heck, that was 5 1/2 decades ago — but my mom told me the story of our separation so often it still makes me cry.

Dad had received orders to West Germany and Jack couldn't go with us. So my parents found a good home for him — supposedly miles away, at least according to my mom's tale — and on the day he left our little house on Ellsworth Air Force Base near Rapid City, South Dakota, I cried for hours.

Mom said late that night, we could hear something "pawing" at the door. Dad went to check on it and there stood Jack.

"We called the family," Mom told me years later, "and they just said, 'Let Bobby have one more night with him and we'll come and get him tomorrow.' So Jack slept with you and I'm so mad that we didn't have film or a Polaroid because it was a priceless picture — one that I will always treasure in my mind."

Seven years later, after my father had retired from the Air Force and we moved to Minnesota, we took a trip to Rapid City to visit old friends, including that family that had taken Jack in with him.

And, this, I do remember.

We got to the house, and Jack came flying out the door and ran right up to me, jumped up and gave me the kind of kisses only a dog can.

Mom started crying; Honestly, we all started bawling.

There's a great line — well, if I'm telling the truth, there are a lot of great lines — in the movie "Marley and Me," but my favorite will always be this one.

"A dog doesn't care if you are rich or poor, educated or illiterate, clever or dull. Give him your heart and he will give you his."

Over the years, starting with Jack, I have given my heart to a number of dogs, and they've always returned the favor. But, like people, you always have your favorites.

Jack was one of them, and so were two more.

There was Snoopy, the dog we got for Christmas when I was in the sixth grade who lived an unusually long life, which was amazing because Snoopy was always finding mischief and eating anything that didn't move.

When my parents divorced, he moved to a farm in Kossuth County. It was kind of his retirement home, and after I moved to Iowa to become a sports writer, I would go visit Snoopy. It was like old times, even though he was as old as dirt by then.

One day I took a call from the couple that had given Snoopy a couple of really good years.

"Bob, if you want to see him, you'd better get up here. The time is near."

I made it in time. Snoopy was on the porch and couldn't get up, but I swear when I sat down next to him, the tail wagged. A few minutes later, he took his last breath. He was gone. And I cried the entire way back to Mason City.

And then there was Shelby, another dog who had an iron digestive system. She came to live with us soon after the boys and I moved to New Hampton.

Man, that dog could drive me nuts. Rabbits were her mortal enemy. Leaves, too. A fall walk with Shelby was, in hindsight, hilarious because our dog would go after every falling leaf. Every. Single. One.

When she died in 2019, my boys were in college — Josh was home while Noah had just headed to Iowa City. Watching Noah say goodbye via FaceTime was excruciating. And watching the tears stream down Josh's face at the vet office, well, the English language doesn't have a word for it.

But the memories Jack (through my mom, of course), Snoopy and Shelby gave me, that pain in the end was a small price to pay for the love they showered upon me and my family — be it Mom, Dad, my sister Cathy, Josh and Noah.

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Next week, I will travel to Carbondale, Illinois, to see Millie. (And Noah, too!) And Millie won't care if I'm rich or poor, educated or not, clever or dull ... and it won't matter. I'll give her my heart; and she'll give me hers.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

We're 10 days away from good eats!

New Hampton Lions Club member Bob Messersmith serves up some breakfast to a resident during the 2022 New Hampton Lions Club Pancake and French Toast Breakfast, and the 2023 edition is set for Sunday, March 12. Serving begins at 8 a.m. and goes until 12:30 p.m. at the New Hampton High School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 in advance at \$8.50 at the door; a free-will donation is suggested for children 12 and under. Advanced tickets may be purchased from Nosbisch Insurance in New Hampton or from any Lions Club member.

Supervisors hold off on Heritage improvements

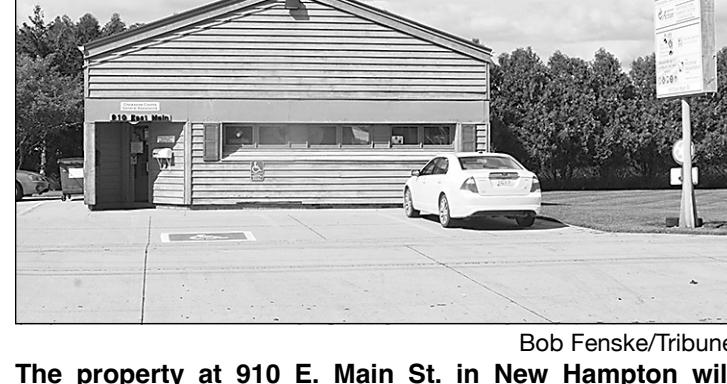
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The attorney said he spoke with the agent for the Overland Group and that the company is working on closing on eight to 10 sites around the country.

"He indicated to me that there were no red flags or anything that had slowed the process down that would delay or stall the process," Laudner said. "We're kind of in the queue and it's just a matter of them crossing the t's and dotting the i's."

Supervisors last summer agreed to accept the bid from the Overland Group for the county-owned property that at the time housed county and non-profit offices, including Veterans Affairs. Those offices this past fall moved to the re-named Heritage Building Center just south of New Hampton.

The purchase agreement signed by the Overland Group and the county included a 150-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The property at 910 E. Main St. in New Hampton will remain in county hands for now.

day inspection period, with the option to extend that period by an additional 90 days.

Laudner on Monday told the supervisors that after the 90 days is up, the Overland Group can exercise two 60-day delays to closing, but if it does, it will be required to pay \$5,000 to the county each time it does and that money is also non-re-

fundable.

Technically, the closing of the property could come as late as September, and Laudner said "if they walked away at that point, you'd have \$15,100."

But he again stressed that there were no indications that would happen.

"Once they get the green light to close it," Laudner said, "it

will happen very quickly, those were his words this morning."

Also on Monday, the Board of Supervisors held off on putting an automatic door opener at the Heritage Building Center.

During a meeting last week, Veterans Affairs Director Keith Elenz said the automatic door openers were needed by many of the aging veterans who meet with him at the Heritage. Head custodian Dave Gorman, at the time, said he felt only the outer door needed an automatic door opener because the inside door is always propped open.

On Monday, Gorman said he had talked to two experts who felt that the county would be complying with building codes, but Laudner suggested that Gorman reached out to the Department of Inspections and Appeals to make sure the county wouldn't need to do anything else with the building. Supervisors agreed and will discuss the issue.

Hackman said. "Do we need to move up RSB? Maybe, I don't know yet. ... We have a lot of moving numbers. We need to get this public hearing set for this max levy rate. We have to let the people know what our max levy thoughts are."

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help with the 2023-24 budget.

"I think we need to know these numbers," he said. "We have one department alone asking for \$247,000. That's going to affect the ending fund balance in GB and GS."

The extension to certify budgets came about because the Iowa Legislature recently approved a bill to correct a valuation mistake, one that will cost the county about \$47,000 in GB and GS revenue.

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The full vacancy announcement with mandatory application requirements can be obtained online at www.usajobs.gov by searching in the keywords vacancy announcement number #FSACO-11855164-23-IA-KR.

This vacancy has an opening date of March 2nd, 2023, and a closing date of March 16th, 2023.

There is a questionnaire section. Please fill out with as much farm and/or clerical experience as possible.

Applicants should apply at all pay grades. Questions regarding this position can be directed to Ron Pethoud at 641-394-5929 or by email at ronald.pethoud@usda.gov. All applications must be submitted online by March 16th, 2023.

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Springtime Pet Safety

It's tempting to jump right back into the outdoors, but dangers lurk.

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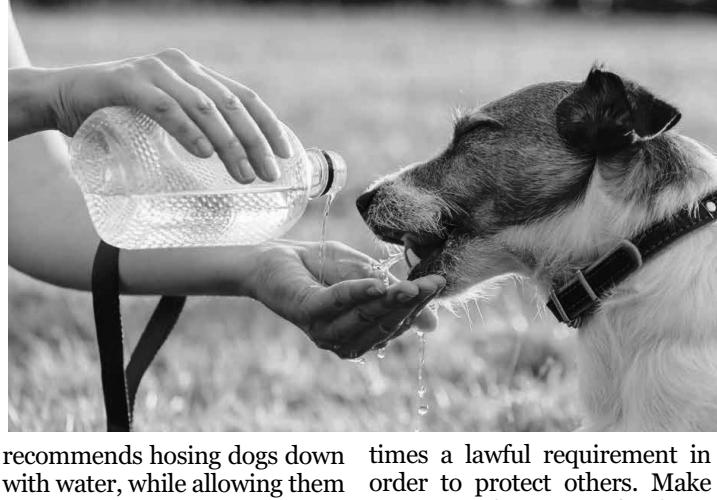
Enjoying the sun and even taking a relaxing dip are two hallmarks of warm-weather activity. But be sure to follow some simple but important rules to guarantee your time in the sun doesn't take a turn for the worse.

These tips should also be passed along to children who are around animals, family friends who may spend time with them, and any pet sitters you may employ. Take the time to work with your pet, so that he or she is never in any danger.

HEAT WARNING

Despite usually having a coat of fur, pets can be stricken with sunburn if not properly cared for in the warmer months. Be especially careful with dogs with short hair, exposed pink skin and white fur, since they are at the greatest risk of sunburn. Look for pet-friendly sunscreen for noses and ears, especially if you have are planning to be outside for a long period of time in full sun.

Be on the look out for signs of heatstroke, and immediately work to get your pet cooled off. The American Kennel Club



recommends hosing dogs down with water, while allowing them to lick ice chips. Offer them a small amount of water, but not too much all at once. Pedialyte will also help with their thirst. In some cases, you may need to apply ice packs. If your worries continue, consult with your veterinarian.

SWIMMING CONCERN

Many pets are scared of water, or are not strong swimmers.

Be aware of their preferences and skill levels when pets are around a pool, lake or river.

It's a good idea to create barriers around pools, and some-

times a lawful requirement in order to protect others. Make sure a pool cover is firmly in place when you are away or when the warm months are over.

Never throw a pet into the water. If your dog enjoys water activities, be careful that they don't overdo it.

Be aware of strong currents in rivers, and especially at the beach.

Never leave your dog unattended while swimming. If needed, a variety of pet floatation devices are also available, so discuss your options with your veterinarian.

DNA Testing Your Pet

You'll start with a swab, then a company will begin making comparisons to learn more. The results might just surprise you.

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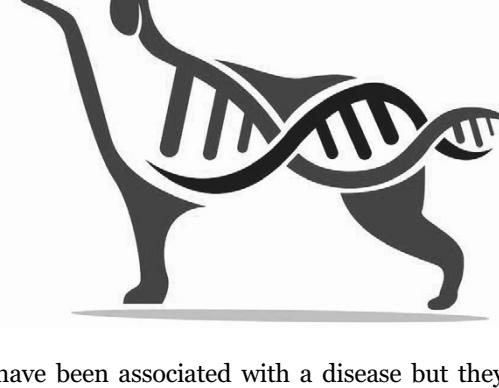
Pet owners are suddenly able to describe their dog as a Labri-doodle or Cock-a-poo, without worrying that it's only a guess. In some cases, the tests may reveal many more breed results. At the same time, there may be medical information revealed that can help doctors diagnose and treat certain health issues with cats.

HOW IT WORKS

Most popular testing companies run your pet's DNA against more than hundreds breeds from across the globe. Advanced new technology takes a detailed look at the animal's genome, then begins comparisons with millions and millions of possible ancestry combinations. Some have databases that are so extensive that they may cover more than 98 percent of the dogs in the U.S., including wolves, coyotes and even dingos. That makes it easier to pinpoint the exact breed, or mix of breeds.

YOUR PET'S HEALTH

Human DNA testing has become advanced enough that we can ascertain some looming health issues, offering doctors a chance to better understand and treat illnesses. Dog genetics haven't necessarily reached that level quite yet. Scans may reveal genetic variants that



have been associated with a disease but they won't necessarily confirm the chances of your dog actually being diagnosed with anything.

So be careful about making critical health decisions based on company claims about identifying health issues with your pet. The best use of this information is to help guide your vet on what to look for as time goes by. Early diagnosis with pets, just like with humans, is often key to curing disease.

WHAT ABOUT MY CAT?

Though it's much more commonly associated with dog owners, companies have begun DNA testing in cats, too. In this case, it's more health focused than in trying to determine a breed or combination of breeds. Revealed information has allowed researchers to identify more than 40 genetic conditions that lead to various conditions, while examining at a huge number of breed types across several regions. One vital detail that can be learned from these tests is your cat's blood type, which can be critical information in the event of an emergency.



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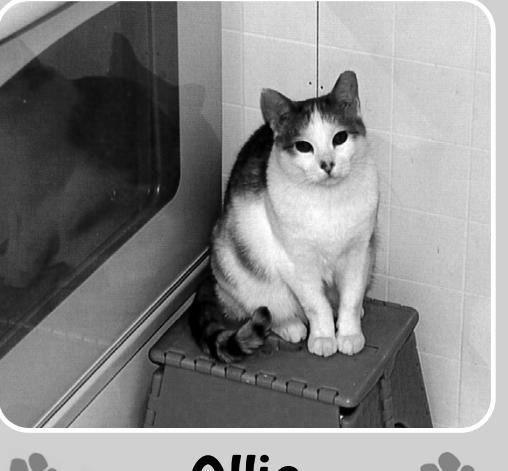
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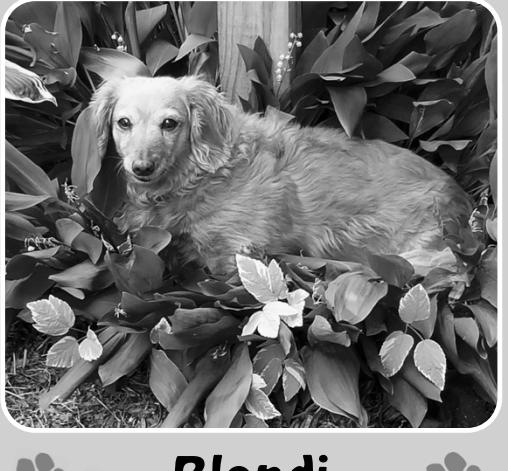
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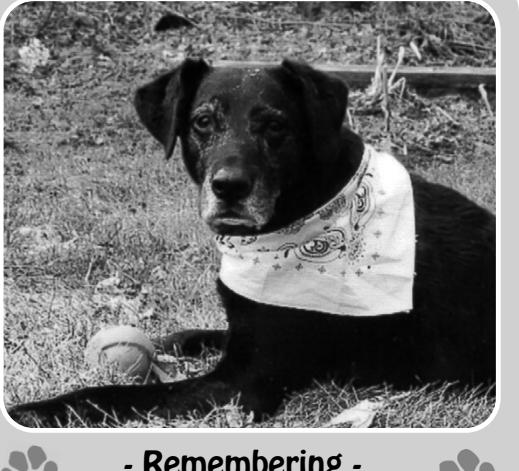
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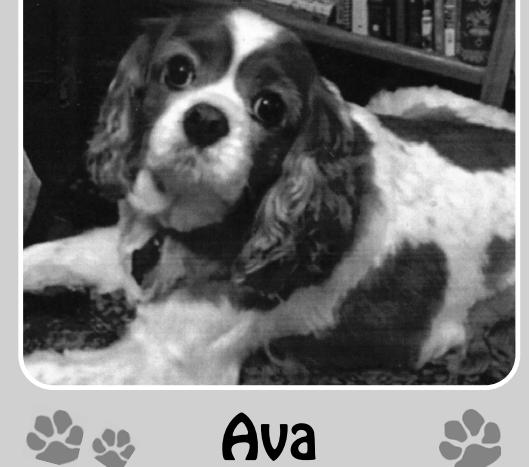
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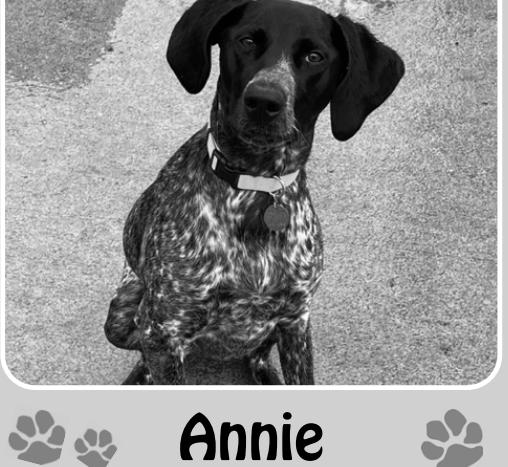
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Larry LarBear**
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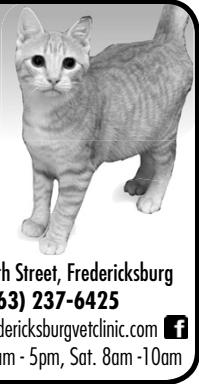
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Inside Microchipping

Gone are the days when a lost collar meant perhaps never seeing your pet again.

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Upload key information about your dog or cat into these electronic chips to keep track of them forever. These tiny chips are roughly the size of a grain of rice, enclosed in glass and work after being implanted by a doctor into your pet. The chip is activated by a scanner, which then transmits whatever information you've included.

WHEN THEY GET LOST

Shelters, animal control officers and veterinarians now regularly scan for microchips as soon as they find a lost pet. If your information has been regularly updated, they'll quickly have access to critical contact information in order to reach you. This small but mighty invention has had a huge impact. One American Veterinary Medical Association

study of almost 8,000 strays found that microchipped animals were returned more than half the time, while others without microchips only found their rightful owners some 22 percent of the time. Microchipped animals who weren't returned were typically those that didn't have updated owner details. So, it's critically important that you register the chip and keep those details constantly up to date, in case the worst happens.

HOW IT WORKS

Pets are microchipped at the vet's office. A medical professional will inject this device under your dog or cat's skin with a hypodermic needle in a process that's been described as roughly as painful as their regular vaccinations. There is no anesthesia or surgery required, though sometimes pet doctors elect to microchip animals while they are already under anesthesia for other procedures including spaying, neutering and dental treatments, simply for the comfort of your pet. The chip only includes contact information. There is no battery, so it can not track a



lost pet. Instead, a scan reveals information that a veterinarian then passes along to the maker of your pet's chip. The manufacturer in turn shares contact details, and the vet gets in touch with pet owners.

PRIVACY CONCERN

They aren't tracking devices, and do not contain any other personal data. Contact information in the manufacturer's

registry is only to be used in the event your pet is lost. There may be other communications options from the chip maker, but they're typically paired with opt-out features. Details on how you may be contacted must be personally updated when this information changes, since manufacturers don't have access to your location



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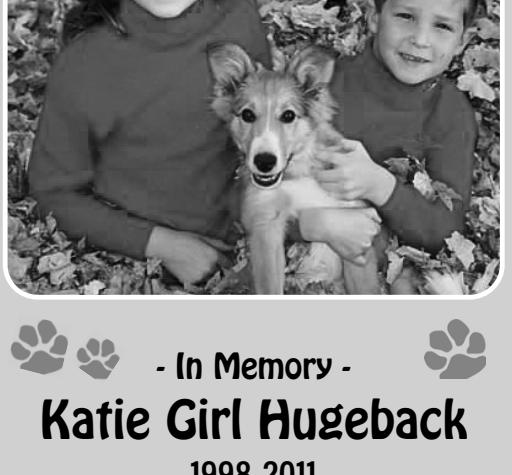
Jack

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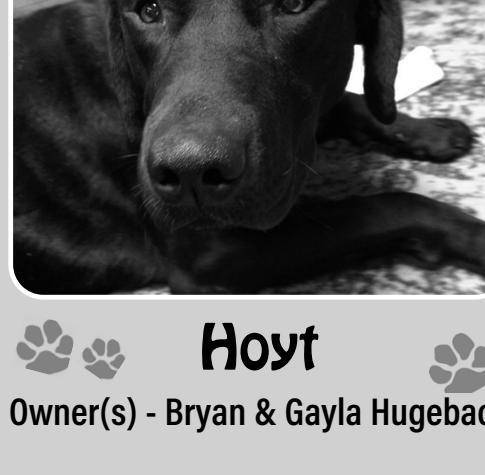


Jake

Owner(s) - Bryan & Gayla Hugeback



**- In Memory -
Katie Girl Hugeback
1998-2011**



Hoyt

Owner(s) - Bryan & Gayla Hugeback



Lady

Owner(s) - Drew, Maggie, Micah, Melvin & Hazel Johnson



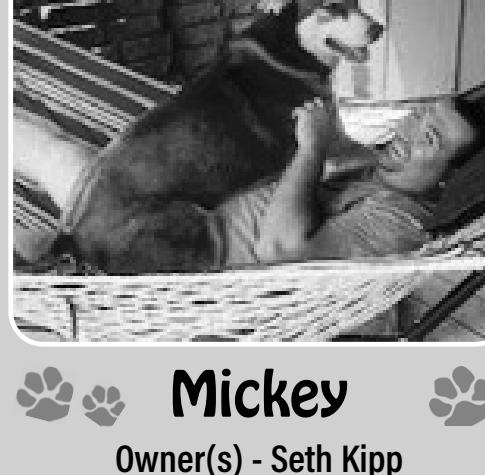
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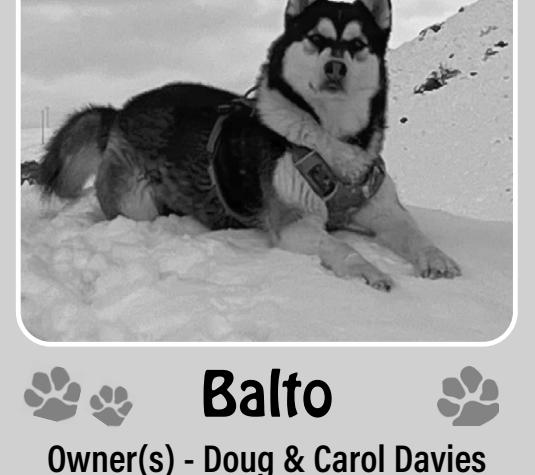
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Week of Feb. 26**1948 (75 years ago)**

• High point laurels for New Hampton High School basketball team went to Jim O'Connor as final totals were computed this week on the 22 games on New Hampton's schedule.

O'Connor led his team with a total of 219 points or an average of 27 percent of hits on field goals and 55 percent on free throws attempted. Next in line was Wessels who gained a total of 184 points for the season. Third position went to Dowd who scored 138 points.

• The Firemen's Theatre will present a Leap Year Midnight Show next Saturday at 11:45 p.m. Since this happens only every four years, this will give the girls a chance to pop the question to their boyfriend.

If any girl desires to pop the question openly on the stage that night, the theatre management will be happy to buy the rings for the girl proposing and the acceptable young man. The attraction will be "You Were Meant For Me," a sweet-heart of a musical.

1973 (50 years ago)

• Mrs. Carol J. Burgart of rural New Hampton, assistant county office clerk for the Farmers Home Administration of New Hampton, received a Certificate of Merit award from Donald C. Bell, Chickasaw County FHA supervisor.

Mrs. Burgart received the certificate and a cash award for a suggestion improving a form used by the FHA and what has been adopted.

• On Sale at Millard's Jack & Jill: Chuck Roast, 79 cents per Lb.; Tuna, 39 cents per can; Peanut Butter, 99 cents per 2 1/2 Lb. jar; Golden Corn, Sweet Peas and Green Beans, 5 cans for 99 cents; Cabbage, 9 cents per Lb.; Grapefruit, 8 Lb. bag for 99 cents; Russet Potatoes, 10 Lbs. for 99 cents; and Van Camp's Pork & Beans, 6 cans for 99 cents.

1998 (25 years ago)

• It was dark in the newspaper neighborhood last week when a Jendro Sanitation truck backed into a utility pole in the alley behind the newspaper office. Crews at the Light Plant worked all day Wednesday to put in the new pole.

Businesses from Janet's Bridal Boutique on Main Street to Kraft's garage on Chestnut were without electricity from noon on Wednesday till early evening.

Bennett's Drug did manage to keep their computer in operation with supplemental electricity. It was a lesson in the importance of electricity.

• The Turkey Valley girls basketball team used a spectacular defensive effort and avenged a regular season loss as well as they downed the North Fayette Hawks to claim their first ever "5-on-5" girls district basketball championship.

The game was held at the Hawk's home court on Saturday, but even that was never a factor as the Lady Trojans held the Hawks to just seven first half points enroute to their 38-30 district final victory.

2013 (10 years ago)

• Two former band directors led the bands once again. Bob Utterback and Roger Claypool were back in their element directing the bands they had led so many years ago. None of the band students were even born when they last led an ensemble at the Parade of Bands.

The idea was to give the two founders of the Parade of Bands a night in the spotlight. Utterback directed the New Hampton High School Concert Band's performance of "Semper Fidelis" while Claypool led the 7th and 8th Grade Band during its performance of the "New South Wales March."

Utterback taught at New Hampton High School from 1953 to 1986 and also taught at St. Joseph Community School until 1991 while Claypool led New Hampton's junior program from 1966 to 1996.

• A New Hampton High School senior has been chosen to perform with the All-Iowa Dance Team during halftime of Saturday night's Class 4A girls basketball championship game.

Michelle Good, who captains New Hampton's dance team, was selected for the team that New Hampton coach Sonja Galligan said is made up of "the best dancers in the state of Iowa."

2018 (5 years ago)

• New Horizons-Chamber officials and members honored Brian Quirk with the organization's Volunteer of the Year Award during a surprise visit to the New Hampton Light Plant. Quirk's volunteer activities are almost endless.

He's a member of the Rotary Club, and the commander of the American Legion post in New Hampton, and he's worked on the variety events and causes, including the Wooden Wonderland Playground, the Garnant Park renovation,

RAGBRAI, the new softball dugouts at Mikkelsen Park, the TRIBE Trail and the Little Light of Mine holiday project.

• Iowa is the best state in the country. At least that's where the U.S. News & World Report ranks the state. Iowa jumped from its sixth place spot last year to No. 1 in U.S. News' "2018 Best States Report." Iowa's economic opportunity and "access to high quality healthcare" helped push the state to the top, U.S. News said in a news release.

Lettermen's and Letterette's Lift-a-thon set for March 15

The ability to fund improvements in the New Hampton weight rooms are largely due to the annual lift-a-thon, which will be held this year on Wednesday, March 15 for grades 7-12. Athletes will be seeking donations either for each pound lifted or a flat rate donation in the bench press.

In the past the money has been used for speed ladders/agility equipment, soft-foamed plyometric boxes, vertical tester, weight bar clips/belts, and summer weight incentives.

Pledges should be made, if possible, prior to March 15 and are due by March 29. To donate contact a member of the Lettermen's or Letterette's Club.

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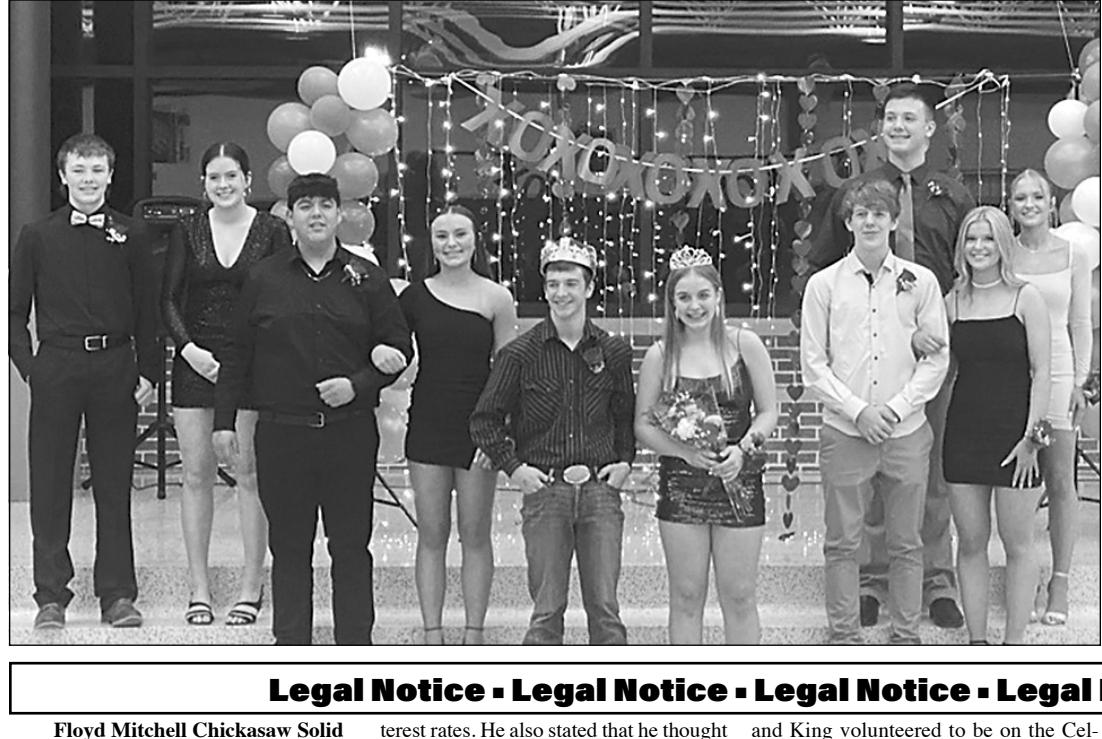
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**Sweetheart
royalty!**

Sweetheart Dance King Emmett Kuehner and Queen Maya Boos pose for a photo with the Sweetheart Dance court after they were crowned during the dance on Feb. 17. Other candidates included (from left) Ben Douglas, Jordan Thronson, Isaac Vidales, Madison Shawver, Caden Rochford, Jacob McDonald, Camryn Smith and Kylee Junk.

Photo courtesy of New Hampton High School

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Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency Unapproved - Executive Board Minutes

February 14th, 2023

On Tuesday February 14th, 2023 in the Meeting Room at the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill at 5:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency was held in person and by Zoom.

Chairman Rick Bodensteiner was in the chair. Executive Board members Al Anhorn, Dennis Kiefer, Jerry Joerger, Marguerite Ashley, Sydney Hartog, Scott Cerwinski, and Trevis O'Connell, were in the BoardRoom. Bobby Schwickerath was present by Zoom.

Employees Present: Christian Fox, Director.

Guests Present: None

A motion was made by Jerry Joerger, second by Marguerite Ashley to approve the consent agenda as presented including Minutes of the December 19th Executive Board Meeting and the Summary List of Bills for January 2023. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Financial Report- Joerger presented the Financial Report. Joerger stated that everything looks pretty good financially. He stated that they moved some more money around in January, into another CD to continue to keep the 4% floor in-

terest rates. He also stated that he thought that it was important and liked to keep the Landfill's money within the three counties' banks. After some discussion, a motion was made by Anhorn and second by O'Connell to approve the Financial Report. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Action sending out RFPs to accountants for the next three years Audits. A motion was made by Joerger and second by Cerwinski to send out the Request for Proposal to area accountants for the next three year auditing term. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Action tractor trade in/purchase. Fox presented three bids from local implement dealers including Kibble Equipment of Osage, Red Power of New Hampton and Swartzrock Implement of Charles City. Swartzrock Implement came in with the lowest bid of \$63,900 and offered \$31,000 for trade in of the two Landfill tractors. After some discussion, a motion by Joerger and second by Kiefer to accept the bid and trade in from Swartzrock Implement. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Action committee for 50th Celebration and set date- Fox asked the board if a committee could be put together for the Landfill's 50th Celebration. Hartog, Anhorn, Bodensteiner, Joerger, O'Connell and staff Fox

and King volunteered to be on the Celebration Committee. Fox stated that he would contact other landfills and come up with some ideas to discuss with the committee members and a date could be discussed in the near future. No action was taken at this time.

There being no further items requiring board action, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. with a motion by Trevis O'Connell and second by Al Anhorn. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

March minutes will be published in the Charles City Press. A copy of these minutes can also be found on our website fmcnlandfill.org.

Rick Bodensteiner, Chairman
ATTTEST:Christian Fox, Secretary
Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency Expenses by Vendor Summary

January 2023

Jan 23

Alliant Energy	1,127.37
Anhorn, Alan	65.13
Bodensteiner, Rick	117.16
Byrnes, Terry	46.79
Cardmember Service	967.88
Carolina Software	400.00
CCLP	2,702.75
Cedar Rapids Linn County SWA	100.00
Charles City Press	68.20
City Laundering	467.12

Damjanovic Karen 35.00
Dennis, Keifer 58.58
Enterprise Journal 42.52
Farmland Hardware 481.60
Fox, Christian 208.58

Geerts, David 35.00
Hartogh, Sydney 44.17
Horgen Keith 71.68

Jendro Sanitation 125.00
Joerger, Jerry 236.94
Keystone Laboratories 17.25
Larson's Hardware Hank 81.64

Lori King 194.18
Merfeld, Tracy 80.85
Midwest Electronic Recovery 1,547.75
NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING 665.00

O' Connell, Trevis 57.27
Omnitel Communications 221.78
PowerPlan 2,715.28
Riley's Inc 14.36

Scott Cerwinski 74.30
Smith AG, INC. 3,507.60
Swetnamson, David 61.22

The Retrofit Companies, Inc. 987.24
Thoren, Randy 42.86
Tyler Wright 257.76
Uhlenhake, Jay 93.95
US Cellular 38.98

TOTAL..... 18,060.70

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

February 21, 2023

The Board convened on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman, Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve and authorize chair signature on Ambulance Transport Agreement with New Hampton Nursing & Reb and Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to accept the resignation of Ryan Schoon from the EMS Department effective February 21, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for February 21, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the meeting minutes from February 13, 2023 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the resolution of the Board of Supervisors to accept the resignation of Ryan Schoon from the EMS Department effective February 21, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion carried.

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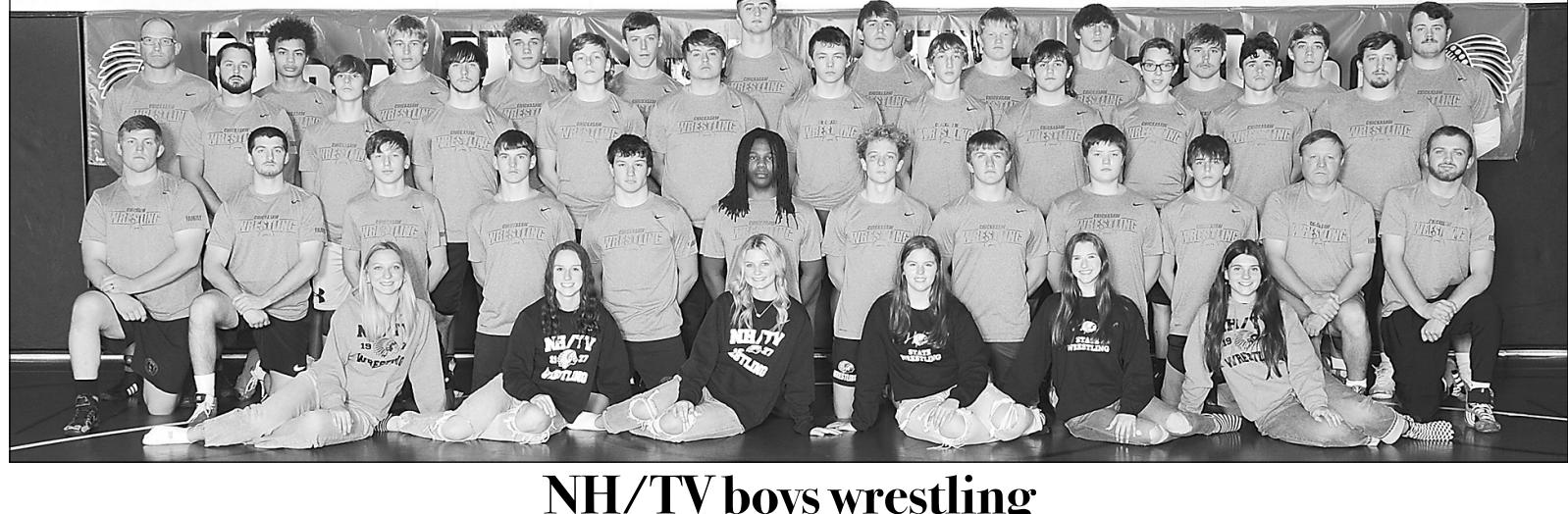
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NH/TV boys wrestling

New Hampton/Turkey Valley completed a season in which it went 14-10 in dual meets, finished third at the NEIC meet, claimed the Class 2A district runner-up spot and sent four wrestlers — Peyton Anderson, Karson Kolbet, Ben Tenge and Braden McShane — to the state tournament. Team members included (front row, from left) managers Jenna Tank, Alivya Wisner, Mallory Cleveland, Beth Pickar, Caydence Phillips, Daniela Leon, (row two), assistant coach Caleb Ciavarelli, head coach Matt Paulus, Chase Humpal, Adam Waddell, Quinten Reicks, Olandreon Saunders, PJ Anderson, Burke Busta, Trae Keel, Braiden Schaufenbuel, assistant coaches Eric Robinson and Ryan Anderson, (row three), assistant coach Chris Paulus, Landon Bruess, Jayden Bucknell, Hunter Humpal, Ty Robinson, Emmett Kuehner, Ty Moudry, Parker Reicks, Quinlan Mahoney, Weston Praska, assistant coach Jake Niichel, (row four), assistant coach Andy Geerts, Cam McMorris, Leander Reicks, Karson Kolbet, Jacob Frahm, Braden McShane, Isaac Howe, Ethan Svehla, Logan Fettkether, Ben Tenge, Caleb Utley, assistant coach Jordan Rommes and (missing) Mason Nelson.

New Hampton girls basketball

Playing the seventh-toughest schedule in all of Class 3A, New Hampton finished the season 9-13 overall and 3-7 in the NEIC. Team members included (front row, from left) Carlee Rochford, Kandice Eggerichs, Elaina Rosonke, Gracie Reicks, Kirsten Reicherts, (row two), Braelyn Rosonke, manager Sierra Hackman, Josie Speltz, (back row), assistant coach Terry Sittig, Cora Schwickerath, Taylor Ries, Megan Pickar, Molly Wegner, Jackie Pickar, head coach David Leichtman and (missing) Jordan Thronson.



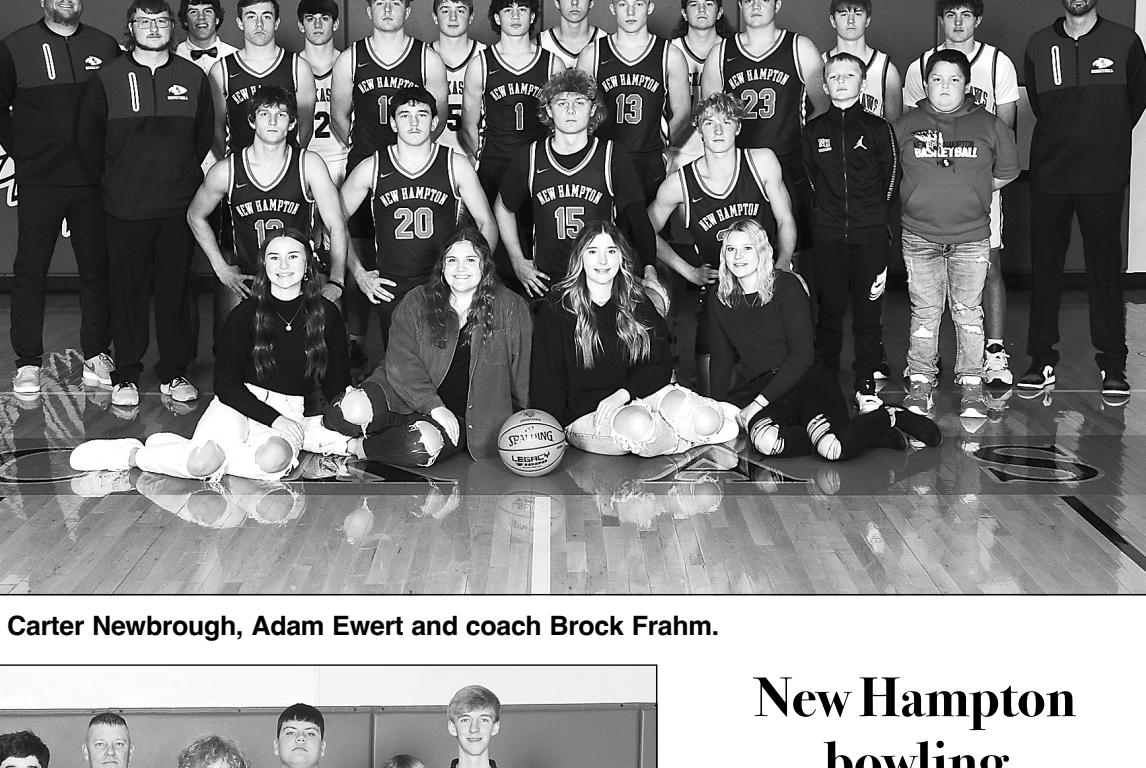
NH/TV girls wrestling

NH/TV had a successful debut season when it came to sanctioned girls wrestling as three Chickasaws — Keira Myers, Ali Russler and Aleah Eichenberger all qualified for state. Team members included (front row, from left) Elizabeth Deere, Maycen Hackman, Ali Russler, Keira Myers, Olivia Hoy, (row two), Kallie Angell, Allie Johnson, Kaylee Wertz, Zoey Dreckman, Kaylee Johnson, Ava Shoemaker, (row three), Irelyn Bodensteiner, coaches Jordan Rommes, Caleb Ciavarelli and Ryan Anderson and Aleah Eichenberger.



New Hampton boys basketball

Despite dealing with a rash of illnesses late in the year, the Chickasaws finished the season with a 9-14 overall record that included a 3-7 NEIC mark. Team members included (front row, from left) managers Maddi Shawver, Lydia Olson, Kinsli Dahl and Addison Trower, (row two), Brady Speltz, Aiden Roberson, Carter Steinlage, Noah Nobsisch, Hayden Frahm, Kinnick McGrath, (row three), coach Tate Hoffmeister, Evan Knowlton, Gannon Shekleton, Hunter Serie, Carter Cahoy, Carsyn Leistikow, (back), coach Ryan Rausch, manager Aiden Brincks, Ben Gilbert, Reid Rausch, Cael Laures, Nick Brincks, Carter Newbrough, Adam Ewert and coach Brock Frahm.



New Hampton bowling

The Chickasaws began a new era as this winter marked the first season New Hampton competed in bowling, and the Chickasaw boys finished the season with two wins while the girls picked up one victory. Team members included (front row, from left) Madison Dreckman, McKenzie Herzburg, MaryJane Schmitz, (row two), Jarrin Robinson, Kody Kleen, Chase Gebel, Jaxson Porath, Easton Monteith, (row three), Xander Meyerhoff, Jamison Porath, Tucker Terrell, Colin Shatek, (back), Jackson Brincks, Logan Peterman, coach Andrew Aries, Carson Burke, Landon Marr and (missing) Sophie Rivera.



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This winter marks 30th anniversary of NH's state title run

THE BARN: FROM 18

tournament in Des Moines already under way, I took a peak at some of the boys hoops records that appeared up on my monitor.

I hate to say it, but the boys union has a much more comprehensive database when it comes to their archives than does the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. Although, I was able to download an extensive horde of important statistical info for girls hoops. I wish I could say the same for other girls sports. Maybe I'm missing something, but I sure can't find it.

As far as area teams are concerned, the Charles City boys hoopsters played in a huge substate final game against Marion in Waterloo on Monday. Marion won, 73-56, and advanced to play in the eight-team Class 3A state field in Des Moines next week. The Comets have not played in the state tournament since 1956. That's 67 years ago. The only other time Charles City played in a state tournament game was back in 1934 – the same year that Bonnie and Clyde were taken down by the FBI after shocking the nation with their crime spree during the Great Depression.

That's just an 89-year-old history lesson to give you an idea of how long Iowa boys hoops squads have been playing in state tournaments. FYI – the first boys state tournament was played in 1912 – which was won by Ottumwa.

Eight years later in 1920, Correctionville beat Nevada, 11-4, to claim the first girls 6-on-6 state tournament title game.

This year also marks the 30th anniversary of the New Hampton boys basketball program's only state title won in 1993. The Chickasaws also finished state runner-up the following year in '94.

What a run it was for NH as they blew the doors off the state competition – winning each of its three state games by double-digits. New Hampton's opening round contest was a romp over Red Oak, 77-55. Then it was a 71-55 victory over Western Christian in the semis. New Hampton (23-1) took home the Class 3A crown after a 77-51 run away from Carroll Kuemper in the title game.

NH made it back-to-back championship tilts in 1994. Johnston – yes, they've grown that much in the last three decades – won Class 3A that year over the Chickasaws, 82-67.

Oh, how I miss Veterans Memorial Auditorium – also nicknamed the "Barn."

Interesting tidbit, my Pella Little Dutch also competed in that same state tourney in Class 3A. Pella lost its first-round matchup to Waterloo Columbus, 67-46. I can about guarantee you I still have that 1993 state program



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

The stands are packed (above) for Turkey Valley's 2016 state title game against Springville in the Class 1A girls hoops championship. TV fans (below) cheer on their Trojans at Wells Fargo Arena, the venue that replaced Veterans Memorial Auditorium in 2005.

somewhere in my mom's basement. I did not go out for the varsity squad that year, but I was Pella's No. 1 fan in the stands. I believe Pella was the No. 3 seed and was upset by Columbus. New Hampton was the obvious No. 1 seed that season.

Also, just a week prior our Lady Dutch qualified for the girls hoops 6-on-6 state tournament that year. It was the first time Pella ever qualified for state. It was also the last. The state did away with the unique format that winter and replaced it with the current 5-on-5 version.

Just an FYI, there's a program that will be shown over in Nashua this Saturday about the 6-on-6 game. It's called "6-on-6 Girls Basketball in Iowa: Traditions, Transitions, and Legacies Program. It starts at 10:30 and will last for an hour.

I just might check that out.

And it's not that far of a drive – nothing like a few light years or anything extreme like that to get there.

Plus, if I'm lucky, I may win a key chain if somebody doesn't guess my age right if I bother to ask them.

That's probably predicated on them not reading this column.



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Iowa Rise Up



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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Gannon Shekleton (left) drives against TV's Oliver Schmitt in the season opener.

Shekleton improves overall game in final season for NH

NEIC Boys: FROM 18

is using his teammates well, the opposition really struggled with him," said Rausch.

Shekleton averaged eight points a game his junior season in a starting role. Then, with the graduation of one of the NEIC's best players to hit the hardwood in quite some time – Drake Wemark – Shekleton stepped up. It was that maturation of his all-around game that helped New Hampton when it needed him the most.

"I think a couple things are really important...he grew a ton composure-wise since he was a young player. He handled things much better as he got older and was able to harness his competitive nature better to help us. He also got much stronger and much more explosive as his career went on...that helped immensely," added Rausch.

Shekleton was the lone Chickasaw representative on the all-conference squads – which does not include an honorable mention team.

New Hampton played to a mark of 9-14 overall. The Chickasaws were 3-7 in league play – tied with Crestwood for fourth place.

Charles City (17-6, 9-1) and Waverly-Shell Rock (17-6, 9-1)

shared the NEIC crown in 2022-2023. Each combined to

fill out eight of the 14 all-league selections.

NEIC Boys Basketball

Conf. All

Charles City 9-1 17-6

Waverly-SR 9-1 17-6

Decorah 6-4 14-8

Crestwood 3-7 13-9

New Hampton 3-7 9-14

Waukon 0-10 3-18

New Hampton senior all-state guard Carlee Rochford hoists up a long-range shot in an NEIC contest at Waverly-Shell Rock. Rochford was the second-leading scorer in Class 3A with a 24-point scoring average.

Rochford among select company in NEIC hoops history

RAGBRAI : FROM 1

leading scorer after she amassed 1,378 points in her career – an amazing total considering she only played nine games in an injury-plagued sophomore campaign.

She broke that all-time career scoring record in a game versus Waverly-Shell Rock this past December. That same night she also eclipsed 1,000 points and passed Leichtman's daughter – 2018 NH grad Isabel Leichtman – as the school's best scorer at New Hampton.

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 and fellow NEIC counterpart – Decorah's Bryar Duwe – also made history this year in their century-old conference. Each has been selected

All-Northeast Iowa Conference Girls Basketball

FIRST TEAM

Yazmeen Whitsitt	Decorah	Jr.
Bryar Duwe	Decorah	Sr.
Katelyn Eggena	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
Carlee Rochford	New Hampton	Sr.
Brenna Bodensteiner	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
Keira McCormick	Waukon	Soph.
Breckan Stewart	Waukon	Jr.

SECOND TEAM

Kylie O'Hara	Decorah	Sr.
Haley Gossman	Decorah	Sr.
Emma Thompson	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
Emma Palmer	Waukon	Sr.
Maggie Criswell	Waukon	Sr.
Olivia Ollendick	Crestwood	Sr.
Ava Ellis	Charles City	Sr.

to the first team All-NEIC four years in a row. That's never been done before in the 5-on-5 game. Both garnered all-league honors as freshmen and every year since.

Duwe has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at Truman State in Kirksville, Mo. Duwe is also the career scoring leader at Decorah.

Rochford averaged 19.6 ppg during her career 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.

The Chickasaws improved its seven-win total from a year ago to claim nine victories this season. New Hampton went 9-13 overall and lost in the first round of regional play to Monticello, 74-37.

Decorah (21-2) won the conference with a perfect 10-0 mark and advanced to the Class 4A State Tournament. The Vikings also had another NEIC first-teamer in junior Yazmeen Whitsitt. Whitsitt (19.7 ppg)

NEIC Girls Basketball

Conf.

All

Decorah	10-0	21-2
Waverly-SR	8-2	16-7
Waukon	6-4	14-9
New Hampton	3-7	9-13
Crestwood	2-8	6-16
Charles City	1-9	2-19

netted just under 20 points of scoring a night.

Waverly-Shell Rock (16-7) finished runner-up in the league with a record of 8-2. The Go-Hawks' junior tandem of Katelyn Eggena and Brenna Bodensteiner each snared first-team honors.

Rochford, who also competes in the heptathlon and has proven she's one of the nation's top all-around track performers in the events she's entered, will obviously be missed by many, including her head coach.

Leichtman is excited to see what comes next in Rochford's legendary athletic career.

"She's really setting the platform for her next collegiate career. You could really see the difference in her from her junior to senior year. She's collegiate ready," said Leichtman. "She's next-level ready."

All-Northeast Iowa Conference Boys Basketball

FIRST TEAM

Conf. All

Charles City 9-1 17-6

Waverly-SR 9-1 17-6

Decorah 6-4 14-8

Crestwood 3-7 13-9

New Hampton 3-7 9-14

Waukon 0-10 3-18

SECOND TEAM

Conf. All

Charles City Jr.

Charles City Jr.

Waverly-Shell Rock Jr.

Decorah Jr.

Waverly-Shell Rock Jr.

Charles City Sr.

Charles City Sr.

Crestwood Sr.

New Hampton Sr.

Waukon Sr.

Waukon Sr.

Waukon Jr.

Upper Iowa to host DII nationals in Cedar Rapids

Cedar Rapids Tourism and Upper Iowa University are pleased to welcome the National Collegiate Athletic Association DII Wrestling Championships to the Alliant Energy PowerHouse on March 10-11, 2023.

One hundred-eighty student-athletes from across the country will hit the mats in downtown Cedar Rapids to compete for a national title.

"The Division II Wrestling Committee is looking forward to bringing

this event back to Cedar Rapids and greatly appreciates the support from the community," says Aaron King, the assistant director for Championships and Alliances with National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

"We are excited and proud to be hosting the 2023 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championships on March 10-11 in collaboration with Cedar Rapids Tourism," said Upper Iowa's Vice President for Athletics, Rick

Hartzell.

"We are looking forward to showcasing not only the sport of wrestling, but the great people and personalities of Iowa, as we put together an epic event for all involved."

Upper Iowa and Cedar Rapids have teamed up to host three NCAA Division II Championships in the last thirteen years including the 2008 and 2018 NCAA DII wrestling and 2013 NCAA DII women's volleyball tour-

nements.

Following their first joint effort, UIU was awarded the Duane Kramer Sports Tourism Award in 2008 for hosting an event that attracted a significant number of visitors to the Cedar Rapids area.

Additionally, Cedar Rapids also hosted the NCAA DIII Wrestling Championships in 2016 and 2022 at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse.

"We are beyond thrilled to continue

our partnership with the NCAA and Upper Iowa University. The City of Cedar Rapids and the dedication from our local hospitality partners truly make these events possible and lead to big wins for our local community," says Jay Fanta, Director of Sports Tourism with the Cedar Rapids Tourism Office.

Tickets are currently available at <https://www.creventslive.com/events/2023/ncaa-dii-wrestling-championships>.

Chickasaw Men's Pool

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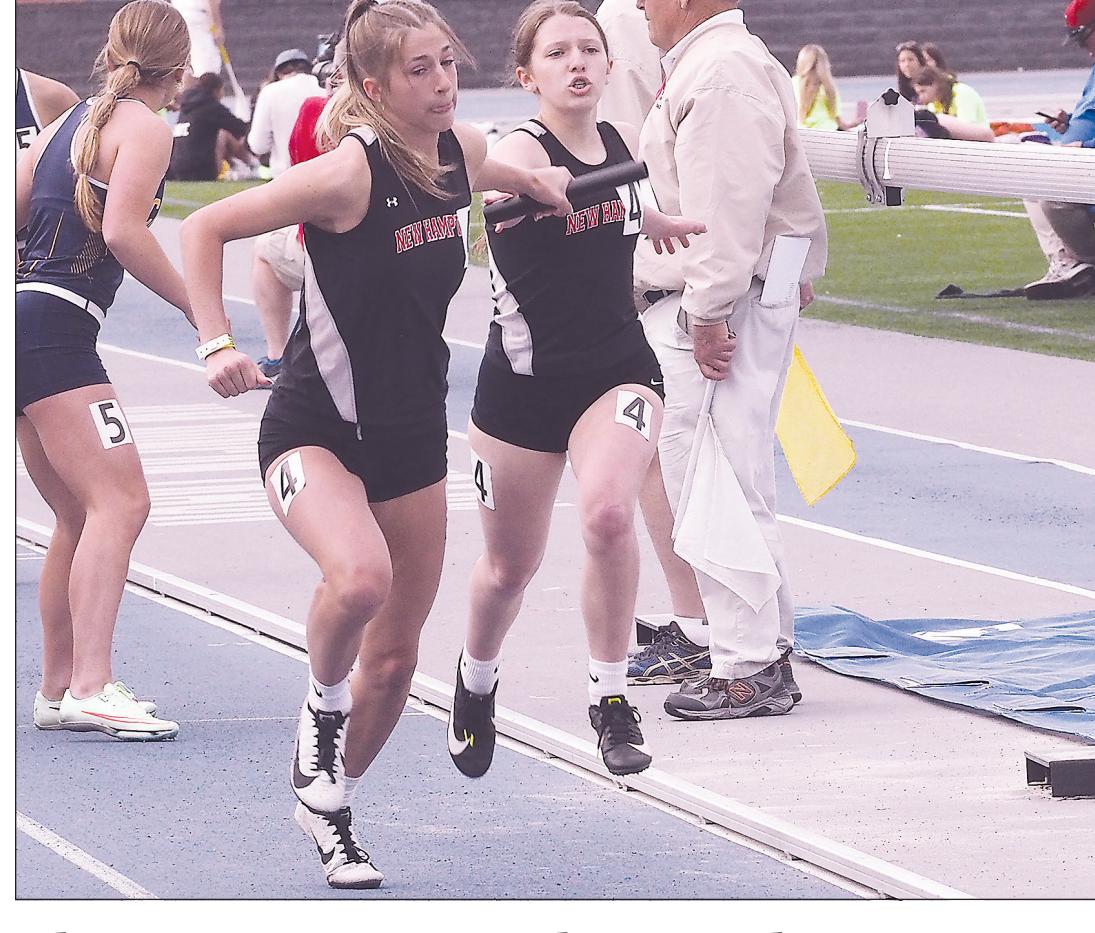
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HereZ 2 U	87	75
Big Willie's	87	75
Dak's Tap 2	83	79
The Pub	81	81
VFW	80	91
Dak's Tap 1	76	95
Butch's I	75	87
Butch's 2	70	92
Hide-A-Way	67	95
The Office	54	108

RESULTS

HereZ 2 U 7, Dak's Tap 1
2
VFW 6, Brite Spot 3
Big Willie's 6, The Office 3
Dak's Tap 2 6, Butch's 13
The Pub 7, Hide-A-Way 2
Butch's 2, bye

THREE-GAME WINNERS

The Pub: Bruce & Sam
VFW: Will & Darin
HereZ 2 U: Nolan & Tim
Dak's Tap 2: Bill B. & Darin



Tribune file photos

This means spring is here, right?

New Hampton track and field athletes — including Hailee Pesek, Kinsley Hackman (left) and Ethan Praska (right) — began practice a week ago Monday, and the Chickasaws are gearing up for the start of the spring sports season as the girls head to the Dickinson Relays in Cedar Falls this coming Monday while the boys kick off their season at the Iowa Association of Track Coaches indoor meet a week from Friday in Ames.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

MONDAY

New Hampton girls track at Dickinson Relays, UNI-Dome, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

New Hampton boys track at IATC Indoor, Iowa State, 9 a.m.

Winter comes to an end with tough week for NEIC basketball teams

The winter sports season ended abruptly for the Northeast Iowa Conference earlier this week as its three remaining basketball teams all fell in the playoffs.

On Monday, the two NEIC boys champions dropped sub-state finals as Marion topped Charles City 73-56 and Des Moines Hoover beat Waverly-Shell Rock 59-44 in Class 3A substate finals.

On Tuesday, NEIC girls champion Decorah dropped a 58-44 contest in the first round of the 4A girls tournament.



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DIE CAST B OPERATOR (1st, 2nd, 3rd Shift)

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Recalling the good ol' days in the 'Barn'

I may or may not look my age. It depends on who you ask, I guess, because everybody's definition of how old a person is varies.

Sometimes I try to play that game where I ask people to guess my age – like at county or state fairs or carnivals or amusement parks.

You know the one where the "expert" has to guess your age or weight and you win a pencil, a few markers and an eraser if he or she is wrong. Don't forget the plastic trumpet and brightly colored whistle I got to take home because the "guesser" wasn't three pounds within accurately assessing my given weight.

Do they still have those booths and where do I sign up?

Step right up, step right up – who's the next contestant on "Guess How Much Weight I've Put on in the Last 30 Years?"

Here's a hint – it's a lot.

Also, I can't remember how the age guess worked. Did we have to show the person guessing our age our ID if they were wrong? They just took our word for it? Or maybe we wrote it down on a piece of paper.

My memory eludes me on that one.

But 30 years is a long time ago – relatively speaking.

I've heard that it would take around 200,000 years for a spaceship traveling at the speed of light to get across the entire galaxy of the Milky Way.

Now, I'm sure those estimates vary, but if you believe in the Big Bang Theory (and no we're not getting into an argument about science or evolution vs. creationism), space and time emerged together 13 billion years ago. That would mean the observable universe is 93 billion light years in diameter.

Thanks, Wikipedia.

These are theories, people. That is all. I'm just illuminating the contrast, comparison and concept of different lengths of time that exist in our human minds.

Which my brain cannot wrap my head around and I may need to lay down now.

I'm back after that much-needed nap and ready to discuss what my initial topic was for this column.

Needless to say, I'm easily side-tracked. So this year 30 years ago I graduated high school. The year was 1993.

No word on whether my Pella High School Class of 1993 is planning on a 30-year reunion.

I've heard whispers and it's been bantered about on social media, but nothing concrete has come to fruition as of yet.

I'm Dutch. We're known for tulips, wooden clogs and cheese.

Cheese is a good thing, but I'm not sure about my ethnicity's propensity to make plans and stick with them, though.

That's a research project for another day.

So as you can tell, I like numbers, specifically sports stats.

So often go on the Iowa High School Athletic Association's website, where on occasion I gloss over their updated stat book from any number of athletic endeavors.

I use the info from that site frequently in stories that I write up, often around post-season time.

With the start of the girls state basketball

SEE THE BARN, 16



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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Carlee Rochford brings the ball up the floor during a game this past season.

MAKE IT FOUR IN A ROW

ROCHFORD JOINS DECORAH STAR AS FOUR-TIME ALL-NEIC FIRST-TEAMERS

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Carlee Rochford has the accolades and the stat lines that prove she's one of the state's best out on the hardwood.

But it's her leadership in all facets of the game of basketball that is perhaps the most impressive to her head coach David Leichtman.

He's said as much in helping guide one of the state's top scorers over the course of the last two seasons.

Rochford put the finishing touches on her senior season at New Hampton this winter with

yet another first-team selection on the All-NEIC squad recently.

That was no surprise as Rochford finished second in Class 3A with a 24-point scoring clip. Only senior guard Kelsey Joens (24.6 ppg) of West Liberty averaged more points than Rochford in her class.

But it's the respect Rochford gets from coaches that comprise the Northeast Iowa Conference that have to build game plans in order to try to stop the elite, all-around athlete that also sets herself apart.

It's that high regard from NEIC coaches that speaks volumes.

"Rightfully so, she's earned that with just her presence on the court – especially inside our conference," said Leichtman. "She's got respect from all the coaches. You have to prepare when you play somebody of that caliber. That sticks in coaches' minds when you go to do this voting."

Rochford, who has signed on to compete in track and field for the University of Iowa after her high school graduation, is the most decorated athlete to perform in that sport at NHHS.

She's not too shabby at basketball, either.

Rochford now stands alone as the school's

SEE NEIC GIRLS, 16



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton senior Gannon Shekleton puts up a jump shot in the lane during a win over Crestwood this past season.

New Hampton's Shekleton grows into all-NEIC player

Chickasaw senior receives honor from conference coaches with selection to all-conference first team

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Gannon Shekleton cut through openings, sliced past defenders and absorbed plenty of contact in the rough-and-tumble Northeast Iowa Conference this winter.

He proved – unquestionably – that he was tough as nails.

That's one of the many reasons Shekleton was named onto the first team of the All-NEIC league selections recently.

Shekleton, who improved his scoring average from a season ago by six full points, clipped out at 14 points per game in this his final season as a Chickasaw.

It was a senior season to remember.

"I don't think there is any doubt that Gannon is able to do a lot of things. He has nice size for a guard, but he plays hard and is also an above average rebounder for a guard," said NH head coach Ryan Rausch.

Shekleton, who is listed at 6-2

on the Chickasaws' roster, was also one of the league's top rebounders. Shekleton averaged just over six rebounds a game – seventh-best in the NEIC.

Shekleton scored a career high 30 points in a 79-63 triumph over Central Springs in early February. He also caught fire for 28 points in a 62-58 victory over Kee High.

"He was always on the attack looking to exploit a gap or opening. I know he would have liked to shoot a higher percentage, but when the ball is in your hands a lot and you are taking tough shots, sometimes that happens," said Rausch.

Often times defenses would center game plans around Shekleton in order to try to slow him down. The Chickasaw standout persevered and pushed through when the pressure was ratcheted up a notch.

"I think he really proved that he can get it done even when he is the focus of the defense. When he is under control and on two feet and

SEE NEIC BOYS, 16



Bob Fenske/Tribune

A Saturday morning ritual at Bowlaway!

New Hampton-area kids (above) take part in the New Hampton Bowling Association's weekly youth league, where Dawson Monteith (left) tries to pick up a spare, at Bowlaway Lanes this past Saturday. Kids of all ages have been heading out to the lanes each Saturday morning since December and the season will wrap up later this month. Those who join the league are provided a ball and a bag, courtesy of the association.