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Briefs

Mitchell receives top honors from Farmers National

Farmers National Company, the nation’s leading farm and ranch management and brokerage company, is pleased to announce that Randy Mitchell was recently presented with the Farmers National Company President’s Circle Award for his outstanding efforts in real estate sales.

Randy, a real estate sales agent with Farmers National Company, received the company’s top award for real estate sales in 2023. He began working with Farmers National Company in 2012.



Mitchell

Band to perform at gallery Saturday in Fredericksburg

Students from the Sumner-Fredericksburg middle school band will perform on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery, 115 W. Main St. in Fredericksburg.

All are welcome to come to enjoy the music and share refreshments and coffee.

Solo and small group ensembles will play throughout the morning, so many different students will be featured.

The Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School Band is under the direction of Abigail Krutz.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Zombies and Juliet!

The musical is a rite of spring at New Hampton Middle School, and students in grades 7-8 who will be performing “Zombeo and Juliet!” pose for a cast picture on Tuesday afternoon before hitting the stage for their final full rehearsal.

After performing a dress rehearsal for fifth- and sixth-grade students, the curtain goes up for real tonight (Thursday) as the musical begins its two-night run under the direction of Jill Cantu and Chad Pemble.

The musical begins at 7 each evening and tickets will be available at the door.

If county ‘TIFs’ wind turbines, superintendent says school will see few effects

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preview” in advance of the district’s public hearing levy rate that will be held this coming Tuesday night. “We basically get to do that take the number of kids we have times the state amount per student and that’s what we get to run on. ... Much of our levy rate is formula driven.”

But as Jurrens and his board members get ready for the public hearing that starts at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the high school family and consumer science room, they’re doing so not knowing how much money they will get per student in 2024-25.

That’s because lawmakers have yet to decide

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the State Supplemental Aid increase for next year. Instead, Gov. Kim Reynolds has proposed a 2.5 percent increase, the State House has settled on 3 percent while the State Senate has yet to make a decision.

“So this levy is based on 3 percent ... if we don’t get that, if it comes down to say 2.5, this will drop a little,” he said.

The district published its max levy at \$11.36687 per \$1,000 valuation, up from \$10.87275 per \$1,000 valuation, which works out to an increase of about 4.5 percent.

Jurrens covered a wide variety of topics during his budget talk on Monday, including the potential that Chickasaw County may use

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tax-increment financing with additional revenues raised by the recent construction of the Chickasaw Wind Farm.

“I’ve had people say, ‘Man, isn’t that going to kill school funding? Isn’t that going to hurt you?’ It will not cost us a nickel,” Jurrens said. “It will cost us a little bit in our PPEL ... but really pretty minimal. What it’ll do is we basically get to that how many students times how much each student is worth and we tax that based on the formula.”

Jurrens pointed out that “if they don’t TIF it, everybody’s taxes would fall quite a bit for us. If they do it, our taxes will ... stay where they are at.”

City’s portion of Kenwood paving project estimated at just under \$175,000

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streets that were a higher priority.

“This wasn’t really on our radar, but the county, I’ll give

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them credit, worked with us so we could get this done.”

The preliminary engineer’s estimate for New Hampton’s portion of the project is just under \$175,000, and under

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the terms of the agreement, the city will pay the county back in five equal annual installments, beginning on July 5, 2025.

The loan the county is making to the city, though, will

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come from its Infrastructure Fund and not from county ARPA funds so that the county complies with the regulations in place for the federal-funded program.

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New Hampton High School High School Band Director Justin Adam (above) conducts instrumental students in grades 7-12 to cap off a Parade of Bands concert last week when Tylor Balk (right) plays the tuba with the Sixth Grade Band.



Celebrating those who play!

A pictorial look back at New Hampton's annual Parade of Bands Concert



Jericho Scott (left) plays the saxophone with the Fifth Grade Band, Addi Schmidt and Hayden Hackman (above) are on trumpet with the Concert Band and 2022 New Hampton High School graduate and current UNI music education major Abigail Holschlag (right) acknowledges 7-8 Band members who played a song, "Another Day," that Holschlag wrote.



New Hampton High School student Easton Monteith (left) plays the kettle drums with the Concert Band, 7-8 Band member Dawson Monteith and Concert Band member Andi Gebel (above) take part in the Parade of Bands finale with the combined 7-12 band and Reed Erlandson (right) performs on trumpet with the 7-8 Band.



Fifth Grade Band members Keira Mohlis and Grayson Hackman (above) are honored for receiving their "black belts" in the first-year band while Rebecca Flansch (right) plays her saxophone with the Concert Band.



Come, Worship the Risen Lord!
All are welcome.

Maundy Thursday Service:
March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service:
March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Outdoor Easter Sunrise Service:
March 31, 6:30 a.m. at Morris Residence
2148 Odessa Ave., NH
(Weather Permitting, Bring Lawn Chairs)

Easter Services:
March 31, 8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church
223 South Water Ave., New Hampton
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Service time: 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

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Pastor Cory Orr
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Rev. Jerry Kopacek
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Rev. Jerry Kopacek
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ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
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NORTH WASHINGTON
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Father Jim Goerend
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The clear message is in Bible

In a world full of untrustworthy information, turn to the truth

More than a decade ago, the total amount of digital information in the world first reached a zettabyte, or 1 billion terabytes. That's an amount of information so large that it boggles the mind.

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Instead, we are plagued by misinformation and disinformation, and we often don't know where to turn.

Into this confusion, God has sent us one certain thing: His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross on Good Friday and was raised again three days later on Easter Sunday. Through these actions, He took away the sins of the entire world. He did all this for you and for me.

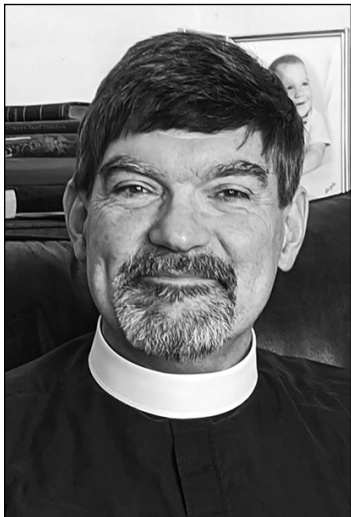
What's more, God tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

His truth is unchanging. It can't be altered by governments or fact-checkers or the changeable whims of

culture. In God's Word, we find a certainty that is available nowhere else.

That's why Christians stick to the Bible with its clear message of Christ crucified. And we know that the message of Jesus Christ is for every single person. Christ hung on the cross ... for you. Christ took His last breath ... for you. Christ conquered sin and death and was raised to life ... for you.

The churches of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (LCMS) proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ today and always. Please join us



The Rev. Ronnie Koch is the pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, where worship services are held at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

this Lent at an LCMS congregation near you, as we celebrate God's love and forgiveness, which is only found in His Son.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Zion Lutheran Church's first building was constructed in 1889 and served as the church's home until 1926.

Celebrating long, proud history of Zion

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following was written by Alta Vista resident Irene Frantzen, who has a keen interest in the history of her town.*

Zion Lutheran Church came into existence in the late 1860's as a ministry of the Gospel among German Lutheran immigrants. Rev. Wachtel of West Union began his travels through Chickasaw and Howard counties to contact those who were of Lutheran faith, gathering them in groups to share the Word and Sacraments.

These meetings were held in a country schoolhouse two miles north of Alta Vista. He served until July, 1886. Rev. Weigand came to Alta Vista in Nov. 1886 and services were then held in the public-school house on the present site of Linden Park in Alta Vista. At that time there were thirteen families.

Zion was not formally organized until 1887 and the first church, a wooden structure, was built in 1889, on land donated by William Vick. (The church stood at the same location as the present-day church stands.)

Incorporation papers were filed on January 28, 1889. Rev. Weigand remained until the fall of 1889. Various ministers served throughout the early years, thereafter. A Ladies' Aid was organized in 1892.

In 1908, the congregation enlarged the church, and purchased art glass windows. The Ladies' Aid provided a new Altar, Pulpit, and Baptismal Font which continued to be used throughout the years and in the present church. Plumbing and heating

were installed in 1919.

It was in 1926, under the direction of Rev. A.F. Karsten, a new church was built. The church was of brick, veneer structure, with two towers. The larger one is holding a bell. Gothic architecture was carried throughout the interior with a cloverleaf ceiling and elaborate arch work in the Sanctuary, the Pulpit, Altar, Organ, and Pews.

The church included a full basement with kitchen. When it was completed, the church was dedicated in December of 1926. At that time there were 66 families listed as members, which was the purpose and need for a larger church.

Some of the early pioneer names of the congregation included, Westendorf, Bandle, Joachim, Wollwage, Bartels, Lauck, Masemann, Erion, Flugge, Schultz, Hueneke, Fichtel, Vick, and Wegner. Others followed, including Haefflinger, Buchholtz, Homyer, Swenson, Alt, Johann, Johnson, and Kohls, just to name a few.

Changes and additions came about throughout the years to the church, and its congregation. For instance, in 1948 a formal finance committee, the Zion Lutheran Brotherhood, was organized.

The entire interior of the church was redecorated in 1958 and the Altar Guild was organized. In 1962, the merger of the Lutheran Churches was organized into one body (The American Lutheran Church). It was then that the Ladies Aid re-organized as the American Lutheran Church Women (ALCW), as the auxiliaries were then

called. Other organizations amongst Zion Church included the Luther League for its youth, a men's Bible Study group, WELCA for the ladies of the congregation.

In 1987, Zion observed its Centennial Anniversary celebration. At that time, Pastor Lance Kittleson was serving the congregation. Twenty-one ministers preceded him at Zion. Other ministers followed in later years with Pastor Sue Cira, currently serving.

Zion Church is more than just a building structure in the city of Alta Vista. It has served in various capacities. Baptisms and other Sacraments, marriages, and funerals have been administered throughout the years. Weekly services and sermons have been shared with its congregation.

The annual Harvest Supper, Ecumenical Services with St. Bernard's Catholic Church, quilting, bake sales, and other projects, have brought many together among its walls.

Zion had been a thriving congregation for many years and as time changed, in recent years, its membership continued to decline. Unfortunately, difficult decisions had to be made, as a result. As the entire community of Alta Vista bids farewell, Zion Lutheran Church will be missed and fondly remembered for the many years of its activities, its hospitality, always welcoming everyone, and especially for the faith-filled services it offered.

With the help of God, the community appreciates that the structure will continue to be utilized as a place of worship.

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Time for financial spring cleaning?

Spring is almost here, which means it's time for some spring cleaning. This year, in addition to tidying your home and surroundings, you might want to consider sprucing up your financial environment, as well.

Here are some suggestions for doing just that:

- Improve your vision. Once the days are warmer and longer, you may want to get outside and clean all the winter grime and smudges from your windows, allowing you to see the world more clearly. And you may want to bring more focus to your financial vision by asking some key questions: Is my investment strategy still appropriate for my needs, goals and family situation? If not, what changes should I make? And am I prepared for changes in my life, such as health challenges or a need to retire earlier than planned? The answers to these and other questions can help you clarify where you are, in terms of your financial picture, and where you want to go.

- De-clutter. As you look around your home, you may find things such as expired health care products, old prescriptions, ancient cleaning solutions, and so on, in addition to duplicate household items (how many blenders do you really need?) and non-working equipment — printers, laptops, etc. Most people find that eliminating this clutter gives them a good feeling — and more livable space. As an investor, you can also find clutter in the form of redundant investments — for example, you might own several nearly identical mutual funds. You might be better off selling some of these funds and using the proceeds to find new investments that can help you further diversify your portfolio. As you may know, diversification is a key to investment success, but keep in mind that it can't prevent all losses.

- Plant seeds of opportunity. Whether they're planting camellias and crocuses or carrots and cilantro, gardeners are busy in the spring, hoping their



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efforts result in lovely flowers and tasty foods. And when you invest, you, too, need to plant seeds of opportunity in the form of investments that you hope will grow enough to enable you to make progress toward your goals.

So, you may want to review your portfolio to ensure it's providing this growth potential, given your individual risk tolerance.

- Reduce dangers. You may not think about it that much, but your home and surroundings can contain potential hazards. You might have ill-fitting caps on cleaning products with toxic chemicals, or sharp cutting instruments protruding from shelves in your garage, or heavy, cracked tree branches hovering close to your roof. Spending some time on a spring-cleaning sweep can get rid of these dangers — and devoting time to consider the possible threats to your financial security, and those of your family, can pay off, too. For starters, review your life insurance to determine if you've got enough. Your employer may offer some coverage as an employee benefit, but it might not be sufficient, so you may need private coverage. And the same is true for disability insurance, because if something were to happen to you, and you couldn't work for a while, you'd still want to protect your family's lifestyle.

Spring is a great time for brightening your physical space — and your financial one, too.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

How CHICKASAW COUNTY'S MAX LEVY AFFECTS 'AVERAGE' PROPERTY OWNERS

Here is some of the data Chickasaw County Assessor Ray Armel shared with the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Monday about the county's proposed maximum tax levy and how it would affect the "average priced" homes in the county's cities and townships:

CITIES											
	2022	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25			
	Assess.	Rollback	Tax Value	Taxes	Assess.	Rollback	Tax Value	Taxes	Tax Inc.	% Inc.	% Inc.
Alta Vista	\$47,740	0.546501	\$26,090	\$109.89	\$64,350	0.463428	\$29,822	\$155.31	\$45.42	41.3	
Bassett	\$51,123	0.546501	\$27,939	\$119.46	\$59,470	0.463428	\$27,560	\$141.25	\$21.79	18.2	
Fredericksburg	\$95,180	0.546501	\$52,016	\$244.03	\$123,300	0.463428	\$57,141	\$325.23	\$81.20	33.3	
Ionia	\$76,240	0.546501	\$41,665	\$190.48	\$92,020	0.463428	\$42,645	\$235.07	\$44.59	23.4	
Lawler	\$101,850	0.546501	\$55,661	\$262.89	\$113,100	0.463428	\$52,414	\$295.83	\$32.94	12.5	
Nashua	\$106,550	0.546501	\$58,230	\$276.18	\$125,670	0.463428	\$58,239	\$332.06	\$55.88	20.2	
New Hampton	\$132,360	0.546501	\$72,335	\$349.16	\$160,760	0.463428	\$74,501	\$433.20	\$84.04	24.1	
North Washington	\$74,280	0.546501	\$40,594	\$184.93	\$96,980	0.463428	\$44,943	\$249.37	\$64.43	34.8	
*Protivin	\$190,190	0.546501	\$103,939	\$512.67	\$273,640	0.463428	\$126,812	\$758.56	\$245.89	48.0	
RURAL TOWNSHIPS											
	2022	2023-24	2023-24	2023-24	2023	2024-25	2024-25	2024-25			
	Assess.	Rollback	Tax Value	Taxes	Assess.	Rollback	Tax Value	Taxes	Tax Inc.	% Inc.	% Inc.
Bradford	\$210,880	0.546501	\$115,246	\$927.20	\$247,930	0.463428	\$114,898	\$1,091.74	\$164.54	17.7	
Chickasaw	\$154,500	0.546501	\$84,434	\$668.42	\$183,480	0.463428	\$85,030	\$795.43	\$127.02	19.0	
Dayton	\$192,180	0.546501	\$105,027	\$841.37	\$232,500	0.463428	\$107,747	\$1,020.80	\$179.44	21.3	
Deerfield	\$179,400	0.546501	\$98,042	\$782.71	\$209,400	0.463428	\$97,042	\$914.60	\$131.89	16.9	
Dresden	\$169,300	0.546501	\$92,523	\$736.35	\$188,770	0.463428	\$87,481	\$819.76	\$83.41	11.3	
Fredericksburg	\$177,870	0.546501	\$97,206	\$775.69	\$187,650	0.463428	\$86,962	\$814.61	\$38.92	5.0	
Jacksonville	\$174,450	0.546501	\$95,337	\$759.99	\$188,880	0.463428	\$87,532	\$820.26	\$60.27	7.9	
New Hampton	\$242,490	0.546501	\$132,521	\$1,072.29	\$251,690	0.463428	\$116,640	\$1,109.03	\$36.74	3.4	
Richland	\$179,110	0.546501	\$97,884	\$781.38	\$214,240	0.463428	\$99,285	\$936.85	\$155.48	19.9	
Stapeleton	\$184,810	0.546501	\$100,999	\$807.54	\$204,770	0.463428	\$94,896	\$893.32	\$85.78	10.6	
Utica	\$181,310	0.546501	\$99,086	\$791.47	\$196,480	0.463428	\$91,054	\$855.20	\$63.73	8.1	
Washington	\$183,660	0.546501	\$100,370	\$802.26	\$227,990	0.463428	\$105,657	\$1,000.07	\$197.81	24.7	

NOTE: A reminder that this chart only represents the counties portion of the overall tax. Other taxes would include cities, schools, and other misc. tax levying authorities.

SOURCE: Chickasaw County Assessor's Office

Navigating nuances of property taxes can be confusing affair

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the 2024-25 fiscal year. And that is indeed an 18.95 percent increase.

"I looked at the box and saw my taxes were only going up a few bucks and then I read the [story in the] paper and saw that 19 or whatever percentage increase," New Hampton resident Jeremy McGrath said during the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, "and I'm like how's that going to work?"

And questions like those — queries that will undoubtedly grow now that the county is required by state law to mail a letter that contains levy rates for not only itself but also the county's cities and school districts — are why County Assessor Ray Armel passed out a bevy of worksheets that he said paints a truer picture of what tax bills may look like if the max tax levy in its current form becomes a reality when supervisors certify the budget and levy.

State law requires that all counties, cities and schools publish the levy legal notices with the current fiscal year's certified property tax for a home valued at \$100,000 and also the proposed budget's tax for a home valued at \$100,000.

But Armel told supervisors that the law's requirements are "deceiving" to taxpayers.

"We all know that property values have increased from 2022 to 2023," he said, "so I wanted to see what the true effect is on the property owner and the taxpayer."

Armel looked at a home val-

ued at \$100,000 for this year's property tax levy and then compared it to what a house valued at \$120,000 for the 2024-25 levy, and for urban property owners, the county tax bill that was \$257.66 this year would increase to \$315.72, a jump of 22.5 percent.

He also played out the same scenario for a home located in an unincorporated area, and found the county's portion of the tax bill will increase from \$422.96 to \$503.59, a 19.1 percent increase.

"It gives you a better picture and a truer picture of what your proposal will have, the effects it will have on property [taxes]," Armel said during Monday's meeting. He also noted that the information presented represents only the county's portion of the tax askings. The county's portion only represents 17.1 percent of the tax askings in New Hampton and 39.5 in New Hampton Township.

The assessor also shared with supervisors how the published max levy would affect owners of agricultural property. He pointed out that the average value per acre of land increased from \$1,353 to \$1,740 but that the rollback between 2023-24 and 2024-25 was significantly changed. For this year's levy, the rollback was 91.643 percent, which means ag land owners' taxes were based on that percentage of their "ag tax value." Next year, however, ag land owners' taxes will be based on a 71.837 percent rollback.

So what that means, in essence, is that while the aver-

age value per acre of land increased 28.6 percent but the average taxable value — because of the changes in the rollback — increased by just 8.1 percent.

Armel shared with supervisors that the tax bill on Rural Services Basic for the owner of 40 acres of "average ag land" will go from \$421.14 to \$496.01, an increase of 17.8 percent.

"Don't get me wrong, the board and the Auditor's Office are doing exactly what they have been instructed to do, according to the legislation passed last year referring to House File 718 and as directed by the Department of Management," Armel said on Monday afternoon, "but like I said this morning during the meeting, what my sheets show is just a more accurate and realistic picture. ... The process is confusing to people who don't work with it all the time."

He's not wrong for a variety of reasons. Rollbacks can change dramatically between tax years.

For this fiscal year, for example, the rollback on residential properties was 54.6501 percent. Next year, it will be 46.3428 percent.

The rollback is a 3 percent statewide limitation, from one

year to the next, in the growth of taxable values for residential and agricultural classed property. Commercial and industrial properties are statutorily set at 90 percent. The exception to this is that the first \$150,000 in value of commercial and industrial property receives the residential rollback with the excess receiving the 90 percent.

Other factors include tax credits and exemptions, particularly those that are unfunded by the state.

Armel on Monday morning passed out worksheets that showed the tax impacts on the average assessed residences in both the county's cities and townships, and while the "average" taxable values in the majority of the municipalities and townships did increase, there were exceptions.

Still, the bottom line when it came to Armel's worksheets is this: For many, the county portion of their property tax bill will increase next year.

And that is one reason supervisors "booked" the courthouse's third-floor courtroom for Wednesday's levy public hearing. It's also why board members agreed to begin the hearing at 6 p.m., rather than hold the public hearing during the day.

Briefs

Carter files for Supervisor 4 district seat; filing period ends Friday

With the filing period deadline looming, there still isn't a contested primary race for any of the five Chickasaw County offices up for election this fall.

There is, however, another candidate to add to the ballot as New Hampton resident Isaac Carter filed nominating papers to seek the Board of Supervisors District 4 seat as a Republican. That seat is currently held by Republican Matt Kuhn.

Carter joins three incumbents — Republican Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Democratic District 1 Supervisor Steve Breitbach and Republican Sheriff Ryan Shawver — who filed nominating papers during the opening week of the filing period.

Those who want to be on the June 4 primary ballot must file their nominating papers by 5 p.m. on Friday at the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office.

Thomson to face challenge for State House seat this fall

The Charles City Republican who represents Chickasaw County in the Iowa House of Representatives will face a challenge this fall as he seeks a second term in Des Moines.

Charley Thomson won election to the District 58 and officially began his campaign when he filed nominating papers with the Iowa Secretary of State on Feb. 26.

Although Thomson won't face a challenge in the GOP primary on June 4, he will have competition this fall. That's because Ionia resident Gail Allison filed her nominating papers to run as a Democrat for the seat that represents all of Chickasaw County and most of Bremer and Floyd counties.

Chickasaw County's other representative, State Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, in the Iowa Legislature is not up for election this fall.

1619 Project to hold discussion at Fredericksburg church Sunday

The 1619 Project will holds its monthly discussion this Sunday evening at 6:30 at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 111 So. Hamilton.

This study series, produced by the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, is held the fourth Sunday of each month and will continue thorough June.

Everyone is welcome to any of the sessions. Please call Joe Peraud at 563-237-6148 for more information.

The 1619 Project discussions are being hosted by Hugh and Carol Mackintosh, Gladys Christoph, Robin Kime, Jim Reid, and Kara Johns.

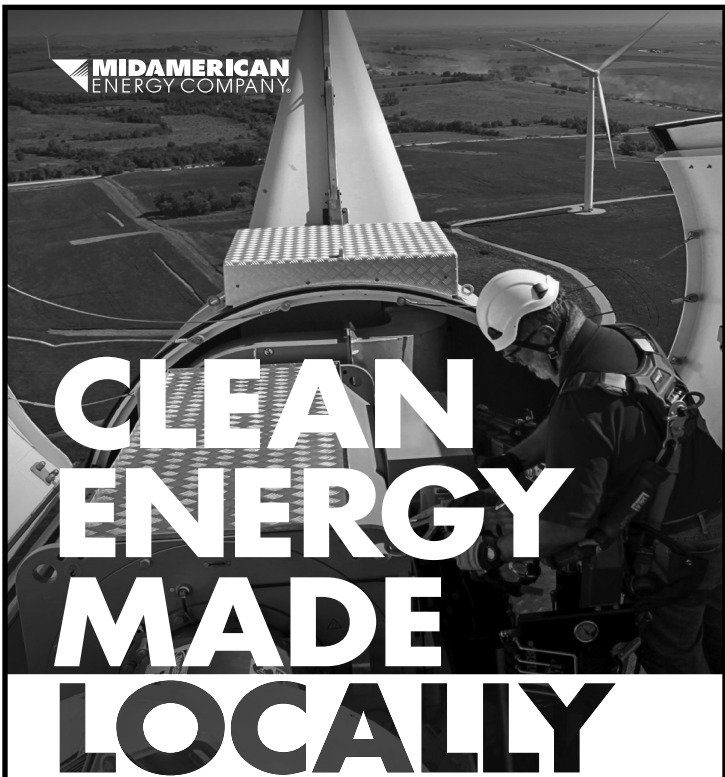
Craft, vendor show is Saturday

Over 40 vendors will be at the New Hampton Spring Craft and Vendor Show this Saturday.

The show will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Lunch will be available for purchase and all funds raised will go towards the event center.

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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a good chance of snow in the evening and overnight; high 39, low 28.

Friday: Rain and snow showers likely with a high of 38 and a low of 16.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and cold with a high of 33 and a low of 12.

Sunday: Snow likely in the morning; high 38, low 29.

Extended forecast: It's going to be a cold start to the work week with highs in the 30s and lows dropping into the teens.

Meetings

- MONDAY**
- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- TUESDAY**
- New Hampton School Board 2024-25 budget and tax levy public hearing, 6:30 p.m., New Hampton High School Family and Consumer Science Room.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors 2024 budget and tax levy public hearing, 6 p.m., Courthouse third-floor courtroom.

History

- In 1918, the German army launches its first major offensive on the Western Front in two years.
- In 1963, Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco's Bay closes down and transfers its last prisoners.
- In 1980, President Jimmy Carter announces that the U.S. will boycott the Olympic Games scheduled to take place in Moscow that summer.
- Also in 1980, the most famous "cliffhanger" in television history occurs when J.R. Ewing, the character millions love to hate on television's popular prime-time drama "Dallas," is shot by an unknown assailant.
- In 1965, in the name of African American voting rights, 3,200 civil rights demonstrators in Alabama, led by Martin Luther King Jr., begin a historic march from Selma to Montgomery.

Birthdays

- Former Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson turns 39.
- Film star Matthew Broderick and comedian Rosie O'Donnell both turn 62.
- Academy Award-winning actor Gary Oldman turns 65.
- Timothy Dalton, the fourth actor to portray James Bond on screen, turns 78.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.
- If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenske at 641-394-2111.

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Helen Schnurr, 95

Our mother, Helen Schnurr, died peacefully on Thursday, March 14, 2024, after a long and full life.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1928. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who will be missed terribly.

She is survived by her children, Pam Schmitt (Harvey), Larry (Mary), and Paula (Terry Alef). She was very proud of her grandchildren, Sarah Schmitt, Katie Lewis (Josh), Kelli Farley (Heath), Brian (Courtney), Martin Alef, and Rian Alef (deceased) and her seven great-grandchildren Ari, Ivy Rose and Reeni Lewis, Ellie Schnurr, Jayden and Madelyn Farley, and Maezlyn Alef.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Walter in 2006; her parents, Joseph and Emma Martin; and her siblings, Kenneth, Joseph, Richard, Arthur and Lorraine Martin.



Helen Schnurr

Helen was a lifelong resident of Lawler and moved to Mason City in 2019.

A private burial service will be held at a later date. Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory of New Hampton is assisting Helen's family with arrangements.

Lawrence Walter Shaw

"Dad's love, laughter, and guitar melodies wove a tapestry of warmth in our lives. His legacy echoes in our hearts, a timeless symphony of joy and connection."

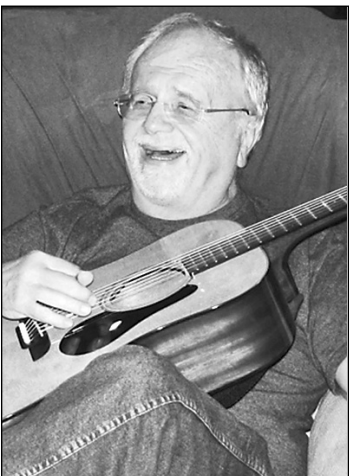
Lawrence Walter Shaw passed away on Friday, March 8, 2024, in Hampton.

Larry was born in 1941 in New Hampton to Frank and Leona Shaw. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and graduated from New Hampton High School in 1959.

After graduating, he enlisted in the Navy and was an engineer 3rd class on the aircraft carrier USS Independence. He was aboard the carrier off the coast of Cuba during the Cuban Missile crisis.

After his discharge in 1962, he attended North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City, where he obtained his associate degree in electrical engineering technology.

He moved to Minneapolis and was employed by Honeywell Corporation. There he met and married Muriel Jackman. After a corporate restructure, Larry and Muriel relocated to Navarre, Florida.



Larry Shaw

In 1979, Neva, their only child, was born. She resides there still with her husband, Bill Edmonson, and their daughter Camryn.

Larry is also survived by four sisters, Sandra (Bruce) Whalen, Hampton, Sherry (Tom) McBride, Camarillo, California, Janine (Brewce) Larkin, Everett, Washington, and Pat Feuling, West Des Moines; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Interment will be at Barrancas National Cemetary, Pensacola, Florida.

Dale Stringer, 69

Dale Stringer, age 69 of New Hampton, died Monday, March 18, 2024, at UnityPoint Health - Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.

Alta Vista's Zion Lutheran will hold its final service on April 7

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a Lutheran church.

And at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 7, the members of Zion — along with doubtless visitors — will gather together to celebrate their faith for one last time.

"I do want it to be a positive service," said Cira, who also serves as the pastor at Immanuel Crane Creek in rural Lawler. "We're going to have the Immanuel people with us, and we're going to celebrate all of God's goodness."

"I tell people we were here for 130-plus years, and we made a lot of wonderful memories here. Think of all the baptisms and weddings, the confirmation classes and you see what a difference this church has made on our members and the community."

Cira and several church members have been busy packing up the archives of the church, and the pastor said she finds reading through the old papers fascinating, at least the papers that date back to 1931.

"Everything before that was in German," she said with a smile, "but we've been able to figure out the important things. Names are names and years are years so if someone was baptized back in the 'German era,' we've been able to piece together quite a bit."

Zion's final service will take place a week after the church joins Christian churches around the globe in celebrating Easter, and in many ways, that's the message Cira wants to send to those who are in attendance on April 7.

"The Easter message — there is life after death — that's what we will celebrate," she said.

Cira said a number of church members will transfer to other Lutheran churches in the area while some may attend Methodist services just up the road from Alta Vista in Elma.

"I know it's difficult," she said, "but we're going to do our best to smile and, like I said, know that God is with us wherever we go once that last service is completed."

The Zubrod Family extends its deepest gratitude to Hugeback & Johnson Funeral Home for their exceptional warmth, comfort, and assistance during this challenging time. Their support was invaluable, and they were truly wonderful through every step in the planning process!

We are immensely grateful to Connie Njus for her eloquent crafting of the obituary; her writing is truly remarkable.

Sincere thanks to Gladys Christoph for coordinating the service arrangements. Heartfelt gratitude to Father Ken Glaser for graciously offering his time, even on his day off, to preside over the funeral service. His personal anecdotes about growing up alongside our family were deeply meaningful to us.

Our appreciation also extends to the Men's Choir of the North Washington Church and all those who generously donated their time to help with the service, prepare for the luncheon, and provide bars and desserts. Additionally, the Elma Locker's efforts with the food service were commendable.

Furthermore, the support of our incredible family and friends who joined us on this day will always be cherished.

Warmly,
The Bill Zubrod Family

John Ries, 82



John Ries

John Ries, age 82 of Elma, died Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 22, 2024, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Elma with the Rev. Raymond Burkle celebrating the Mass.

Inurnment will be held in Calvary Cemetery, Elma with Jim Wilson, Dick Meirick, Lyle Ries and Lew Schrandt serving as urnbearers. Honorary urnbearers are Kayla Wilson, Melinda Wilson, Dillon Wilson, Alyvia Ries, Hayden Ries, Connley Ries and Brynleigh Ries.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Memorial Mass at the church.

John Ries, of Elma, passed away peacefully on March 12, 2024, at the age of 82. He was born on March 2, 1942, in New Hampton, the son of Ralph and Mary (Schwickerath) Ries. He was raised with the values of hard work and dedication that would define his entire life.

After graduating from Immaculate Conception Academy in Elma in 1960, John immediately embarked on what would become a lifelong passion for farming with Lee and Veronica Riley and his parents. His love for the land and dedication to his craft made him a respected figure in the agricultural community.

John's commitment to fostering growth extended beyond the barns and fields, as he took on the role of a 4-H leader of the Elma Niners, shaping the lives of young individuals with the same patience and care he gave

to his crops and livestock. His influence and leadership were further recognized through his service as a board member of the Howard County Equity Co-Operative, where he worked tirelessly to ensure the prosperity of local farmers.

John met his wife Catherine at a dance in Janesville and the two were married on Sept. 24, 1966, at Immaculate Conception Church in Sumner. To this union, four children were born — Janae, Mark, Debra and Kent.

John found great happiness in farming and in the simplicity of fishing with his children and grandchildren, instilling in them not only the skills of the sport but also the virtues of patience and presence.

With his beloved wife, Catherine, John embarked on numerous adventures, traveling to Branson, and various polka events and creating memories that would be cherished by both of them forever.

To know John was to know a man of many admirable qualities. His hands, ever skilled and always busy, found their artistry in welding, a hobby that was

Kenneth Cutsforth, 83



Kenneth Cutsforth

Kenneth W. Cutsforth, of Branson, Missouri and son of Harry and Iva (Underwood) Cutsforth, was born Oct. 9, 1940, in New Hampton, and departed this life peacefully with his wife at his side on Nov. 16, 2023 at the age of 83.

Kenneth began working as a truck driver for his father's trucking company while still in high school.

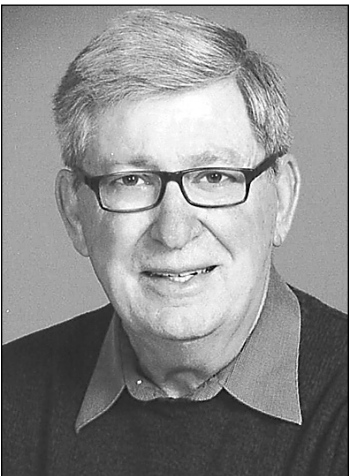
After graduation, he went on to serve in the United States Army prior to resuming his truck driving career.

He was united in marriage to Susan K. Rupkalis on May 30, 1981. Together they moved to the Branson area from Cedar Falls 40 years ago.

After retirement, Kenneth was able to devote more time to his passion for hunting and

fishing. They spent several winters near Winnsboro, Texas, allowing him to spend time fishing with some of his closest friends.

Kenneth 'Ken' Schwickerath, 82



Ken Schwickerath

Kenneth "Ken" Schwickerath, age 82 of Charles City, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2024, at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

A funeral Mass for Kenneth Schwickerath will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Charles City with the Rev. Tom Heathershaw officiating.

Burial will take place at Calvary Cemetery in Charles City at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

A gathering of family and friends will be held one hour prior to the funeral Mass on Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Kenneth Norbert Schwickerath, the son of Norbert and Catherine (Breitbach) Schwickerath, was born on March 20, 1941, in New Hampton.

He graduated from St. Boniface in Ionia and later attended Regis University in Colorado Springs, Colorado, graduating with a bachelor's degree in business.

Ken married Marilyn Elenz on November 26, 1960, at Immaculate Conception Church in North Washington, Iowa. He served in the United States Air Force from 1961 to 1965.

Ken and his family lived in Colorado for many years while he worked in electronics manufacturing.

He retired to Charles City in 2004. He was a member of IC Church, Catholic Order of Foresters, and church choirs. Ken enjoyed painting, wood-

both practical and fulfilling for this handyman. Above all, John was handy, a trait that served him well both in his professional life and in the countless ways he contributed to the lives of those around him.

As we bid farewell to John, we reflect on a life well-lived, a journey marked by passion, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to family and farming. He will be remembered not just for what he did, but for who he was—a beacon of light and love in the lives of many. John's story does not end here; it lives on in the hearts of those he touched, a testament to a life truly well-lived.

John's family takes solace in knowing that he is now at peace, and they are grateful for the time they had with him. He is survived by a loving family, a multitude of friends and a community that will continue to honor his memory.

John is survived by his wife, Catherine Ries of Elma; two sons, Mark (Joanne) Ries of Elma, and Kent (Natalie) Ries of Elma; one daughter, Janae (Pete Andera) Wilson of Kennett; seven grandchildren, Kayla Wilson, Melinda Wilson, Dillon Wilson, Alyvia Ries, Hayden Ries, Connley Ries and Brynleigh Ries; three brothers, Ed Ries of Spring Valley, Minnesota, Mike (Janice) Ries of Cresco, and Gary (Mary Jo) Ries of Elma; two sisters, Elaine (Chuck) Laures of Osage, and Marilyn (Gary) Schaudenecker of Alta Vista; and one brother-in-law, the Rev. Terry Ball of Iowa City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Mary Ries; in-laws, Robert and Carolyn Ball; daughter, Debra Ries in 2023; and sisters-in-law, Mona Ball and Jean Ries.

He was a long-term member of Faith Lutheran Church, Branson.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Iva (Underwood) Cutsforth; sister, Lois (Charles) Wentz; and brother, Allen (Patricia) Cutsforth.

Kenneth is survived by his wife, Susan of Branson, Missouri; two children, Tim Cutsforth of Cedar Rapids, and Ann (Preston) Miles of West Des Moines; two grandchildren, Benjamin and Marcus Miles; his brother, David (Virginia) Cutsforth; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024, at the Pub at the Pinicon restaurant in New Hampton.

working, silversmithing, reading, playing cards, and golfing.

Living family members include his wife of 63 years, Marilyn; children, Angela Schwickerath, Julie (Greg) McBroom, Anthony (Kristi) Schwickerath and Jessica (Eric) Whipple; grandchildren, Henry Zimmer and Theodore Swider; siblings, Dan (Herm) Schwickerath, Andy (Mary Ann) Schwickerath, Steve Schwickerath, Tom (Carol) Schwickerath, Mary (Mark) McDermott, Keith (Penny) Schwickerath, Roy (Deb) Schwickerath, Teresa (Terence Pratt) Schwickerath and Alan (Dana) Schwickerath; sister-in-law, Carolyn (Dave Kirkham) Schwickerath; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Jeanne Miller; brother, Charles Schwickerath; and brother-in-law, Leon Miller.

Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

Fireman's Dance set for Saturday in New Hampton

The annual New Hampton Fireman's Dance will take place on Saturday at the New Hampton Golf & Country Club.

It's the 46th year for the event which will begin at 6 p.m. and end at midnight.

Easter egg hunts to be held in New Hampton March 30

There will be a pair of Easter egg hunts a week from Saturday as the New Hampton Women of Today host the annual event at Mikkelson Park at 10 a.m. and the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center hold will hold a hunt at its facility at 11 a.m.

Thank You

Whether you kept us in your thoughts and prayers, sent a lovely arrangement, gave a memorial donation, or helped us out in any way, your love and kindness brought us great comfort and will always be remembered. We extend our deepest thanks for the support.

~The family of Louis Dowd

New Hampton Elementary School playground will be closed to the public until 5 p.m.

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school teacher and also went from a three-section to a four-section kindergarten, and Jurrens asked board members to keep those temporary positions for at least another year.

He also recommended to the board that it approve hiring a fourth 4-year-old preschool teacher because he anticipates “more students registering” before the school year begins.

Jurrens said that the trick will be to find classroom space because under state law, all preschool, kindergarten and first-grade students must be housed on the first floor of a building.

Board member Tim Denner wondered aloud if allowing the daycare to move into the school building was leading to a space shortage?

“Is it kicking us in the butt?” Jurrens, though, said in his estimation, “we wouldn’t be having this problem — and like

I said, it’s a very good problem to have — if we didn’t have the wrap-around daycare [in the school]. It’s made us highly attractive to families.”

Board members agreed and approved Jurrens’ recommendations, which means New Hampton Elementary Principal Emily Steele is now going to work on securing that first-floor space for an additional 4-year-old preschool classroom.

“I’ve received some great ideas on how we can make this work from our staff,” she said, “and yes, we might have to have quite a lot of moving around, but I feel confident we’ll be able to do it.”

Also on Monday, Jurrens recommended that the board allow the district to hire a “literacy expert” who would help make sure the district stays ahead of what are ambitious literacy goals set by state leaders. In addition, he said the person filling the position will work with

teachers who will be required to take a competency test to demonstrate that they are proficient at reading instruction.

“I think it will be very valuable to our staff,” he said. “There is a ton of legislation coming out related to literacy. This is a good way for us to make sure we’re on top of it.”

Board members approved the position, and the district will begin looking for someone to fill it.

In other news from Monday’s board meeting:

• Board members received a request from Little Sprouts Daycare Director Amy Ameling to have the elementary school

playground closed to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

She told board members that under Iowa law, daycares like Little Sprouts must have “outdoor activities” for at least one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. She said currently the daycare utilizes the playground from 4 to 5 p.m. and that at times, there are others from the public on the playground.

Jurrens added that there have been issues of the same ilk with members of the public using the playground during elementary school recesses.

Board members agreed to approve having the playground

“closed” from 8 to 5 p.m., but they also said they want to revisit the issue in May and see if the hours the playground is closed during the summer months can be shortened.

• Board members approved aligning New Hampton Elementary School with Special Olympics Iowa.

Two preschool teachers, Tiffany Bredman and Theresa Knutson, put together the proposal and said that they would like to see the program expand to the middle and high schools in future years.

“This is a good way to start,” Bredman said, “and the benefits for our students — not just

those with physical disabilities or developmental delays — I think are going to be great.”

• A month before they are set to approve the 2024-25 school calendars, board members received an update from Jurrens about progress on a bill in the Iowa Legislature.

And it wasn’t good news, either, as a bill that would allow school districts to start their school year on the Tuesday after the State Fair ends, is stalled.

“So that would mean starting on the 23rd of August, which is a Friday,” Jurrens said, “and if we waited [beyond that date] we’d probably have to come back after Memorial Day.”

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES March 11, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Cerwinske. Vice-chairperson Breitbach called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, EMA/911SB Jeff Bernatz, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Brannon Anderson Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Supervisor Cerwinske (Phone).

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for March 11, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from March 4, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair signature on Article 27 Duration of Agreement (Teamster Contract) Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Nay: Hackman. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge property tax suspension based upon recommendation of Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve compensation for Stapleton Township clerk and three trustees. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve the updated Chickasaw County Employee Emergency Evacuation Plan. Roll call: Kuhn, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

No public comment. Discussed Secondary Roads’ updates with Engineer Lensing.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve final payment to Brennan Construction for Chickasaw Bridge Replacement Project BROS-CO19(109)—8J-19 and authorize chairman of Board of Supervisors signature. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded

by Suckow to direct the County Attorney to update the EMS Director’s contract for FY 24-25. Changing salary to \$80,000.00 for sixty hours worked in a pay period and no extra pay for call time that goes over the sixty hours. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow. Nay: Kuhn. Abstained: Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Discussed restricted fund for private donations going to the EMS for specified items.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to open CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(C) FOR DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL LITIGATION RELATED TO THE AMBULANCE at 10:22 A.M. Roll call: Aye: Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Nay: Hackman. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion failed due to not having two thirds vote.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to table CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(1)(C) FOR DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL LITIGATION RELATED TO THE AMBULANCE. Hackman called a question. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach. Nays: Hackman, Suckow. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion failed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Chickasaw County EMS to enter into an agreement with Tri-State Adjustments, Inc (TSA) to provide collection services and authorizes EMS Director’s signature. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow Nays: Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske Motion failed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to open CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 10:41 A.M. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to exit CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 10:54 A.M. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn to approve contract and invoice with BarCom not to exceed \$7,000.00 for security reason. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

10:55 A.M. Supervisor Cerwinske on the phone.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION NO. 03-11-24-13 APPROVING PROPOSED

PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors intends to enter into a contract for completion of a public improvement project to establish a public water connection between the City of New Hampton and the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center, and the estimated total cost of the public improvement project exceeds one hundred thousand dollars; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code section 26.12, notice of a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the public improvement project was published as provided in Iowa Code section 362.3; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the public improvement project on March 4, 2024, and received any and all verbal and written comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approves of the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated total cost of the public improvement project to establish a public water connection between the City of New Hampton and the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center following a public hearing. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 11th day of March, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Nays: Breitbach /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor’s Office or online on county’s website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION NO. 03-11-24-14 APPROVING CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors solicited bids to enter into a contract for completion of a public improvement project to establish a public water connection between the City of New Hampton and the Chickasaw Heritage Building Center; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing pursuant to Iowa Code section 26.12 after publishing notice of the same as provided in Iowa Code section 362.3; and WHEREAS, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors opened bids at a public meeting and now hereby approves of the bid from

Popp Excavating, Inc, in the amount of \$143,838.75. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors shall enter into a contract with Popp Excavating, Inc, to complete the public improvement project and the Chair shall sign any and all documents necessary to facilitate the same. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 11th day of March, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske. Nays: Breitbach /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor The full text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor’s Office or online on county’s website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov under Departments, Board of Supervisors, Resolutions

10:59 A.M. Supervisor Cerwinske off the phone.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to go with the 6% increase in Health Insurance Renewal. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve claims in the amount \$85,437.75. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve payroll checks dated March 8, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Budget Work Session

Motion by Hackman seconded by Kuhn to set the public hearing for March 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM, in the Court Room, on the 3rd floor of the Courthouse for proposed property tax levy and direct auditor to publish Notice of Public Hearing— Proposed Property Tax Levy and Maximum Property Tax Dollars for FY 2024-25 in the New Hampton Tribune on March 14, 2024 and Nashua Reporter on March 15, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Breitbach, Northeast Iowa Community Action, February 21.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 11:32 A.M. Roll call: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach. Absent: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Steve Breitbach, Vice-Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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CHICKASAW CO CLAIMS 2/29/24-3/14/24

20/20 FX LLC, COMP SVCS CONTRACT/EQUIP/SPPLS	4,697.80
ACES, SOFTWARE-SHERIFF	189.00
AG VANTAGE FS INC - GROWMARK INC, DIESEL FUEL - NASHUA SHOP	1,267.02
ALLIANT ENERGY, ELEC AT CTY PARKS/IONIA SHOP/INTERCECTION LTG	163.02
ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTLS-ELEC/WATER/SEWER	73.49
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, UNIFORMS-SHERIFF DEPT.	89.54
ANDERSON, WILMARCH, VAN DER MAATEN, BELAY & FRETHEIM, CO ATTY FEES	3,603.18
ARMEL, RAY, ASSR-MILEAGE FOR PROP INSP.	84.42
ATCO INTERNATIONAL, CUSTODIAL SPPLS-SHERIFF.CSB.GEN SVCS	184.84
AUTO VALUE OF NEW HAMPTON, PARTS, STOCK PARTS & ELECTRICAL PARTS & SPPLS	772.37
BAILEY, HOLLY, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	20.10
BARKER COMMUNICATIONS & SECURITY LLC, CAMERAS/SECURITY FOR COURTHOUSE	7,263.61
BIG FOOT ENTERPRISE, LUBRICANTS	84.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MED SPPLS-EMS	678.00
BRENNAN CONSTRUCTION CO INC, BROS-CO19(109)—8J-19 BRIDGES	6,460.20
BUTLER CO REC, ELEC/LP-CONSV	817.60
BUTLER COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, ELECTRIC-LANDFILL	57.16
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO, PH/INTERNET-GEN BASIC/SEC RDS/ASSR, FIBER-LAWLER/NASHUA TOWER	1,373.52
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC, OUTSIDE ENGINEERING/ARCH SVC-SEC ROADS	831.00
CHEMSEARCH, CUSTODIAL SPPLS-SHERIFF.CSB.COURT-HOUSE	262.40
CINTAS CORPORATION #762, FIRST AID/UNIFORMS/EMP & BLDG CONSUMABLES-SEC ROADS	2,541.74
CJ COOPER & ASSOC INC, RANDOM DRUG TESTING	50.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER, CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS, SVC	15.69
COLLINS, JANE, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	284.75
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY CO, DIESEL FUEL - IONIA & AV SHOPS	2,867.23
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING, WATER & COOLER RENTAL-CO ATTY/AUD/TREAS/SEC RDS	174.67
DAVID KRIVACHEK, CUSTODIAL SPPLS-HERITAGE CTR/SEC RDS	156.88
DEERE, MISTIE, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	436.84
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, CLASS/REG-CONSV	90.00
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING AMERICA HOLDINGS, INC,	

TWIN PONDS WATER SAMPLES	50.00
FAIRHURST, MARK, TOOLS/MINOR EQUIP	164.98
FAREWAY STORES INC.	JAIL FOOD & PROVISIONS-FEB 75.55
FARMERS WIN COOPERATIVE, SOYBEANS/FUEL-CONSV. FUEL-SHERIFF/SEC RDS/F/BURG SHOP	2,675.68
FARMLAND HARDWARE, TOOLS - BRIDGE CREW	2,096.00
FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, HERBICIDE-CONSV. GAS & DIESEL-SHERIFF/SEC RDS/EMA	7,226.99
FLICK, TAMMY, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	233.83
FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, FLOYD CO INMATE BOARDING	130.00
FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, INTERSECTION LTG. SHOP UTLS-ELEC/WATER/SEWER	103.35
GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC, UNIFORM-SHERIFF	62.35
GAUL, LEIGHTON, MILEAGE REIMB APPIA TRAINING	127.30
HACH COMPANY, CHLORINE PACKS-HERITAGE	210.00
HEALTHCARE FIRST, CLIENT SURVEYS-PUB HEALTH	111.02
HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE-PUB HEALTH	1,680.00
HIGH FOREST BOBCAT SERVICE, INC, ANNUAL HOIST INSPECTION	110.00
HLW ENGINEERING GROUP, PROF SERV FOR SANITARY DISPOSAL -01/26-02/25/24	3,050.50
HOMETOWN PEST CONTROL, EMA/HERITAGE/LEMC/CSB/JAIL/EMS/COURTHOUSE	313.87
HOMETOWN TV & APPLIANCE, MICROWAVE-SHERIFF	189.00
ICEOO DISTRICT II, FEB 2024 ICEOO SPRING CONF-SEC RDS	30.00
INOVALON PROVIDER INC, BILLING SOFTWARE-PUB HEALTH	566.64
IOWA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION (IBHA), DUES & MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL-PUB HEALTH	300.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES, TRAFFIC/STREET SIGNS	194.82
IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES, REG.CIVIL TRAINING	125.00
JENDRO INC, GARBAGE/RECY-CONSV/CSB/SHERIFF/LEMC/HERITAGE/COURTHOUSE/RURAL	3,022.58
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, EQUIP-HERITAGE, PARTS/SPPLS-C-HOUSE/CONSV	630.37
KEYSTONE LABORATORIES INC, WELL TESTING-ENVIRO HEALTH	186.50
KIME, ANDREA, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	41.54
KNUTSON, ANN, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	9.38
KWIK TRIP EXTENDED NETWORK, GAS/DIESEL-SEC RDS	4,205.30
KWIK TRIP INC - FLEETCOR TECHNOLOGIES INC, FUEL-SHERIFF/CONSV/HERITAGE/EMS/ENVIRO HEALTH	4,285.27
LAMPSON-BAST, SHELLY, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	458.28
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC, INTERPRETER SVCS-PUB	

HEALTH	31.50
LARRY'S SALES & SERVICE, CHAIN SHARPENING	27.00
LAWSON PRODUCTS INC., ELECTRICAL PARTS & SPPLS-SEC RDS	471.78
LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASE - SEC RDS	93.84
LEE FAGRE MD, MEI SRVS CO RES	175.00
LENSING, ROMAN C., FHWA BRIDGE INSPECT MTG-MILEAGE/MEALS/LODGING	399.28
LESSIN SUPPLY COMPANY, ELECTRICAL PARTS & SPPLS-SEC RDS	74.44
LESTER, MEGAN, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	436.84
LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC., BLIGHT ASSESSMENT-4 BLDGS	3,600.00
MAIL SERVICES LLC, IA DOT RENEWALS PRINTING/POSTAGE-MARCH	485.49
MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL, INFECTION/IMMUN/MED SPPLS-PUB HEALTH	1,079.33
MERCY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES, TRAINING-EMS	4,712.00
MERCY ONE MEDICAL CENTER, PHARM/DISPOSAL-EMS	684.75
MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEATING, INC, PLUMBING SPPLS-COURTHOUSE	93.16
MID TECH SERVICES, POSTAGE-ENVIRO HELATH	18.62
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, UTLS FOR NASHUA TOWER	128.93
MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, UTLS CTY PARKS-CONSV	321.56
MIKE MOLSTEAD MOTORS INC, MV PARTS-SEC RDS	213.18
MITKO LLC, STOCK/PRESSURE WASHER PARTS-SC RDS	276.67
MPH INDUSTRIES INC, RADAR EQUIP-SHERIFF DEPT.	2,239.00
MULLER, WENDEL, NASHUA TOWER MONTHLY LEASE	500.00
NAPA MOTOR PARTS AND EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, ELECTRICAL PARTS & SPPLS-SEC RDS	16.14
NASHUA REPORTER, CLAIMS, BD MINS & PUBL HRG	744.48
NAT'L ASSOC OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS, LHD DUES RENEWAL-PUB HEALTH	270.00
NEW HAMPTON AUTO BODY LLC, GRILL FOR '20 SIERRA-CONSV	947.82
NEW HAMPTON CARE CENTER, LLC, FOOD/PROVISIONS-SHERIFF	80.00
NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PH/INTERNET-CO ATTY/SHERIFF/EMS/EMA	1,043.30
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, BD MINS, CLAIMS & PUBL HRG/SUBSCRIPTIONS/NOTICES	1,699.87
NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, UTLS-NH SHOP ELEC/WATER/SEWER-UTLS-EMS	1,340.11
NEW HORIZONS-CHAMBER, FEB 2024 TOURISM CONTRACT	1,000.00
NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING INC, RADIO INTERVIEW-PUB HEALTH	25.00
NORTHERN IOWA THERAPY	

PC, OT/PT/ST THERAPY-PUB HEALTH	8,830.00
ON TRACK SIGNS, TRAFFIC/STREET SIGN MATERIALS-SEC RDS	150.00
PAULUS, JUDY, JAN/FEB 2024 MILEAGE	236.51
PETERS, WENDY, FEB 2024 MILEAGE	375.20
PETROLEND CORP, LUBRICANTS-SEC RDS	611.25
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC, PEST CONTROL FOR TPNC & LANDFILL-CONSV	101.53
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC, MACHINERY/EQUIP LEASE	739.05
RAPID PRINTERS, PRINTER SPPLS/ FOLDERS/FORMS-CONSV/ TREAS/SHERIFF/PUB HEALTH/ ASSR	495.06
RASMUSSEN, THERESA, FEB. 27, 2024 MTG MLG REIMB	48.24
RILEY'S INC, COPIER FEES/CUST & OFFC SPPLS/CHAIR-C-HOUSE/ SHERIFF/PUB HEALTH	1,080.64
SAVE RITE MEDICAL, WOUND CARE SPPLS-PUB HEALTH	120.97
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL LLC, HOSTING SVCS, BEACON, FORMS-ASSR	3,528.00
SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, SPPLS/ PARTS/EQUIP-CONSV/JAIL/C-HOUSE/EMA	546.38
SCOTT PHARMACY INC, MEDICINE-JAIL	60.59
SHEKLETON, JULIA, FEB CLIENT VISITS MLG	446.22
STAPLES INC, TISSUE/FOLDERS/ BATTERIES-PUB HEALTH	45.10
SUPERIOR LUMBER INC, SPPLS FOR LAW OFFICE	19.50
TELEFLEX LLC, NEEDLE SETS/STABILIZERS-EMS	665.00
TRI-STATE SHRED INC, SHRED SVC-JAIL/CSB/C-HOUSE	289.65
U.S. CELLULAR CORPORATION, PH SVCCONS/PUB & ENVIRO HEALTH/SEC RDS	1,543.45
US POSTAL SERVICE, STAMPED ENVELOPES-PUB HEALTH	384.35
VANGUARD PUBLISHING CO LLC, SUBSCRIPTION-AUDITOR	34.50
VERIZON WIRELESS, SHERIFF SELL PH & SVC FOR PATROL CAR LAPTOPS	1,520.37
VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER INC, MV RPRS-CONSV, OIL CHG-SHERIFF, PARTS-SEC RDS	1,084.55
VISA, IT-GOOGLE/SECURITY SVCS, SEC RDS-OFFICE SPPLS/CONSUMABLES, ASSR LODGING	4,310.51
VISA, VEST/K9/EDU TRAINING-SHERIFF, MEN RENEW & WELL SMPLS-E-HEALTH	1,515.00
WELTER, LISA, FEB 2024 CLIENT & MTG MILEAGE	88.44
WINDSTREAM CORPORATION, 911 PHONES	278.48
ZIEGLER INC, MV PARTS-SEC RDS	288.13
ZIP'S AW DIRECT, UNIFORMS-SHERIFF, MV PARTS-SEC RDS	291.96
TOTALS	121,213.89

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DUST CONTROL NOTICE

Chickasaw County residents desiring to use chemicals to control dust on rock roads are advised that such work may be done by permit only. Persons desiring dust control should contact an approved contractor. A list of such contractors is available at the Office of the County Engineer. Persons desiring to apply dust control chemicals themselves are advised that this work may be done by permit only. Residents are reminded that used motor oils may not be used to control dust.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, Chickasaw County has jurisdiction for the maintenance of the Secondary Road system. The application and maintenance of chemicals on crushed rock surfaced roads for the purpose of controlling dust shall be by permit only and subject to the following specifications and conditions.

1.) **FEES:** The dust control applicator will collect fees, send completed permits to Chickasaw County, notify Chickasaw County of applications on file, apply the treatments once the roadway has been approved for application by the County. Applications are due to the Chickasaw County Engineer's Office no later than May 15th.

2.) Any landowner wanting to place dust control prior to contract rock hauling does so at the landowner's own risk. Any costs associated with re-application of dust control materials after contract hauling is done, shall be at the landowner's expense.

3.) Road chemical may be applied for by the owner/tenant after the permit is approved. If landowner applies dust control, they shall notify the Engineer's Office of the date dust control has been applied. If they do not notify the County, the County reserves the right to blade through the dust control and will not be responsible for reapplying dust control.

4.) All first applications shall be applied between May 24th thru June 7th unless poor weather conditions or special circumstances exist. Additional treatments shall be applied as necessary so long as the permit is still valid and road condition is maintained in accordance to Section 5 of this permit. Road condition for additional treatments shall be verified by the dust control applicator.

5.) **MARKINGS:** Dust control applicators are responsible to mark beginning and end of treated area with lath with orange paint that stand 3' above road surface, and the owner/tenant will maintain them during the permit period. Maintenance includes keeping laths up and clear of brush and weeds to ensure that they are clearly visible to the blade operators. If not marked or maintained, the County shall not be responsible if bladed. Laths and paint will be provided by the County.

6.) **RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS: The County reserves the right to rework the treated areas and maintain them as loose granular surfaces without notice, upon order of County Engineer or Road Foreman if the permit applicant fails to maintain the treated area in an acceptable condition.** Defects include, but are not limited to, potholes, ruts and rough surfaces that would cause an unsafe surface for vehicular traffic. The County reserves the right to rework area if utility companies disrupt the area to maintain safety of traffic.

7.) **PERMIT EXPIRATION:** This permit will expire October 1, 2024 to allow the County time to prepare the roadway for winter operations.

Office of the Chickasaw County Engineer

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton. Board members present were Cantu, Hendricks, Anderson and Babcock. Dahl was absent. General Manager Brian Quirk, Attorney Kit O’Donohoe, Steve Samec of Hacker Nelson and City Clerk Karen Clemens and were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:46 p.m.

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

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 12, 2024, be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; that the Finance Reports for February, 2024, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

General Manager Report: 1. Currently have 970 accounts; Goal for 2024 is 1,000.

Chickasaws to compete in first outdoor meet next week

NH BOYS TRACK: FROM 10

standout, albeit injury-plagued, football season and a state championship wrestling campaign, McShane is still working a problematic hamstring back into shape, so while he didn't run, he tossed the shot put 39 feet to finish 14th in the 42-competitor field.

"It's always good to have an athlete like Braden competing," Jenkins said, "and even though it wasn't a running event and it was something he had never done, it's good to have him out there because he's a leader for us, he's the guy a lot of our young guys look up to. And heck, 39 is pretty dang good for the first time ever."

McShane and Zeien were the lone two seniors to compete for the Chickasaws as middle-distance runner Ethan Praska was on a family vacation. That trio is the sum total of seniors on the roster. There aren't that many more juniors, either, as Elliott Eiler, Beau Serie, Bryce Flugum and Adam Ewert are the lone members of that class on the roster.

Six sophomores — Jayden Bucknell, Kale Venem, Caden Rochford, Colin Shatek, Weston Praska and Dylen Schmitt — are out for track. Add it all up and that leaves the freshman as the biggest class on this year's roster.

So that might leave Jenkins in a bit of a quandary. Does he fill out a varsity lineup with freshmen or does he go with a smaller lineup?

"Wartburg actually worked out well," he said, "because with the number of heats, most of them ran against freshmen and sophomores. ... For a lot of those guys, we'll keep them at the JV level because I don't want to kill them off, I don't want to damage their confidence. ... I think there's potential there, but we're going to bring them along the right way."

New Hampton seniors all bring different roles to 2024 Chickasaws

NH GIRLS TRACK: FROM 10

Braelyn Rosonke (high jump) fared well in those field events. Geerts was fifth in the shot with a heave of 33-10.75 and Rosonke jumped 4-6 in the high jump — good for sixth place.

Hackman, a junior sprinter, was 12th in the 55-meter dash prelims in 8.13 and Chickasaw freshman Ava Leichtman was 13th in the long jump (13-6.5). "It is early in the season and so our ultimate goal is to see kids in a variety of places so we can put the best lineup together in May," said Jeanette Laures.

New Hampton has eight seniors out — including newcomer Jenna Heeren. She anchored the 4x200 relay that finished 13th in a time of 2:01. The squad was comprised Madison Shawver, Camryn Smith, Leichtman and Heeren. "Most of those seniors have been a key part of our success over the years. Jenna is new this year, but we love her charisma on the team. Each senior brings a different role and we look to them to be great leaders in many different ways," said the

A few freshmen, though, will see some varsity time this year. They include sprinters Dylan Maloy and Jay Pickar and middle-distance runner Cade Carpenter.

The latter put together a strong 800 at Wartburg, finishing with a solid time of 2:22.62 to finish 20th in a 44-runner 800 field.

"For the first 800 of the year, for it being indoors, we'll definitely take it," Jenkins said. "It's definitely something I think Cade can build on."

Other top-20 individual finishers at Wartburg included Serie (13th in the 200) and Rochford and freshman Kinnick Wisner (16th and 20th, respectively, in the 400).

A month into the season — the Chickasaws opened practice on Feb. 20 — Jenkins said his team is navigating the right track. New Hampton ran at the NEIC Indoor on Tuesday and opens the outdoor season a week from today (Thursday) at a coed meet in Waverly.

"They're getting there," Jenkins said. "They're starting to understand what they need to do in practice to be good in meets. Sometimes that means you have to suffer a little bit or hurt a little bit. One way you get faster — for those not in track, I know this sounds strange — is to realize that you have to be willing to embrace being uncomfortable. And our guys are starting to understand that."

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

55 prelims — 28. Dylan Maloy 7.33, 41. Ashton Pitz 7.66.
200 — 13. Beau Serie 24.92, 40. Dakota Martzahn 27.44.
400 — 16. Caden Rochford 59.43, 20. Kinnick Wisner 1:00.72.
800 — 20. Cade Carpenter 2:22.62, 33. Braden Manson 2:35.32.
Shot put — 10. Marshall Zeien 40-4.5, 14. Braden McShane 39-0.
4x200 — 16. Jay Pickar, Elliot Eiler, Kale Venem, Bryce Flugum 1:46.02.
4x400 — 15. Maloy, Rochford, Jon Baker, Serie 4:01.29.

NH head coach.

New Hampton ran at the Northeast Iowa Conference Indoor meet on Tuesday in Decorah at Luther College. That's the final indoor tuneup before heading to Waverly on Tuesday, March 28 to open the outdoor season.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

55 dash prelims - 12. Kinsley Hackman 8.13, 30. Zoey Kellogg 8.73.
55 hurdle prelims - 22. Sydney Laures 10.56, 37. Cora Schwickerath 12.24.
200 dash - 2. Hailee Pesek 28.11, 36. Riley Vsetecka 33.68.
400 dash - Capri Lester DQ.
800 run - 7. Sophie Glaser 2:42.64, 29. Madalyn Van Wey 3:12.69.
1,500 run - 13. Natalie Nobsbisch 6:13.98.
3,000 run - 4. Glaser 12:02.56.
High jump - 6. Braelyn Rosonke 4-6.
Long jump - 13. Ava Leichtman 13-6.5, 20. Madison Shawver 12.5.
Shot put - 5. Claire Geerts 33-10.75, 11. Kinsley Rings 30-5.
4x200 - 13. Shawver, Camryn Smith, Leichtman, Jenna Heeren 2:01.44.
4x400 - 4. Taylor Ries, Megan Pickar, Hackman, Pesek 4:22.08.
4x800 - 4. Ries, Nobsbisch, Laures, Pickar 10:41.94.

COFFEE CUP BOWLING

STANDINGS	W	L
Rochford Insurance	20.5	11.5
D&K	19.5	12.5
Hugeback-Johnson	18	14
Vern Laures Auto	18	14
Mid-Tech Services	17	15
Muscari, LLC	14	18
Geerts Plumbing	13	19

MARCH 13 RESULTS

Week 24

Hugeback-Johnson 3, Mid-Tech 1
Rochford Insurance 2.5, D&K 1.5
Vern Laures Auto 4, Geerts Plumbing 0
Musari LLC 4, Dummy 0

LEADERS

High individual games: Diane Nehl 237, 195, Rita Geerts

192.

High individual series:

Nehl 583, Rita Geerts 515, Kristy Kirkus 508.

High team games:

Tech Services 450, D&K 446, Hugeback-Johnson 444.

High team series:

Laures Auto 1,250, Hugeback-Johnson 1,246, Mid-Tech Services 1,234.

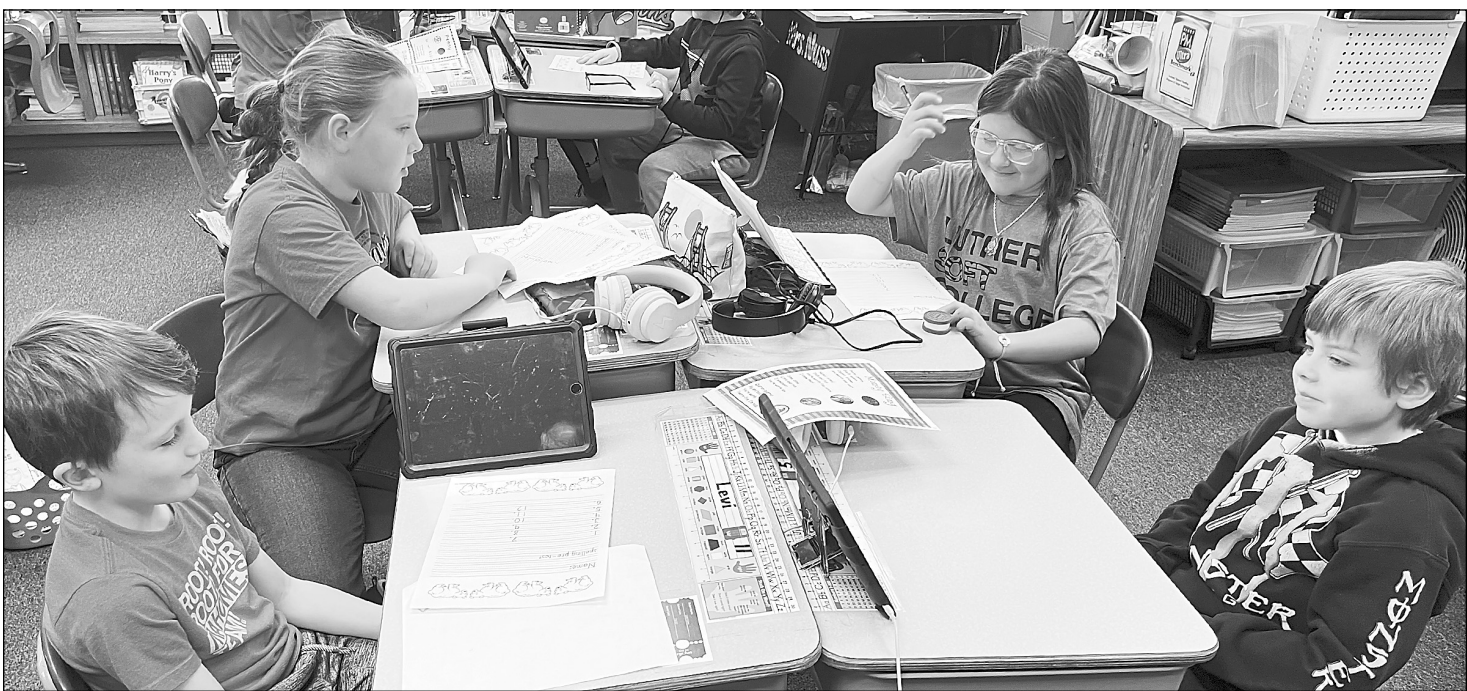
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

Nehl 40

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)

Lorraine Pullman (sub) 52

Karen Schmitt, Secretary



Back to work but there's hope on the horizon

Students in New Hampton Elementary School third-grade teacher Michelle Reicks' classroom get ready — some more than others! — to tackle an assignment on Tuesday, the first day of classes after students enjoyed a four-day weekend.

But don't worry kids, there's another little break on the horizon as New Hampton and St. Joe's will have a mini-spring break over Easter weekend. Students will be dismissed an hour early a week from today (Thursday) and then not have classes on Friday or Monday.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 21 March 11

	W	L
Brite Spot	107	82
Butch's 1	107	82
HereZ 2 U	106	83
Bowlaway Lanes	106	83
Big Willie's	102	87
Dak's Tap 2	96	93
Dak's Tap 1	94	95
VFW	92	97
Butch's 2	91	98
Hide-A-Way	81	108
Rascals	78	111
The Office	74	115

RESULTS

Dak's Tap 1 5, Big Willie's

4

HereZ 2 U 6, Dak's Tap

2 3

Brite Spot 6, Rascals 3

Bowlaway Lanes 5, VFW

4

Hide-A-Way 5, The Office

4

Butch's 1 7, Butch's 2 2

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Dak's Tap 2: Dan & Gary

Brite Spot: Marty &

Jason

Bowlaway Lanes: Mitch

& Jamey

Butch's 1: Matt & Craig

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF David Allen Korinke, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003201 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of David Allen Korinke, Deceased, who died on or about February 22, 2024: You are hereby notified that on March 6, 2024, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated on March 11, 2024

Sandra Lawrenz
Administrator of the Estate
110 5th Street NW
Rockford IA 50468

Judith O'Donohoe, ICIS#: AT0005849
Attorney for the Administrator
ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP
116 North Main Street
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Date of second publication 21st day of March

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ELECTRIC UTILITY - COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY MARCH 11, 2024 5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday March 11, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

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

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

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

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Hendricks; That the minutes of the February 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; That claims in the amount of \$557,314.11, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Attorney Christopher O'Donohoe arrived at 5:10 pm.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Babcock; that the Finance Reports for February 2024, including the 2023 ME-1, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

Steve Samec with Hacker Nelson presented the FY 2022/2023 audit review. Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That the Fiscal Year Audit for 2022/2023 be approved and filed with the Iowa State Auditor's office. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

General Manager Brian Quirk recommended a \$2.00 per hour wage increase for Ryan Pickar as a result of his successful completion of Year 3 of the Apprenticeship program. Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; That Resolution # 1014 A RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE HOURLY WAGE OF RYAN PICKAR BY \$2.00 EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 26, 2023 FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE 3RD YEAR OF THE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, be approved. Ayes- Cantu, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Resolution – approved.

General Manager Quirk requested updating the Interconnection Agreement by changing two items:

1. Adding the Grid Access Charge to the Billing section
2. Correcting the procedure of providing credits back to the customer's account.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by

Hendricks; That Resolution # 1015 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT, be approved. Ayes- Cantu, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Resolution – approved.

General Manager Brian Quirk explained that the Avoided Cost factor needs to be adjusted. The avoided cost is the price the NHMLP would have paid to produce the same power itself or purchase from another source. Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; That Resolution No. 1016 AMENDING THE AVOIDED COST FACTOR TO \$.02695 EFFECTIVE 3/1/2024 THROUGH 2/28/2025, be approved. Ayes- Cantu, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Resolution – approved.

General Managers Report:
1. NIMECA has been approached by a solar company to install solar panels in the NIMECA grid. There are federal financial incentives making this feasible.

2. Staff is testing meters and continuing with engine maintenance.

3. Arbitrage Rebate: Staff requested delaying final calculation of 2020 bond issue until September 2025.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Babcock; that the meeting adjourn at 5:45 pm. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Dahl. Motion carried.

LIGHT PLANT MARCH 11, 2024 5:00 P.M.

New Hampton Cabinetry LLC, Revolving Loan - 7 years \$150,500.00
Iowa Department of venue, Sales & Use Tax February \$14,203.95
NIMECA, Power Bill, CTS Improvement \$325,910.22

Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Service \$90.00
Tessa Pflughaupt, Refund Utility Account Deposit \$151.31

Madison National Life Insurance, Term Life, Supplemental Life, AD&D \$98.88

New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill \$87.04

Visa, Brad Nailor, Gas Leak Detection..... \$657.09

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$145.06
US Cellular, iPad Service \$39.48

60198, Black Hills Energy - Engine Fuel \$3,116.46

West Union Trenching, Kenwood Avenue Expansion \$25,942.25

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$140.63
New Horizons- Chamber, Payment on Utility Bills..... \$499.34

NAPA, Spark Plugs, Chainsaw Fuel, Idler Arm, Misc..... \$345.53

NIMECA, Disability Insurance \$263.40
Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$287.38

Bond Transfer, Monthly Transfer..... \$90,000.00

CarQuest of New Hampton, Engine Repair Supplies, Vehicle Supplies \$690.89

Certified Testing Services, Inc., Geotechnical Report \$2,575.00
City Laundering Co., Industrial Laundering Service \$140.31
Community Builders Supply Company, Repair Damages @ 228 S Walnut \$975.00

DGR, Distribution, SCADA, Stolz, Generator Projects \$15,925.50

EDM International, Inc., Cellular Service for PhaseTrakker Unit..... \$290.00

Five Star Cooperative, Gas & Diesel..... \$851.55

Fletcher-Reinhardt Company, Slugs, Meters, Covers, Crimps..... \$1,339.56

INRCOG, IEDA Grid Resilience Grant Assistance \$1,000.00

IAMU, Safety Training \$1,008.57

Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Service \$90.00
John Deere Financial, Ratchet, Oil, Patch, Misc..... \$130.11

Lessin Supply Co., Tools \$82.87

LS Supply & Rental, Foam Board, Lumber \$339.06

Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$5,147.08

New Hampton Municipal Utility, Joint Expense Reimbursement..... \$362.21

New Hampton Municipal Utility, Phone Service \$132.22

New Hampton Tribune, Publications..... \$113.91

Rapid Printers / Office World, UPS Shipping, Ink, Tape, Markers..... \$352.97

Schuetht Ace Hardware, Drill Bits, Flags, Sawhorse, Tools \$347.15

Stuart C Irby, Co., Wire \$406.60

Superior Welding Supply Co., Torch Tanks..... \$106.87

Terry-Durin, PVC, Conduit \$770.40

Zip's, SAM Shoe Assemblies, Engine #7 Repairs \$1,158.26

Total..... \$647,314.11

Less Transfers \$90,000.00

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED \$557,314.11

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE FEBRUARY 12, 2024

AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance \$131.62

Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$805.67

Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$821.56

EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$5,244.09

EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$5,128.22

Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withholding Tax \$1,850.00

Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS \$7,513.05

Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance \$10,604.00

Total Payroll..... \$32,098.21

KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk

GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair

No. 23781
3/21/24

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2023 Water Quality Report for Lawler Water Supply

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

		Type	Value & (Range)		Yes/No	
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	6.92 (1 - 7)	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.442 (0.0564 - 0.601)	2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	2.4 (2.12 - 3.9)	12/31/2023	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Nitrite [as N] (ppm)	1 (1)	SGL	1.570 (ND - 1.570)	2023	Yes	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
01 - FINISHED WATER SAMPLE TAP, #2						
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	39.6	04/07/2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

• Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

• Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

• ppb -- parts per billion.
• ppm -- parts per million.
• pCi/L – picocuries per liter
• N/A – Not applicable
• ND -- Not detected
• RAA – Running Annual Average
• Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
• Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

• Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

• Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

• SGL – Single Sample Result

• RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule

• NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

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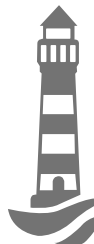
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New Hampton freshman Dakota Martzahn (above) runs a heat of the 200-meter dash while one of the Chickasaws' three seniors, Marshall Zeien (below), looks over results with Chickasaw coach Scott Jenkins during last week's indoor meet at Wartburg College.

Coach likes the way young Chickasaws 'competing'

New Hampton boys track team that includes 11 freshmen will open outdoor portion of its season next week in Waverly

BY BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

The places and even the times weren't as important to the "intangibles" that New Hampton boys track coach Scott Jenkins saw in his team last week when it competed in its second indoor meet of the season.

"With a team like ours, with the youth we have, it's definitely going to be a building process," the fourth-year coach said, "so if you ask me what I liked the most about Wartburg, the quick answer is this: Kids competing. Indoor races are totally different from outdoor ones, and with all the freshmen we have, that means we have a lot of kids who had never run an indoor race."

And the Chickasaws, trust us, have a lot of freshmen. Almost half of Jenkins' 2024 roster is made up of first-year high school students.

"We do a lot of talking about when to make a move, how to get to the cut line and getting to the cut line first if you can," Jenkins said. "The straightaways are so short, the corners are so tight, it's tougher to pass indoors than it is outdoors. Some people might not think it's a lot, but indoor and outdoor track are almost two completely different sports."

Jenkins, though, saw plenty of positives last Tuesday.

Coming off the Iowa Track Coaches Association indoor meet, one in which New



Hampton uses just a limited number of athletes, Jenkins' goal for the Wartburg meet was to have everyone who was available to compete.

And they competed. Although New Hampton had just one top-10 performance — senior Marshall Zeien took 10th in the

shot put — just having the chance to take to the track or step into the ring was considered a "win" by the Chickasaw coach.

So, too, was having senior Braden McShane competing. Coming off a

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New Hampton girls show relay potential

After fourth-place finishes, Chickasaw coach 'very happy' with her 4x400, 4x800 quartets

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The weather outside last Tuesday was almost pristine — meaning next to no wind, sunny and 70 degrees in the state of Iowa in March is a cause for celebration.

It's too bad the New Hampton Chickasaw girls track team couldn't have run outdoors to experience the beautiful winter day that felt exactly like spring.

That was the case as NH ran in its second indoor meet of the season at Wartburg College in Waverly amongst 29 other teams to comprise the 30-team field that included girls and boys competitors that took part in individual running events, field events and relays.

If Tuesday was any indication of just how fast New Hampton's 4x400 and 4x800 relays are going to run this spring — make sure to keep your eyes peeled or you may miss the Chickasaw foursomes run around the oval in 2024.

They're that fast early on.

The Chickasaws finished fourth in each of those aforementioned relays and now sport two of the top times in Class 2A.

The 4x400 relay — with the team of Taylor Ries, Megan Pickar, Kinsley Hackman and Hailee Pesek — produced a fourth-place time of 4:22.

The 4x800 relay — with the foursome of Ries, Natalie Nosbisch, Sydney Laures and Pickar — ran a 10:41, also good for fourth place.

"We are very happy with where the 4x800 and 4x400 are right now. We've had a cou-

ple freshmen step up and want to fill some big roles. Sydney Laures is always willing to try something new and stepped into the 4x800 when we wanted to have Sophie (Glaser) run the 3,000," said NH head coach Jeanette Laures.

Sydney Laures, one of those freshmen, also placed 22nd in the 55-hurdle prelims (10.56). Speaking of Glaser, another freshman, she seemed to be in mid-season form with a fourth-place showing in that 3,000 run in a time of 12:02. Glaser was also seventh in the open 800 in a time of 2:42.

"Sophie is a very focused competitor, and shows some great potential in our middle distance and distance races," Jeanette Laures added.

Pesek continues to nail it in her sprint events as she placed runner-up to Waukee Northwest's Aunya Van Zetten in the open 200. The Chickasaws senior's second-place time was 28.11. Van Zetten was the winner of the race in 26.9

Pesek competed in 200 and 400 dashes at state as a freshman. While that doesn't seem that long ago, she's wanting to put a stamp on an incredible running career at New Hampton before it's all said and done.

"Hailee has been a big part of our sprint crew since she has been a freshman, and so we anticipate her to have a fantastic final season as a Chickasaw," said the NH head coach.

New Hampton senior Claire Geerts (shot put) and junior

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Sophie Glaser (above) runs the 3,000 while teammate Claire Geerts (below) gets ready to throw the shot put during an indoor meet that was held at Wartburg College last week.



Trojans pick up two titles at UIC Indoor

Busta claims win in the 400 for boys while the Turkey Valley girls win medley relay

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley Trojans began the indoor portion of the track season on Friday in Decorah at the Upper Iowa Conference meet, held at Luther College.

The Trojan boys team placed fifth with 39 points and the TV girls squad finished sixth with 37 points.

South Winneshiek was the top team in the girls standings with 113 points, while MFL MarMac took home top honors on the boys side with 102 points.

Each TV squad won one race as senior Burke Busta took home a gold medal in the 400 dash in a time of 55.82 and the Trojans girls distance medley relay earned a blue ribbon with a winning time of 4:56. The team was made up of Ryann Schmitt, Morgan Wenthold, Hazel Nieman and Isabella Stika.

The TV quartet of Kinsey Reicks, Jenna Thronsdon, Nieman and Stika placed runner-up in the 4x400 with a clip of 4:45.

The Trojan boys 4x400 foursome of Busta, J.D. Kruse, Hugo Busta and Russell Nieman also reeled in a runner-up finish in a time of 3:58.

The TV girls' shuttle hurdle relay crossed the finish line in third place in a time of 38.64. The squad consisted of Thronsdon, Nieman, Wenthold and Reicks.

Raelen Manderfield, a freshman, threw the shot put 27-4.5, good for fourth place. Fellow freshman Trojan, Ellaney Bodensteiner, was fifth in that same event with a toss of 27-2.5.

Stika, a freshman, was fifth in the open 400 in 1:05 and Reicks, a junior, crossed the tape in sixth place in the open 200 with a time of 30.75.

Underclassmen continued to shine for Mark Scott's Trojans boys squad as frosh Jayden Rausch placed fourth in the mile run in 5:53. Hugo Busta, a freshman as well,

jumped five feet in the high jump to place third. Logan Busta, a sophomore, was sixth in the shot put (34-7).

The Trojans' 4x800 relay wound up in fourth place with the squad of Nieman, Avery Franzen, Hugo Busta and Rausch. The time the relay ran was 10:06.

Turkey Valley opens the outdoor portion of its season this Friday at North Fayette Valley.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS

South Winneshiek 113, Central Elkader 80, Kee High 78.5, Clayton Ridge 49, North Fayette Valley 42.5, Turkey Valley 37, West Central 26, Postville 19, MFL MarMac 11.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

55 dash - 9. Raelen Manderfield 8.36, 17. Ava Kuennen 9.89.
200 dash - 6. Kinsey Reicks 30.75, 11. Halle Weber 32.7.
400 dash - 5. Isabella Stika 1:05.7, 8. Emersyn Hoffer 1:23.5.
55 hurdles - 9. Reicks 10.68, 12. Jenna Thronsdon 11.87.
4x200 - 4. Ryann Schmitt, Thronsdon, Hazel Nieman, Morgan Wenthold 2:01.8, 12. Weber, Manderfield, Hoffer, Kuennen 2:16.2.
4x400 - 2. Reicks, Thronsdon, Nieman, Stika 4:45.82.
Distance medley - 1. Schmitt, Wenthold, Nieman, Stika 4:56.1.
Shuttle hurdle - 3. Thronsdon, Nieman, Wenthold, Reicks 38.64.
Shot put - 4. Manderfield 27-4.5, 5. Ellaney Bodensteiner 27-2.5.

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS

MFL MarMac 102, North Fayette Valley 91.5, South Winneshiek 87, Central Elkader 54, Turkey Valley 39, Kee High 34, Postville 16, West Central 16, Clayton Ridge 14.5.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

55 dash - 10. Dairean Keyes 7.32, 13. Logan Busta 7.45.
200 dash - 11. Tucker Tlusty 29.82, 16. Traejin Keel 35.2.
400 dash - 1. Burke Busta 55.82.
1,600 run - 4. Jayden Rausch 5:53.29.
4x200 - 5. B. Busta, Russell Nieman, L. Busta, J.D. Kruse 1:47.54, 9. Keyes, Isaiah Wheeler, Avery Franzen, Tlusty 1:51.7.
4x400 - 2. B. Busta, Kruse, Hugo Busta, Nieman 3:58.61, 10. Keyes, Wheeler, Franzen, Tlusty 4:28.73.
4x800 - 4. Nieman, Franzen, H. Busta, Rausch 10:06.39.
Distance medley - 4. B. Busta, Wheeler, Kruse, Nieman 4:17.22.
High jump - 3. H. Busta 5, L. Busta NH.
Long jump - 16. Tlusty 12-8.
Shot put - 6. L. Busta 34-7, 12. Hunter Kruse 28-3.

Former Chickasaw, current Gopher set to close career at NCAA wrestling tournament

New Hampton High School alum Michael Blockhus will close out his collegiate wrestling career at the NCAA Division I wrestling tournament that begins its three-day run today (Thursday) in Kansas City.

An All-American last year at 149 pounds, the sixth-year senior bumped up to 157 pounds this year and has grabbed a No. 13 seed. He'll take on No. 20 Max Brignola of Lehigh in today's opening round.

Blockhus earned an at-large bid after injury defaulting out of the Big Ten Championships earlier this month.

He spent most of the season near the top of the national rankings, including an extended stay at No. 3.

Making his fourth trip to NAAs as a Gopher, he's 15-3 on the season, including a 5-3 record against the field, though one of those losses was by injury default.

Blockhus began his high school career at Crestwood — claiming a state title in 2015 and a state runner-up finish in 2016 — before transferring to New Hampton.

Wrestling for the Chickasaws, he won state championships in both 2017 and 2018 and helped New Hampton/Turkey Valley win back-to-back Class 2A state dual-meet titles.



Blockhus

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FRIDAY

Turkey Valley coed track at North Fayette Valley, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley coed track at Sumner-Fredericksburg, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

New Hampton coed soccer vs. Charles City, girls at 4:30 p.m., boys at 6 p.m.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 1

New Hampton trapshooting vs. South Winneshiek and Oelwein, 4 p.m.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

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

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

New Hampton girls track at Mason City High, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

New Hampton boys golf vs. Charles City, 4 p.m.

New Hampton trapshooting vs. Butler Co. and Echo Valley, 4 p.m.

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

New Hampton and Turkey Valley girls track at Decorah, 5 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

New Hampton girls golf at Charles City, 4 p.m.

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Ag secretary makes a pitch for Iowans to celebrate this week

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig last week encouraged all Iowans to celebrate Iowa Ag Week, which started this past Sunday and runs through Saturday.

The week-long statewide celebration, which includes National Ag Day on March 19, will highlight the immense importance of agriculture to the state, its people, economy and way of life. The week will also highlight ways that Iowa agriculture gives back, positively impacting fellow Iowans through community involvement and volunteer service.



Naig

"Agriculture is the lifeblood of our state — it powers our economy, shapes our way of life, and feeds and fuels consumers here and around the world," Naig said. "During Iowa Ag Week from March 17 to 23, I welcome and encourage all Iowans to celebrate Iowa agriculture's positive impacts on our state while also giving back to our communities through volunteerism and service."

The recent ag census pegs the value of Iowa crops and livestock at nearly \$44 billion annually.

Approximately one in five Iowans are employed directly because of agriculture.

Naig said the state's farmers are setting records for conservation adoption and continually adding value to the commodities we grow, including by leading the country in biofuels and red meat production.

He said Iowans are also investing in our youth through 4-H, FFA, workforce and ag literacy efforts, as well as many other initiatives. The Iowa Ag Community is encouraged to share this positive and impactful story in their own special way.

And he said that all Iowans can join in the celebration - by attending an event, helping out in the community, or simply sharing on social media using #IowaAgWeek.

A major focus for Secretary Naig and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship during the week will be giving back to Iowans through a day of service.

A little primer on both ag's week and day!

National Ag Week was first held in 1973 and has been a part of the American landscape ever since.

National Ag Day is always celebrated on the Tuesday during the week.

Here are some frequently asked questions about National Ag Day and National Ag Week.

What Is Ag Day?

It's a day to recognize and celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture. Every year, producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America join together to recognize the contributions of agriculture.

Who Hosts Ag Day?

The Agriculture Council of America hosts the campaign on a national level. However, the awareness efforts in communities across America are as influential - if not more - than the broad-scale effort. Again this year, the Ag Day Planning Guide has been created to help communities and organizations more effectively

host Ag Day events.

What Is Ag Week All About?

Ag Day is about recognizing — and celebrating — the contribution of agriculture in our everyday lives. The National Ag Day program encourages every American to:

- Understand how food and fiber products are produced.
- Value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy.
- Appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products.
- Acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

Why Celebrate Agriculture?

Agriculture provides almost everything we eat, use and wear on a daily basis. But too few people truly understand this contribution.

This is particularly the case in our schools, where students may only be exposed to agriculture if they enroll in related vocational training.

By building awareness, the Agriculture Council of America is encouraging young people to consider career opportunities in agriculture.

Each American farmer feeds more than 165 people ... a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960s.

Quite simply, American agriculture is doing more and doing it better. As the world population soars, there is an even greater demand for the food and fiber produced in the United States.

What Can I Do to Help?

Put simply, get involved! Your participation in Ag Week is critical in helping us spread this positive message about agriculture, and it doesn't have to be just during National Ag Week. There are numerous ways you can lend your support, including sending a letter to your local newspaper, calling your Congressional representatives or simply sharing information about agriculture with youngsters in your community.

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Five Star earns coveted Cenex Star Store Award

Five Star Cooperative's Country Store in New Hampton recently received the 2023 Cenex Star Store Award.

This distinction is awarded to Cenex stores that earned a perfect 100% without inquiry adjustments during the 2023 RED Inspection round. Retail Excellence Daily (RED) inspections are evaluations completed by mystery shoppers from June through September each year. They review the store's performance in key areas of brand image requirements, cleanliness, safety and customer service.

"It is very difficult to achieve a 100% on these inspections," Five Star Energy Sales Director Bruce Halvorson said. "Great work to everyone who helped make this goal possible. This is something to be very proud of. Good job and keep up the good work."

The Five Star Country Store is located at 1949 North Linn Ave. and sells Cenex fuel, Purina livestock feeds, TrueValue hardware and convenience store items.

"The Country Store and Energy teams both do a great job maintaining the service station," Five Star Cooperative Retail Manager Rick Pleggenkuhle said. "A lot of work goes into keeping the pumps clean and maintaining an inviting appearance."

Five Star Cooperative is a farmer-owned agricultural cooperative spanning across 14 counties with 18 locations in North Iowa that provides agronomy, feed, grain, energy and retail products and services to its members and customers.



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Five Star Cooperative officials and County Store employees pose for a photo after the store received a 100% rating and earned the Cenex Star Store Award.

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A New Hampton Elementary School second-grade classroom is the home of “gardens in a glove,” a project that allows young students to watch different seeds germinate and develop.

One of goals of program is to help ag industry grow

AG IN THE CLASSROOM: FROM 14

The topics range from weather to life cycles to careers to crops to pollinators to farm safety to animals to much more.

Rochford documents her visits to schools on the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau Facebook page.

The AITC coordinator said students need to learn about agriculture because it makes a big impact on their daily lives. Understanding that agriculture provides them with food, fiber and fuel can make them understand what they use every day.

This is important, Rochford said, because not understanding where these things come from can lead to one having a misperception of agriculture and what it does for the world.

This program helps fill this role so students can understand at a younger age, giving them the opportunity to learn more about it as they grow and a better understanding of what is happening around them.

Some of the other specific things AITC teaches students would be that their food doesn't come from the grocery store, agriculture is more than just production, agriculture is a big factor in their life even if they don't live on a farm and that farmers take good care of their animals/crops to ensure that the consumers are receiving the best nutritional foods they can get.

There is so much to teach when it comes to agriculture because it is literally everywhere. It's the central theme of AITC.

So much comes from agriculture that most people don't even realize. Carpets, beauty products, furniture, buildings, sports ... they all have agriculture production in them in

some way. It might not always be a direct producer to consumer situation, but agricultural by-products are used every day to make the items people use in their daily lives and have no idea that it was made from an agricultural by-product.

Rochford said students are excited to learn about agriculture. Children enjoy having hands-on learning and interacting during the lesson. Having hands-on activities for the students to do makes the quality of education increase because they are more willing and eager to learn.

She said people should care about this program and ag literacy because even

though only 2% of the U.S. population is directly related to farming, it impacts the whole world.

According to the American Farm Bureau Federation one U.S. farm feeds 166 people annually in the U.S. and abroad.

The global population is expected to increase by 2.2 billion by 2050, which means the world's farmers will have to grow by about 70 percent more food than what is now produced.

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St. Joseph Community School students (above) pose with Agriculture in the Classroom program director Jessica Rochford while New Hampton Elementary School fourth-graders show off the seed balls that help explain how flowers benefit pollinators that they made during an AITC program.



Program teaches students the importance of agriculture

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau imparts a number of lessons with the Agriculture in the Classroom program that it brings into five area school districts

Special to the Tribune

Agriculture in the Classroom is supported by the County Farm Bureau Federation which supports programs by providing a network that seeks to improve agricultural literacy — awareness, knowledge, and appreciation — among PreK-12 teachers and their students.

National Ag in the Classroom was established in 1981 and has been growing ever since. The mission of Agriculture in the Classroom is to "increase agricultural literacy through K-12 education."

Agriculture in the Classroom (AITC)

programs seek to improve student achievement by applying authentic, agricultural-based content as the context to teach core curriculum concepts in science, social studies, language arts and nutrition. By encouraging teachers to include agriculture into their classroom, AITC cultivates an understanding and appreciation of the food and fiber system that we all rely on every day.

AITC is unique within the agricultural education community as the

leading organization to serve the full spectrum of K-12 formal education.

Ag in the Classroom is involved in the schools by offering lesson plans, materials activities, and other agricultural resources to teachers free of charge.

Here in Chickasaw County, we are able to have Jessica Rochford as the Ag in the Classroom coordinator.

She goes into all five local schools that have students from the county to personally teach lessons on agriculture. Maybe you have seen her

around or have heard about her from students. The students and teachers enjoy her visits and lessons. Every month she offers a new lesson with a hands-on activity.

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