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## County hires EMS consultant

McGrath submits \$1.1 million offer to sell county equipment but says decision needed soon

BY BOB FENSKE  
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approved hiring a consultant to help get a county-owned ambulance service up and running during a meeting Monday in which they learned that an offer made by Chickasaw County Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath to sell the

county ambulances and equipment may expire soon.

After more than an hour of discussion, board members by a vote of 3-2 approved a contract for \$22,500 with Iowa Falls EMS Director Corey Larson to provide consulting services to the county for a service that includes six Chickasaw County cities — New Hampton, Fredericksburg, Lawler, Ionia, North Washington and Bassett.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said he had talked with SafeTech Solutions officials who told him that they "didn't think it would be out of line for what Cory is discussing." Kuhn added that SafeTech, which completed a feasibility study earlier this year for the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council, said it could provide consulting services for \$250 per hour.

Kuhn two weeks ago said that

Larson, who drew up budgets free of charge for the Ambulance Council last month, would charge \$75 per hour for work done outside the scope of the contract.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said he would vote against the contract because the county didn't have at least two bids, but Kuhn countered that he felt

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SafeTech's information on what it would charge sufficed as a second bid.

The board chairman, Jason Byrne

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## Sheriff, chief deputy make pay raise pitch

Law enforcement officers say increasing pay by \$2 per hour could garner more applicants

BY BOB FENSKE  
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Chickasaw County's sheriff and his chief deputy expressed concerns about the lack of applicants the office has received for open positions and asked the Board of Supervisors Monday morning to up the pay of the county's law-enforcement officers, jailers and dispatchers.

Sheriff Marty Hemann and Chief Deputy Ryan Shawer requested that county leaders reopen its union contract so that the office's employees could receive an across-the-board \$2-per-hour raise, which is similar to what the city of New Hampton recently did with its police department.

"When we're competing for people in the workforce to work for Chickasaw County," Hemann said, "we're competing not only with other law enforcement agencies but also with the private local industries, wherever they may be."

Shawer told supervisors that he had researched a number of industries in and around New Hampton along with the pay for sheriff's deputies in counties in Northeast Iowa and in Winnebago County, a similar-sized county in north-central Iowa.

What he found is that the Sheriff's Office is "losing the battle."

"This doesn't affect me one iota financially," Shawer said, "because I'm not a part of this. It's

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## Sorry kids, but time has come to return to class

They say all good things must come to an end, and if you needed any proof it is this: Summer ends Tuesday morning when area students head back to class.

The area's school districts — New Hampton, St. Joe's, Turkey Valley, Nashua-Plainfield and Sumner-Fredericksburg — will begin the 2022-23 school year this coming Tuesday.

That means law enforcement and school personnel are asking motorists to be a little extra cautious next week, especially as kids head to school in the morning and return to home in the afternoon.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Alpha resident Jake Hackman (above) works on a machine to harvest silage, but it wasn't just the old farm machines that were on display at the Fredericksburg Antique Engine and Powershow over the weekend. An old Maytag washer (below) — powered by a gasoline engine — showed the innovation that, at the time, made housework just a little bit easier.

## GOING BACK IN TIME

ANTIQUE ENGINE AND POWER SHOW PROVIDES HISTORY LESSON FOR ATTENDEES

BY DOROTHY HUBER  
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When Bill Timp of Fort Atkinson was growing up, he had, what he thought at the time, was a tedious job — cultivating corn.

"It was a two-row, no radio, no umbrella, it used to drive me crazy." He — or rather the corn — would suffer from something he called "cultivator blight."

"You sort of drifted off, not paying attention, maybe got a little close to some of the corn. I did a lot of that."

Still, he was cognizant of the innovations that

made his work considerably easier than that of previous generations. That's why Timp and his son William were at the annual Fredericksburg Northeast Iowa Antique Engine and Power Show held over the weekend.

"I've been around this [really, really old farm equipment] but I've never had to operate it," he said. "My dad had all that old stuff. It was a lot of work back then. Of course, they didn't run 1,000 acres like they do now."

Timp was explaining to his son how a particular machine worked, with the backdrop of

**SEE POWER SHOW, 12**



## With house gone, New Hampton library looks to head 'outdoors'

BY BOB FENSKE  
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The New Hampton Public Library hopes to create a "green space," one that Director Carrie Becker wants to reassure neighborhood residents won't be a nuisance, after the library tore down a house its foundation has owned for almost a decade.

The home, which the library rented in recent years, was purchased before the facility asked voters to approve a \$1.5 million bond referendum in 2015 that would have led to an expansion that would have doubled the size of the facility built in the mid 1990s.

That referendum was soundly rejected by voters, but the library now

**DIRECTOR EXCITED ABOUT UPCOMING PROGRAMS.**

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has a plan on how to use the space.

"It wasn't an easy decision," Becker said, "because we know that there is a shortage of rental housing in our community. At the same time, I think we also knew we shouldn't be landlords."

So the New Hampton Public Library Memorial Foundation and Becker came up with a plan that will add to the facility's programming. It's a plan that will be a work in progress,

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New Hampton Public Library Memorial Foundation officials and Library Director Carrie Becker hope to turn the area behind the facility into a green space that patrons can use and where the library can offer outdoor programming.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

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### Making her mark

A longtime swim instructor conducts her last lesson at New Hampton's pool

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### Looking good

New Hampton coaches say new track is a beauty

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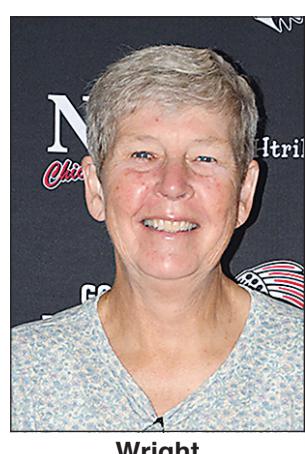
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# New Hampton welcomes a host of new teachers

When the academic year begins this coming Tuesday, there will be several new faces, and some returning ones, too, in classrooms

New Hampton Community Schools is welcoming a number of new teachers to the district, including a trio of temporary teachers who have signed contracts for the first semester of the 2022-23 academic year.

The newest instructors began — or at least in one case, continued — their New Hampton careers on Tuesday when they had orientation, and they were joined by the rest of the district's teachers for professional development on Wednesday.

And all New Hampton staff members will welcome back students this Tuesday, when classes are scheduled to begin at all three of the district's buildings.

During the orientation, the Tribune's Lydia Gessner (who heads back to college this week, too) met up with the instructors and here are short bios on each of them.

## Emily Brincks

**Position with the district:** Special education for grades 3-4.  
**Number of years in education:** 12.  
**Past teaching experience:**

Trinity Catholic School in Protivin.  
**College:** University of Northern Iowa.

**Where did you grow up?** Lawler.

**Family:** Brincks lives in New Hampton with her boyfriend Brady and their three daughters — Emma (15), Reagan (10) and Nora (4), and the family enjoys fishing and being outside.

## Kandace Engelhardt

**Position with the district:** 3-year-old preschool instructor.

**Number of years in education:** First year teaching.

**College:** University of Northern Iowa.

**Where did you grow up?** Ridgeway.

**Hobbies:** Helping on the family farm, spending time with my niece doing puzzles.

## Barb Havlik

**Position with the district:** Special education for TK to second-grade students.

**College:** Received a BA from Wartburg and earned a masters in

education from the University of Northern Iowa.

**Past teaching experience:** Early childhood and special education at New Hampton.

**Outside of school:** Enjoy spending time with family and watching my granddaughter.

**Why teaching?** I went into teaching because I love kids!

## Jake Niichel

**Position with the district:** First grade teacher.

**Number of years in education:** First year teaching.

**College:** Upper Iowa University.

**Where did you grow up?** Charles City.

**Family:** Jake's mom, Kim, teaches kindergarten in Charles City; his dad is Craig and he's the middle son of the family, with Seth being the older brother and Sam the younger sibling.

## Al Nielsen

**Position with the district:** High school and middle school industrial technology teacher.

**Past teaching experience:**

Recently retired after a long career at Charles City.

**Outside of school:** Al loves to build and fix things.

## Darla Popken

**Position with the district:** Empowerment/alternative education coordinator.

**Number of years in education:** 12.

**Past teaching experience:** New Hampton

**College:** Buena Vista University, Mason City campus.

**Where did you grow up?** Riceville.

**Hobbies:** Reading and writing, gardening and all types of needlework.

## Laura Roberts

**Position with the district:** Freshman English teacher.

**Number of years in education:** 10.

**Past teaching experience:** Janesville and Northeast.

**College:** Iowa State.

**Where did you grow up?** Des Moines.

Elkader.

## Nikki Vossberg

**Position with the district:** 4-year-old preschool teacher.

**Number of years in education:** Eight.

**Past teaching experience:** Pre-kindergarten at Dunkerton and kindergarten at Grundy Center.

**College:** Upper Iowa University.

**Where did you grow up?** Horton and attended Nashua-Plainfield.

**Hobbies:** Enjoys the outdoors, fitness and reading.

## Linda Wright

**Position with the district:** Biology teacher at high school.

**Number of years in education:** 42.

**Past teaching experience:** Radcliffe, Mallard, Fort Dodge St. Edmond and Sumner-Fredericksburg.

**College:** Bachelor's degree from Iowa State and masters degree from Iowa.

**Where did you grow up?** Des Moines.



## All hail the State Fair queen

Newly-crowned Iowa State Fair Queen Mary Ann Fox, an 18-year-old resident of Mitchell County, waves to the crowd after she received her crown during a ceremony in Des Moines Saturday evening.

Fox was chosen out of the 102 contestants, including Chickasaw County Fair Queen Trinity Brincks, who participated in this year's competition.

Annabelle Newton, 18, of Benton County, was named first runner-up. Second runner-up was Reagan Schneiter, 17, of Jones County. Megan Swan, 18, of Davis County, was named third runner-up.

Fox will receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the Branstad-Reynolds Trust along with a \$3,000 scholarship from the Iowa State Fair in addition to her crown, sash and trophy. She also receives a floral bouquet from Boesen the Florist, a \$600 gift card to Jordan Creek Mall, a pair of diamond earrings from B. Shannon Designs, cowboy boots from Long Creek Outfitters and an Iowa State Fair Brick from the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation.

Photo courtesy of Iowa State Fair



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# New Hampton announces bus routes for 2022-23 school year

New Hampton Community Schools has announced the bus routes for the 2022-23 school year that begins this coming Tuesday.

The routes are as follows:

## BUS #3

### Driver: Angela Winters

Pontenberg; Levi; Hackman, Grayson; Hackman, Greta; Barloon, Corbett; Tenge, Benjamin; Tenge, Bailee; Elliot, Emma; Elliott, Liam; Hartz, Skyler Rose; Mahoney, Quinlan; Hoffman, Taylor; Wassenaar, Ella; Carolan, Benson; Walter, Phillip; Walter, Faith; Elliott, Annala; Thomas, Haley; Thomas, Kalie; Willitts, Knox; Thomas, Mayzie; Jergens, William; Kolthoff, Emerson; Ramirez, Manuel; Ramirez, Jesus; Ramirez, Diego; Sanford, Kael; Sanford, Liam; Sanford, Norah; Sheets, Kipp; Peterson, Mark; Peterson, Markell; Peterson, Markavion; Kyle, Adalynn; Heit, Adam; Heit, Andrew; Holschlag, Aaron; Drewelow, Carter; Richter, Tucker; Richter, Harper; Wygle, Olivia; Schwickerath, Mia; Schwickerath, Ada; Eggerich, Kandise; Wickman, Kambri; Wickman, Kalyn; Carolan, Sloane; Bernatz, Lylah; Bernatz, Grayson; Underwood, Allison; Steele, Anderson; Steele, Josephine; Kelly, Lillian; Jurgensen, Marik; Hartz, Skylar; Carter, Paisley; Franzen, Raelyn; Perkins, Bowen; Heim, Alex; Boeding, Silas; Ciavarelli, Hayden; Heit, Adam.

## BUS #4

### Driver: Rodney Pearce

Zeien, Aurora; Groth, Aiden; Herrmann, Emery; Rhoads, Carter; Aispuro, Gibran; Wertz, Kaylee; Tank, Delaney; Kleppe, Austyn; Freidhof, Josiah; Freidhof, Kaitlyn; Freidhof, Isaiah; Kellogg, Jackson; Kellogg, Jaelyn; Kellogg, Jeb; Trende, Ava; Trende, Max; Pickar, Kendra; Snyder, Vanessa; England, Roxos; Uribe, Amelia; Uribe, Henry; Uribe, Gabriela; Uribe, Matthias; Shekleton, Koryn; Shekleton, Kinison; Shekleton, Maddon; Shekleton, Maclin; Lukes, Lennon; Short, MaLeah; Ronsonke, Braelyn; Rosonke, Brayden; Rosonke, Bryson; Garrison, Kayden; Rosonke, Ryker; Bundy, Braxton; Aegeerter, Journey; Geerts, Tate; Geerts, Peyton; Roethler, Titus; Roethler, Charlie; McGrath, Carver; Pint, Emersyn; Adams, Eleanor.

— Afternoon shuttle bus to the high school

## BUS #5

### Driver: Bob Vorwald

Bearman, Ty; Eichenberger, Aiden; Brase, Brody; Duff, Wesson; Sunderman, Alivia; Sunderman, Aidan; VanDriel, Lane; VanDriel, Bristol; Olsen, Bradley; Olsen, Anna; Pauley, Ricki; Pauley, Anna Rose; Pauley, Abram; Meier, Chase; Meier, Brock; Leichtman, Ava; Leichtman, Bryer; Shekleton, Jaylen; Shekleton, Kacey; Schwickerath, Cora; Schwickerath, Jake; Schwickerath, Jamie; Ewert, Adam; Underwood, Aidan; Underwood, Lilee; Underwood, Melia; Utley, Caleb; Utley, Abigail; Kuehn, Jaxon; Kuehn, Ava; Humpal, Chase; Humpal, Harper; Horner, Trenton; Jirak, Asher; Mashek, Alexa; Mashek, Ryan; Valentini, Stella; Valentini, Luca; Moorman, Myla; Moorman, Kei; Mohring, Nickolas; Havlik, Olivia; Lechtenberg, Brea; Lechtenberg, Breslin; Kielman, Meadow; Kipp, Drew; Kipp, Connor.

— 7:50 Elementary Shuttle AM

## BUS #8

### Driver: Jake Hackman

Chevchuc, Alexander; Phillips, Caydence; Phillips, Mason; Angell, Kallie; Angell, Kinslie; Ensign, Chase; Paxson, Aubrey; Hanson, Madison; Bucknell, Kylene; Bucknell, Jayden; Hackman, Hayden; Hackman, Addline; Klassen, Haley; Klassen, William (Bill); Hoy, Olivia; Hoy, Eliza; Maddox, Artemis; Kellogg, Zoey; Kellogg, Macy; Kellogg, Kinley Jo; Grober, Lauren; Selvig, Ayva; Selvig, Aydin; Schott, Piper; Springer, Shelby; Springer, Becca Jo; Carter, Carl

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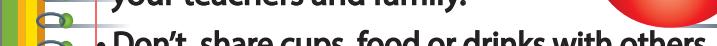
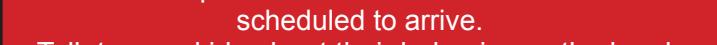
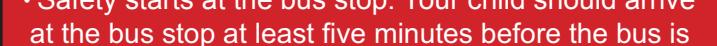
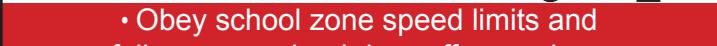
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# Honoring our parents

There are plenty of reasons we should honor our father and mother

### "Honor your father and your mother"

(Exodus 20:12)

God has taken an interest in you and your father and mother. One of the greatest gifts God gives you is your father and mother. God had this good idea when he created a world where human life would continually come from fathers and mothers. So God commands that you honor your father and your mother.

It can't be denied that, for many, there are strained or broken family relationships. Perhaps you, or someone close to you, have

some long lasting, painful memories whenever something comes up about fathers and mothers.

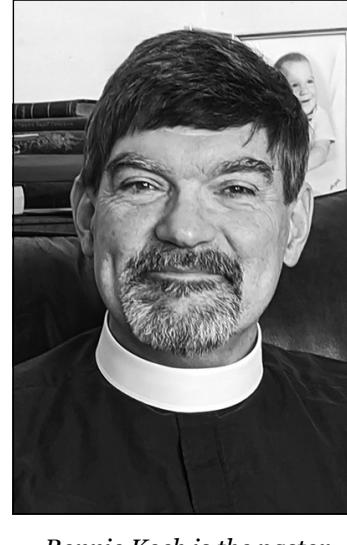
God has taken an interest in the healing and recovery from suffering caused by broken families. None of us come from perfect mothers or fathers. We all need God's help and forgiveness.

Still, we should expect that all of life and all of society is better when children have a father and mother in a home filled with love. There's plenty of reasons to honor your father and mother.

Honoring our earthly fathers and mothers helps us to understand the fatherly love our God has for us. Jesus Christ has brought people into the good favor of his heavenly Father.

Jesus didn't have a care that he would lose his standing as favorite child, he welcomes his followers into the family, happily calling them brothers and sisters and telling us, "You can go ahead and call God in heaven, "Our Father". By my death on the cross to save you, He's your Father, too."

"Behold what manner of love the Father



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

has given unto us, that we should be called the children of God. And that is what we are!"

(1 John 3:1)

## Verses to take back to school

We all feel differently about school, some love it, some struggle a bit more, some of us enjoy the routine and the demands, some of us wake up every day dreading it.

However we feel, we know for sure that it will bring its challenges. As disciples, school is a place we know we will meet with temptation. But that is nothing for us to fear – with the right weapons in our hands, every temptation can be a victory won!

With that in mind, we've collected some Bible verses for back to school on some common areas that students deal with. We hope to encourage and strengthen everyone for those opportunities that we know will come up as we navigate our school life.

"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." 2 Corinthians 2:14.

### The fear of man

Fear of man is basically worrying/caring about what people think of you. As a Christian, sometimes our faith means that we have to go strongly in the opposite direction of what is happening around us. Evil talking. Immodesty. Tolerance for things that are against the word of God. Vanity. Arrogance.

These things can be the norm for non-Christians, and for us to make a stand against them, even just by walking away, can be hard to do. To have people think less of us can be a hard pill to swallow. These Bible verses will give you the power to do what's right every time when you go back to school.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.

"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ." Galatians 1:10.

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." Colossians 3:23.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10.

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7.

"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7.

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## What Should You Know About IRA Rollovers?

If you've been contributing to an IRA, you've chosen a great way to save and invest for retirement. All IRAs have potential tax benefits and a range of investment possibilities, but not all IRA providers offer the same features. So, if you decide that your current IRA provider is charging higher fees than you'd like, or perhaps doesn't offer as many investment choices as you want, then you might choose to move your IRA assets to another provider. How should you go about making this switch?

• Trustee-to-trustee transfer or direct rollover – You can ask the financial institution holding your IRA to move the money directly to another IRA. No taxes will be withheld from the amount transferred at the time of the transfer. This method is generally hassle-free, but some IRA sponsors will still only mail the check to your address of record, so you'd have to forward it to your new IRA.

• Indirect rollover – If you take an indirect rollover, also known as a 60-day rollover, the assets from your existing IRA will be liquidated and the custodian or plan sponsor will send you a check or deposit the funds directly into your bank or brokerage account. This payment may be subject to withholding for federal taxes, and possibly state taxes, unless you opt out of withholding. You have 60 calendar days from the time the funds were withdrawn to deposit the money, including any amount withheld, into a new IRA. If you miss this 60-day deadline, the withdrawal may be taxable at your personal income tax rate, and it could also be subject to an early withdrawal penalty if you're younger than 59½.

Given the immediate withholding and the possibility of further taxes if you don't



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move the money into a new IRA before the 60 days are up, you've got much to consider before initiating an indirect rollover. Consequently, you should consult with a financial advisor and tax professional before you make this type of move.

In addition to a rollover from an existing IRA, you may someday want to move the money from your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan to an IRA. This can occur when you retire or change jobs, although if you do take on another job, you might have the options of leaving your 401(k) with your former employer or rolling it over into your new employer's plan. However, if you do want to move your 401(k) funds into an IRA, you can make what's known as a direct rollover, in which the administrator of your old retirement plan will send you a check made payable to the custodian of your IRA. No taxes will be withheld, but you need to get the funds transferred within 60 days to avoid any potential tax issues.

You spend years contributing to your IRA and 401(k) — and for good reason. So, when it's time to move that money, be careful and consider getting help from your financial and tax professionals. These funds can play a big role in your retirement income, so manage them wisely.

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## Current EMS provider wants a deal done soon

### AMBULANCE: FROM 1

and Steve Breitbach voted to approve the contract while Tim Zoll joined Hackman in voting against the contract with Larson.

During the discussion, supervisors were presented with a revised offer from McGrath, who earlier this summer offered the county his ambulances, equipment and a building he owns in New Hampton for a little more than \$1.7 million.

McGrath said he had hired 424-Plus Consulting, a firm owned by New Hampton native Kolby Kolbet, to estimate the value of Chickasaw Ambulance Service's three ambulances, a new rig that is expected to be delivered in early 2023 and equipment ranging from heart monitors to ventilators to power cots.

That led McGrath to offer his equipment to the county for \$1.1 million, and if one takes out the cost of the building he earlier offered to sell, it adds up to about \$200,000 less than what McGrath originally asked for his equipment.

But the ambulance service owner warned county officials that time was running out.

"I have other offers for equipment, so I'm not going to drag my equipment out any longer," he said. "This is going to be something I want wrapped up in the next week or so. ... I'm not going to hold my equipment forever."

Kolbet joined the meeting by phone and told supervisors that he has more than 20 years of ambulance experience and that he felt "this would be the market value in today's market," pointing out that his appraisal included between \$150,000 and \$200,000 because of supply-chain shortages.

Both Kuhn and Byrne said they had been in contact with Life Line Emergency Vehicles, and that company officials told them they could deliver two new ambulances at a cost of \$236,000 apiece no later than the end of the first quarter of

the year.

Kuhn said he would talk to Larson and ask the now-hired consultant to get to work immediately on McGrath's offer so that supervisors can discuss it during next Monday's meeting.

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## City to use road-use tax funds for trees

After Public Works director makes pitch, council members say they have little choice

BY BOB FENSKE  
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New Hampton will use road-use tax funds to pay for the removal of ash trees that are located within city right-of-ways, the City Council begrudgingly decided Monday night.

Council members voted 6-0 to use the fund to pay for a tree and stump removal contract that it approved during their Aug. 1 meeting.

They did so after Public Works Director Casey Mai asked the council to find different ways to pay for the \$122,000 contract with Wilson Tree Service, a company out of Cresco.

"To me, road use tax funds are meant for roads, curbs and things like that," said Mai, who added that the city has had several unforeseen street issues in recent months. "I hate to drain that account to remove trees."

He said the city has used road-use funds, which come from the state using gas-tax collections, in the past, but he said the city hasn't had a tree removal program this large in years.

Instead, the city uses its Street Department or the New Hampton Light Plant to remove many of its trees.

"The only time we go with an outside contractor is if it's too big for us or the Light Plant to take down," he said. "This, though, is a whole different story."

But Councilman Cory McDonald said the city had little choice.

"I think everyone here agrees," he said, "but unfortunately, we are reacting right now. I don't like it, but we're going to have to use the road use."

McDonald and other City Council mem-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

**The New Hampton City Council learned Monday night that the city "no-right-turn" signs do not meet Iowa DOT guidelines.**

bers agreed with Mai that the city should set aside money in its general fund for future tree projects.

Councilwoman Kalista Porath-Daly sug-

gested that the city consider banning the planting of trees in the right-of-way while City Clerk Karen Clemens related a conver-

sation she recently had with a resident.

"He specifically said he was going to

plant it in the right of way," she said, "and

then it will be the city's problem."

In other news from Monday night's meeting:

• Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Matt Kuhn, a former councilman, asked New Hampton leaders if they would consider allowing a county-owned ambulance service to use the garage space the Ambulance Council currently rents.

"I hope it doesn't come to that," he said, "but I am just here exploring our options just in case we don't have a building bought or built by Jan. 1."

Kuhn said he wasn't asking the coun-

cil for a final decision but just wanted to

know if the city would be open to the idea.

Council members said they would work

something out with the county.

"Absolutely, we have to keep this moving

forward," Councilman Joe Denner said.

• Clemens notified the council that she

had received a phone call from the Iowa

Department of Transportation that the city

needed to comply with its rules when it

comes to signage at the intersection of Linn

Avenue and Main Street.

For years, the city had not allowed right

tURNS on red lights at the intersection, but

earlier this year, the council agreed to allow

the turns, save for 7 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 4

p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

Clemens said the same DOT official who

told her earlier this year that he was OK

with New Hampton's plan for the intersec-

tion called her earlier in the day.

The DOT official, according to Clemens,

said the city could not have one sign at the

intersection but instead needed two signs.

So council members directed city em-

ployees to contact the vendor who made

the signs and see if she can split the signs

into two.

## Chief deputy: Wages matter the most

### SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

for everybody else that we work with in our office [and those] that we're trying to get to come and work here. ... It's going to benefit us so we can fill our schedule and get people and not stress our current employees."

Jail Supervisor Jordan Gansen pointed out that the office has had an opening for a full-time dispatcher since June 1 and received just one application. And Hemann and Shawver said they were worried about the number of candidates they would have to replace Deputy Cole Tweten, whose resignation was acknowledged by the supervisors Monday.

Tweten recently accepted an offer to become a Winneshiek County sheriff's deputy, and although Hemann conceded that "is Cole's home county," he added that the pay bump he'll receive by accepting the job would be substantial.

Still, supervisors were luke-

warm about the proposal.

"I mean where does it stop then too, with all the inflation going on and everything going else," Jake Hackman said. "Where does it stop? Is it \$50 an hour jobs? Is it \$100 an hour jobs? We have a short work-

force. ... Where are we going to attract these people? Money's good, right, but where does it stop?"

Later in Monday's meeting, Shawver said he believed pay was the No. 1 attraction for potential applicants.

"The biggest thing out there that I'm hearing from other people in the same predicament as we are is wages," the chief deputy said. "They don't care about the IPERS, I think health insurance would be a factor but ultimately it's a small one. They look up front, what can I get right now? That's what I'm hearing."

Later in the meeting, the board also acknowledged the resignation of Assistant County Engineer Simon Schmitt, who is leaving Chickasaw County to take a job with Howard County.

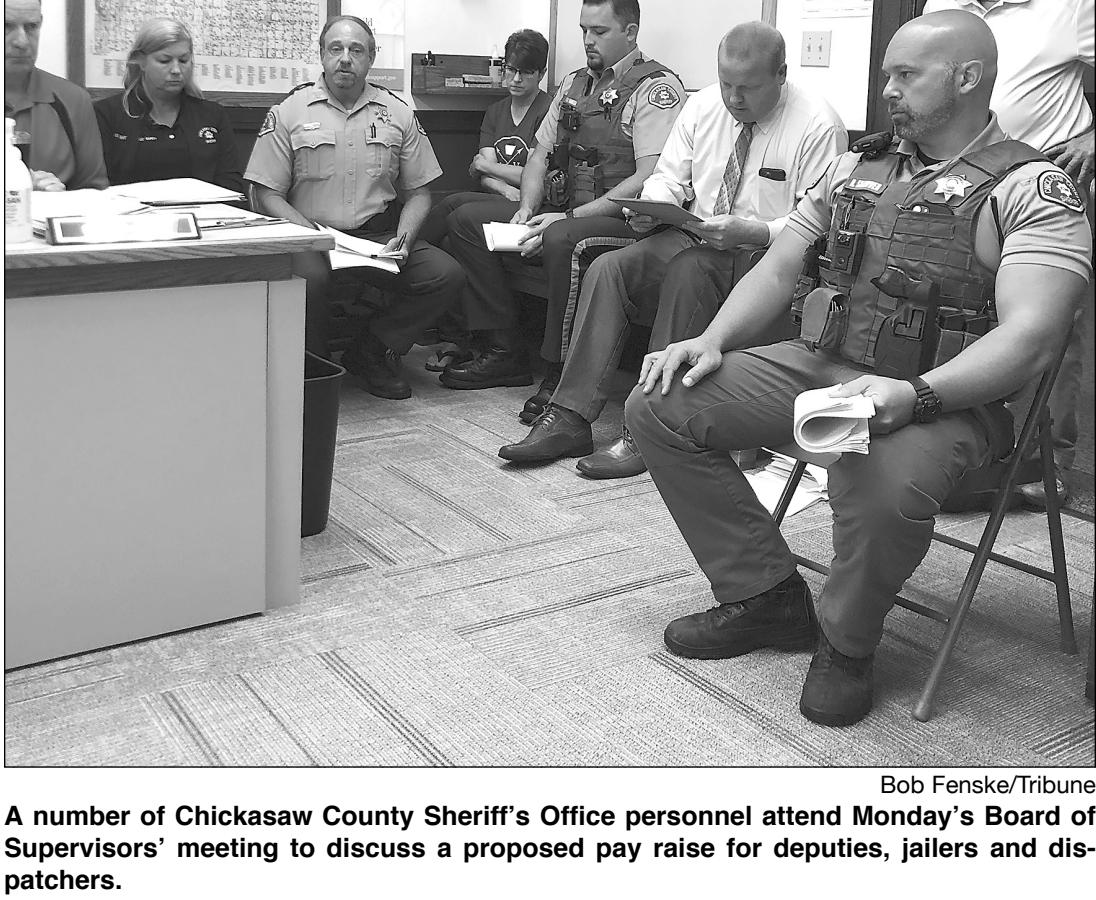
Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing said he felt the fact that the county doesn't pay any of the additional family health insurance premiums is a factor in the county losing employees.

During the discussion on law-enforcement wages, Compensation Board member Mike Kennedy told supervisors that they had to face the fact that to attract good people, the county needs to increase pay.

"I'm not saying it's wrong," he said, "but I think it will be a trickle-down effect for all the other departments. ... I think we're going to have to look at the bigger picture."

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A number of Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office personnel attend Monday's Board of Supervisors' meeting to discuss a proposed pay raise for deputies, jailers and dispatchers.

"There are not a lot of bodies

out there that are capable of

doing a lot of these jobs that

people are demanding right

now," Kennedy said. "They've

got to have someone who can

do the job and is capable of

doing the job. ... We are in a

very competitive labor market."

Only one supervisor

expressed some support for

the proposal put forward by

Hemann and Shawver.

"Unfortunately, I think we're going to have to open up the contract," Jason Byrne said, "because I don't know if we're going to get anyone to apply."

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn, though, worried that the supervisors could be opening up a proverbial can of worms if it granted the request.

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[the fact] they don't have to

work in the jail."

Hemann said he was open

to any ideas that would attract

potential deputies, dispatchers

and jailers, although he wasn't

all that hip on offering so-called

sign-on bonuses although other

law enforcement agencies,

including the State Patrol, are

going down that road.

"We're kind of opposed to

that," the sheriff said, "and

yeah, it might draw some people

in here but what about the

loyal people who have been

here for so many years?"

In the end, Shawver said something must be done if the county is going to remain competitive when it comes to hiring.

"We can't close," he said.

"Businesses can close, restaurants

**Almanac**

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Wednesday	85	57	--
Thursday	75	58	.10
Friday	71	57	.19
Saturday	76	61	--
Sunday	71	53	--
Monday	72	58	--
Tuesday	78	59	--

**Forecast**

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny early but chance of thunderstorms later in the day; high 79, low 60.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy with good chance of storms; high 73, low 59.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny early and then good chance of showers, high 72, low 58.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny; high 73, low 59.

**Extended forecast:** A quiet start to the work week with highs in the 70s and lows dropping into the 50s.

**Meetings****MONDAY**

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

**History**

• In 1775, U.S. president George Washington signs the Jay Treaty with Great Britain, in an effort to diffuse the tensions between England and the United States that had risen to renewed heights since the end of the Revolutionary War.

• In 1920, a dramatic battle in the Tennessee House of Representatives, ends with the state ratifying the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution by a 49-47 vote.

• In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev is placed under house arrest during a coup by high-ranking members of his own government, military and police forces.

• In 1992, celebrated Boston Celtics forward Larry Bird hangs it up, announcing his retirement from the NBA.

**Birthdays**

• Meriwether Lewis, the American soldier, explorer and public administrator who helped lead the Lewis and Clark Expedition, was born in 1774.

• Franz Joseph I, the emperor who led Austria-Hungary into World War I, was born in 1830.

• Former Major League Baseball superstar Roberto Clemente was born in 1934.

• American film star Ed Norton turns 53.

• American actor Robert Redford turns 86.

• Oscar winning film director Roman Polanski turns 89.

• Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter turns 95.

**Corrections**

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**Elden Sternat, 85**

Elden Sternat, age 85 of New Hampton, died Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare in New Hampton.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg with the Rev. Scott Smith officiating.

Interment was held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg, with Justin Sternat, Dalton Sternat, Alex Sternat, Derek Nelson, Nicholas Sternat, and Nolan Sternat serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers were Dean Etter, Virgil Kuhlman, Raymond Lantow, and Neil Huegel.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, at Hugeback - Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Tuesday.

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

Elden was born on October 10, 1936, to Albert and Mabel (Reisner) Sternat on the family farm in rural Fredericksburg. He grew up in a strict, yet fair, home where he learned the value of hard work. The Sternats milked cows by hand and raised hogs and chickens.

He learned his 3 R's at a one-room schoolhouse in Dresden Township back in the days when a teacher had a lot of options to put out-of-line kids back on the right path! Elden then transferred to Fredericksburg High School, where he was a member of the Class of 1955.

In 1958, Elden enlisted in the U.S. Army and received his basic training at Fort Hood in Texas and his advanced training at Fort Knox in Kentucky. He spent 14 months in what was then West Germany. He was proud of his service to his country.

When he returned home from the service, he farmed with his father, rented land from some neighbors, and did some odd jobs.

One night, he attended a basketball game in Fredericksburg, and the final score of that game didn't matter for it was there that he met Betty Pierce. The two began dating, fell in love, and were married on October 14, 1962, in Alpha, beginning a marriage filled with love and hard work for almost 60 years.

Elden will tell you that Betty was not just his wife but also his



Elden Sternat

best friend and business partner. The couple welcomed three children — Mike, Dan, and Joe — who, like their father, grew up in a stern yet fair home where hard work mattered. Elden farmed for many years and before he retired two years ago, he was "50-50" with two of his grandsons.

He loved to trap and enjoyed fishing; in fact, he wrote that Betty "put up with all the wet, dirty and, sometimes, smelly critters I drug home each fall." They were a team when it came to getting his pelts up for market, and the trip to the fur buyer was always a special event. The couple always shared the check, which was "sometimes good, sometimes not so good!"

Elden worked hard, but he loved even harder. As he put it, "we have three sons ... 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren ... and I loved them all."

He wrote down his thoughts near the end of his life, and as the song goes, "Adios, amigo, adios, my friend, the road we have traveled has come to the end, and what a great road it has been. I could not have planned it any better than warm October day in 1936 when I first saw the light."

Elden felt he had been blessed for 80-plus years, and as much as we will miss him, we, too, have been blessed for having him be a part of our lives.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Sternat of New Hampton; three sons, Mike (Shelly) Sternat of Mount Union, Dan (DeeDee) Sternat of Fredericksburg, and Joe (Deborah) Sternat of Waucoma; 10 grandkids; and 15 great-great grandkids and three more who are coming in January.

Elden was preceded in death by his parents; and three sisters, Gloria Brandenburg, Pearl Treloar, and Jane Byram.

**Marlowe R. Steege, 82**

Marlowe R. Steege, age 82 of Fredericksburg, died Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, at his home.

Private family interment will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg.

Arrangements are with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg.

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**Michael Ambrose O'Brien, 69**

Michael Ambrose O'Brien, age 69 of Clive, went to be with his best friend Jesus on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022, after a beautiful, courageous and faith-filled life, at his home at Silvercrest of the Woodlands surrounded by his family. Mike was affectionately known as "Big Mike."

A visitation was held from 1 to 3:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, 8201 Hickman Road, Urbandale.

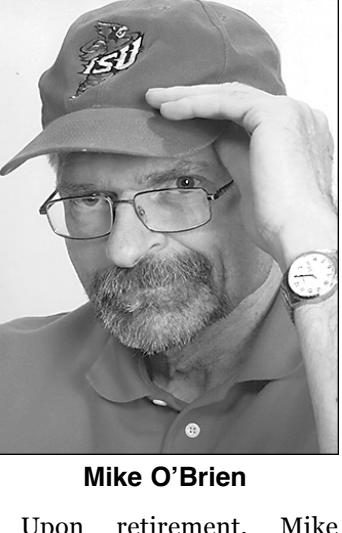
A Christian Celebration of Life was at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, at Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home, with a meal following.

Michael was born on Sept. 4, 1952, in Cresco, and was named after a priest that his father assisted in the military as chaplain's assistant. Michael grew up on a farm milking cows and doing farm work; he referred to himself as a tough Irish American farm boy. Michael was the oldest of five sisters and one brother.

He attended a country school and later a Catholic elementary and middle school and graduated from Crestwood High School. He attended Upper Iowa University where he studied sociology; he received a certificate in Homemaker Home Health Aide from DMACC; he did a 120-hour practicum taking blood pressures, pulses and temperatures at Grand Ave Care Center.

Mike lived in Ames for over 30 years where he worked 21 years at JC Penney as a custodial engineer and where he never missed a day of work and never used an alarm clock.

He was a founding member and a very active member at Heartland Baptist Church. He also worked at Ames Baptist Church and School. He was an avid volunteer at Abbington Nursing Home as well as Grand Avenue Nursing Home for over 10 years.



Mike O'Brien

Upon retirement, Mike moved to Clive at Silvercrest at Woodlands Creek where he lived for 10 years enjoying his new friends and living two miles from his sister and brother-in-law, Keith and Eileen Denner, and traveling closely on many journeys.

Mike took pride in his achievements of playing baseball as a pitcher, traveling to the Grand Canyon, Nevada, Arizona, Colorado Rocky Mountains, Florida and many other states. Mike was an avid sports fan, but he especially enjoyed baseball and the Chicago Cubs.

He enjoyed using his beautiful voice singing in the musical "Oklahoma," in choirs, and hymns; he knew over 100 songs by memory. He especially liked hymns sung by Johnny Cash.

Mike had an inspiring gift of encouragement and writing; he journaled, and wrote thousands of encouraging notes to family, friends, and strangers and spoke loving encouragement into their lives. Mike enjoyed reading his Bible and spiritual books. Family, friends and meeting new friends were very important to Mike.

Mostly, Mike was an amazing prayer warrior with a unique and inspiring faith in

**Hazel Hereid, 95**

Hazel Hereid

Hazel Hereid, age 95 of New Hampton, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022, at Westview Care Center in Indianola.

Hazel Magdalene was born on Oct. 15, 1926, in her grandmother's home in rural New Hampton. Hazel was the daughter of Attley and Millie Attleson.

She had an exciting childhood and went to elementary school in Gays Mills, Wisconsin, and moved to New Hampton in 1940 where she served as class president and graduated from New Hampton Community High School in 1944.

After high school, Hazel was off on an adventure to Washington D.C. to work in operations for the FBI. Because of World War II, there were many employment needs in D.C. Hazel shared many stories about her adventures and opportunities there.

Later, Hazel worked in Minneapolis and then returned to New Hampton where she met and later married (Oliver) Don Hereid. They were united in marriage on May 15, 1949, at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in New Hampton.

During her adult life, Hazel was a great stay-at-home mom until her four children were in elementary school. Then she worked as a cook for the New Hampton Schools for 25 years; sharing way too many laughs in the kitchen with the other ladies!!

Hazel was most happy when she was with family. Spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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She is survived by her three children, Jane (Denny) Whalen

of Indianola, Mark Hereid of Decorah, and Jan Hereid of Indianola; four grandchildren, Jeremy (Nicci) Whalen, Indianola, Erin (AJ) Freeberg, Indianola, and Kelly Hereid (Matt) Shelton, Oakland, California, and Mike Hereid (Stephanie Orbon), San Diego, California; eight great-grandchildren, Walker, Will and Maya Whalen and Crosby Freeberg of Indianola, Nora and Hugh Shelton, Oakland, and Marina and Jack Hereid, San Diego; brother-in-law, Roger Johnson, sister-in-law, Ann Borlaug and brother-in-law-Paul (Lucy) Hereid of New Hampton; sisters-in law, Ada Engstrom and Orrean Hereid of Minneapolis; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Hazel was proceeded in death by her husband, Oliver Don, son Dony; daughter-in-law, Jenny; her brothers, Percival, Stanley and Orland Luther Attleson; her sisters, Mavis Lang and Thelma Johnson; and brothers and sisters-in-law Carlton, Lowell (Pete) and Mavis, Merle and Adis, Harold Hereid, Mike Engstrom, Art Borlaug, Fritz Lang, Irene Attleson and Mary Attleson.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022, at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hampton, with burial following in the New Hampton Cemetery.

The visitation was held prior to the services from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Hazel's name to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Carnegie Culture Center in New Hampton.

**Property Transfers**

Richard A. Grandy EST, Joan Halverson Schmidt COEX, and Joan Halverson Schmidt COEX to RNAJINN LLC; PARCEL S 2021-41 & 2021-42 NW SW 32-94-14 PARCEL 2021-43 SW NW 32-94-14 PARCEL 2021-44 NE SE 31-94-14 EX PARCEL 2021-44 NE SE 31-94-14 N & E RIVER SE SE 31-94-14 ALL LYING E RIVER SE SW NE 31-94-14 LYING E RIVER NW SE 31-94-14 SE NE 21-94-14 COMM 30R N SW COR SW SW 32-94-14.

Curtis C. Franzen and Anita M. Franzen to Daniel Baldus and Jane A. Baldus; NASHUA NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 12 Block: 7 NASHUA NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 13 Block: 7 NASHUA NASHUA LAKE RESORT ADDITION Lot: 14 Block: 7.

Kelly E. Beyno WSR and Carrie J. Michurski to Carrie J. Michurski; COMM 1 40' E NE COR L1 SE SW 18-94-14 Parcel: 191318376020 Parcel: 191318376021.

**Deanne Marie Palmersheim, 79**

Deanne Marie Palmersheim was born on Aug. 19, 1942, to Earl L. Palmersheim and Delberta J. Palmersheim (Joerger). She was the second born and first daughter of 13 children.

Deanne was taught by the Sisters of Mercy at the Immaculate Conception School in Elma and was president of her graduating class in 1960.

She attended the Rochester School of Practical Nursing and graduated in 1961 as a licensed practical nurse.

She found the love of her life, LeRoy R. Webb and the couple was married on Nov. 23, 1963. To this union were born five children — Scott (1964), Wanda (1966), Kurtis (1969), Andrew (1973) and Julie (1979).

She was blessed with a heart and the skill to care for and heal others, and nursing became the focus of her career throughout the years. When the children were almost completely raised, it was her turn to achieve more education and she achieved her RN degree from NEICC.

Deanne was further blessed with working in a hematology unit at the Mayo Clinic, helping to heal patients and families. It was the most difficult, yet most rewarding part of her career.

She also enjoyed teaching, and taught CCD children for many years before she went to full-time career nursing.

She was a leader of the Cloverleaf Neighbors and the Fremont Frontiers 4-H Clubs. Her community leadership also included being the president of the Rosary Society and president of the Country Winds Auxiliary.

**Deanne Palmersheim**

Both Deanne and LeRoy served their local church in many roles and she assisted in organizing and serving at hundreds of funerals. Together they enjoyed serving the local community as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

She enjoyed making quilts as a creative outlet and for the camaraderie of others — creating numerous valued heirloom gifts for her family. She was instrumental in setting up a quilt display in the Arts and Crafts Building to showcase local quilt artists and was active in the local Quilt Guild.

All through life, music was one of her greatest joys, including church music as well as piano and voice, which lead to LeRoy and Deanne singing in the church choir and the children all having gifts in music.

Deanne loved working in her garden with both flowers and vegetables — canning and providing wonderful food for the family.

It was a joy for her to raise

her children, bringing all of her skills, talent and love into their lives. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed making baked goods and handmade gifts for family gatherings. She will be sadly missed, but her spunky spirit and sharp sense of humor will never be forgotten.

She was preceded in death by her parents, infant brother Earl and brother Gerald.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy; children Scott Webb (Terri), Wanda Boldon (Dave), Kurtis Webb (Melissa), Andrew Webb (Cris Hamilton) and Julie Alcorn-Webb (Dustin); eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and siblings, Thomas Palmersheim (Pat), Peter Palmersheim, Dorothy Weida (Joseph), Daniel Palmersheim (Marian), Roger Palmersheim (Pat), Mary Wenzel (Michael), Michael Palmersheim, Joseph Palmersheim (Joni), Edward Palmersheim and Timothy Palmersheim (Belinda).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorials to be directed to Notre Dame Catholic Church, Notre Dame Catholic School, Evans Nursing Home, or Howard County Community Hospice.

Mass of Christian Burial was held for Deanne on Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the Notre Dame Catholic Church with Father Daniel Knipper officiating.

A public visitation was held Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Notre Dame Catholic Church and continued one hour prior to Mass.

Deanne was put to rest at Calvary Cemetery after Mass.

Bob Fenske/Tribune  
It's barely visible but smoke can be seen at the Homeland Solutions Energy ethanol plant Sunday evening after firefighters responded to a dryer blaze.**Dryer fire reported at Homeland**

No injuries reported; fire truck clips teen's moped in New Hampton

**BY BOB FENSKE**  
*editor@nhtrib.com*

Two days after a fire broke out at their plant located between New Hampton and Lawler, Homeland Energy Solutions officials said Tuesday they plan on bringing the ethanol plant "back online" after the company's fall cleaning outage.

According to a press release sent out by the company, the production facility experienced a contained DDGs dryer fire that led to numerous fire departments, including Lawler, Fredericksburg and New Hampton, descending on the plant that is located on the north side of Highway 24 about two miles east of Lawler.

Those who live in the area said they heard what sounded like two explosions around 5:40 p.m.

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Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency Unapproved - Executive Board Minutes August 9th, 2022

On Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 in the Meeting Room at the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill at 5:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency was held in person and by Zoom. Chairman, Tim Zoll in the chair, Executive Board members: Al Anhorn, Rhonda Dean, Jerry Joerger, Trevis O'Connell, and Steve Smolik were in the BoardRoom. Members present by Zoom: Bobby Schwickerath. Absent: Rick Bodensteiner, Doug Kamm. Employees Present: Christian Fox, Director

Guests Present: None

A motion was made by Jerry Joerger, second by Steve Smolik to approve the consent agenda as presented including Minutes of the July 2022 Executive Board Meeting and the Summary List of Bills for July 2022. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Citizen Forum: None.

Discussion/Decision Financial Report: Joerger presented the Financial Report. Joerger stated that the landfill continues to be in a very strong position financially. He also stated that Fox and himself moved some money around, and purchased two new CDs at First Citizens bank in Charles City. A motion to approve the Financial Report was made by Joerger and second by O'Connell. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Decision Annual Budget numbers: Joerger presented to the Executive Board Discussion/Decision Annual Budget numbers: Joerger presented to the Executive Board a proposed budget to present to the Full Board in September. It was stated that there were a few numbers that increased from the previous budget numbers. Also a notable number in the new budget was in the Operating Expenses for the Salary Employees and Operator Payroll Expense. Joerger rec-

ommended a 5.5% wage increase for the employees and that it would be included in the budget proposal. After some discussion, a motion was made by Joerger to recommend the budget numbers to the Full Board for approval at the September meeting, second by Anhorn. All members present voting aye, motion carried. Discussion/Decision bids for 6 acre alfalfa field- It was brought to the boards attention by Zoll and Fox the lease of the alfalfa field appeared to no longer be valid and that the bid process needed to take place again. After some discussion, a motion was made by Dean and second by Smolik to go out for bids on the alfalfa field. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Decision LP contract for 2022-2023- Fox brought to the attention of the board the bids for the 2022-2023 LP contract. He stated that the landfill received numbers from Johnson Oil and Osage Coop Elevator in Osage, and Innovative Ag Services in Elma. Johnson Oil and Osage Coop both with a prepay price of \$1.84/Gallon and Innovative Ag Services in Elma with \$1.80/Gallon. After

little discussion, a motion was made by O'Connell and second by Anhorn to go with Innovative Ag Services and prepay 5,000 gallons at \$1.80/Gallon. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Decision AC/Furnace for Education/Boardroom: Fox brought to the attention of the board that the AC unit needed to be replaced for the Education/Boardroom. It was also recommended that now would be the time, since the furnace is the same year to replace it as well, while everything is torn apart. Fox received bids from O'Brien Plumbing for \$9,355.08, Pickar-Oulman Plumbing for \$9,475.00 and Mills Inc. for \$9,812.68.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Joerger and second by Smolik to approve the bid from O'Briens Plumbing and replace the AC/Furnace unit. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Old Business- None

There being no further items re-

quiring board action, the meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m. with a motion by Rhonda Dean and second by Trevis O'Connell. All members present voting aye, motion carried. September minutes will be published in the Charles City Press. A copy of these minutes can also be found on our website.

Tim Zoll, Chairman ATTEST: Christian Fox, Secretary

Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid

Waste Management Agency, Expenses

by Vendor Summary, July 2022, Jul 22

Alliant Energy ..... 1,077.93

Anhorn, Alan ..... 61.91

Bobby Schwickerath ..... 35.00

Bodensteiner, Rick ..... 56.06

Cardmember Service ..... 30.17

Carolina Software ..... 400.00

Charles City Press ..... 73.44

City Laundering ..... 557.93

Collin Brinkman ..... 150.00

Culligan ..... 53.60

Enterprise Journal ..... 112.50

Farmland Hardware ..... 229.40

Fox, Christian ..... 56.06

Heartland Insurance Risk Pool ..... 28,464.00

HIL Engineering Group ..... 160.00

Innovative Ag Services ..... 7,479.28

Jendro Sanitation ..... 245.00

Joerger, Jerry ..... 280.30

Kamm, Doug ..... 112.12

Keystone Laboratories ..... 1,306.52

Larson's Hardware Hank ..... 30.42

NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING ..... 650.00

O' Connell, Trevis ..... 54.89

Osage, City of ..... 3,250.00

Riley's Inc ..... 28.34

Smith AG, INC ..... 7,437.30

Stanton Electric ..... 139.52

Steve Smolik ..... 56.06

US Cellular ..... 33.98

Ziegler Inc ..... 4,920.92

Zoll, Tim ..... 296.68

TOTAL ..... 58,110.66

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'

MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2022

The Board convened on Monday,

August 8, 2022, at 9:00 am with members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, Attorney David Lauder, Terry Johnson, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Scott Cerwinski, and Bob Fenske, member of the media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public comment on the proposed sale of the real property will be accepted by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to the Chickasaw County Auditor before 4:00 p.m. on August 26, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Auditor is directed to publish the full text of this Resolution in the newspapers of record on August 18 and 19, 2022, respectively.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of August, 2022.

Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Tim Zoll, Vice Chair, Jason Byrne Jacob Hackman Steven Breitbach, Attest: Donna Geerts, Deputy Auditor

No. 22261

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Jeremy McGrath was present at 9:08 am.

Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from August 3, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Byrne, Breitbach, Hackman and Kuhn. Nays-None. Abstained-Zoll. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to acknowledge the resignation of Colleen Kruger as a member of the Magistrate Appointing Commission effective August 8, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to acknowledge the resignation of Colleen Kruger as a member of the Eminent Domain Compensation Commission effective August 8, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to approve the Treasurer to fill the vacant Driver License Clerk's position. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to acknowledge the resignation of Shirley Troyna present at 10:08 am.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to approve the Treasurer to fill the vacant Driver License Clerk's position. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to acknowledge the resignation of Conservation Aide Summer Help Tyler Sassenmann effective July 29, 2022. Roll Call:

Bernatz left at 9:15 am.

Motion by Hackman, second by Zoll to acknowledge the resignation of Conservation Aide Summer Help Shirley Troyna effective July 29, 2022. Roll Call:

Sue Breitbach and Shirley Troyna left at 10:15 am.

Custodian Dave Gorman present at 10:00 am.

County was approached to sell the property at 910 E Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa. Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to direct County Attorney to draft paperwork setting forth a proposal to sell the real property located at 910 E Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa, legally described as Lots One through Twelve in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 95 North, Range 12 West of the 5th P.M. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Zoll, second by Byrne to hire HRS, LLC to do a plat of survey on parcels (Parcel Nos. 19-10-07-1-26-348) located at 910 E Main Street, New Hampton, Iowa. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to give the family of Rick Holthaus permission to place a memorial bench on the northwest corner of the courthouse property. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Gorman and Armel left at 10:40 am.

Discussed Ambulance and consulting services. Attorney Laudner contacted State Auditor's Office regarding bidding and spending ARPA funds. It was advised to work with the private auditor.

When bidding and seeking used ambulances, equipment, supplies and consulting services, you should reach out to 3-5 companies to see whether the price you are seeking is reasonable or not. Documentation is needed to prove it is a reasonable price for what you pay.

Reviewed Consulting Services Agreement between Corey Larson and Chickasaw County. Attorney suggested it would be best to get an additional estimate for consulting services to see if the numbers are reasonable for purchasing ambulances, equipment, supplies, and consulting services.

McGrath left at 11:27 am.

Bernatz and Cerwinski left at 11:36 am.

Discussed future agenda items: local government opioid funds, maintaining/moving tower anchor site, County Land Mobile

# Recent rainfall a godsend to area farmers

ISU Extension agronomist calls this month's precipitation 'million-dollar' rains for both corn and soybean fields

**BY BOB FENSKA**

editor@nhtrib.com

ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol doesn't know any farmers who did a "happy dance" earlier this month, but then again, he'd understand if they did.

"Oh my gosh, I kind of call that a million-dollar rain for our neck of the woods," Basol said of the precipitation that fell on Aug. 6-7 and ranged from

2.80 inches near Nashua to 3.52 inches in Charles City to 3.61 inches in New Hampton. "It was getting to the point that it was becoming worrisome so the timing was, well, it was just perfect."

And with the rain that fell this past Friday and Saturday, there is little chance of drought conditions developing.

Rainfall had been sparse in July; in fact, the National Weather Service reported that all three area loca-

tions received far less than the normal amount of rainfall in July. New Hampton, for example, usually averages 4.99 inches of rain during the month and received just 2.84 this year. And save for a light shower on the first day of the month, August had been dry until thunderstorms moved through the area during the first weekend of the month.

Basol said that led to concerns about topsoil moisture throughout Northeast Iowa during what is a critical time for

the development of both corn and soybean plants. The agronomist added that the rainfall has helped the "fill out the kernels" in corn plants and aided with soybean pod development.

In the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Services' weekly Iowa Crop Report released on Aug. 1, almost a quarter of farm fields in Northeast Iowa were short of topsoil moisture, but in the latest report, released on Monday, that figure dropped to 10

percent.

And the fact that high temperatures are expected to be in the 70s through at least the middle of next week is an added bonus.

"This is such a critical time for growers, and the fact that are plants aren't stressed from heat is huge," Basol said. "We have the potential to bring in a nice crop this year, but we needed that rain. Now, it's just a matter of getting some timely rains to get us to harvest."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Area residents take in the sounds of Tom and Betty, who performed at the Carnegie Cultural Center's annual Farewell to Summer Concert that was held Sunday evening at Mikkelsen Park. And say this about the New Hampton museum, it certainly had the weather cooperate because, let's be honest, it felt much more like autumn than it did summer!

## Library director loves variety of upcoming programs

**BY BOB FENSKA**

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The New Hampton Public Library has several programs coming up, including one that will make the first day of school a little easier for area families.

The library will hold a Back to School Bash this coming Tuesday that will include a meal, games and more.

"We kind of figured that it would be nice to give mom — or dad, maybe — a night off from cooking," Library Director Carrie Becker said of the event that will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

"It's such a busy day for families, we wanted to ease the load a little, you know?"

Becker said she's also excited for two upcoming programs — one on Sept. 13 and the other on Oct. 3 — the library is sponsoring.

Start with the September pro-

gram, "All Things Chocolate," one in which a Pennsylvania librarian and researcher will present a Zoom program on the whimsical story behind the Hershey's brand from Linda Keyes.

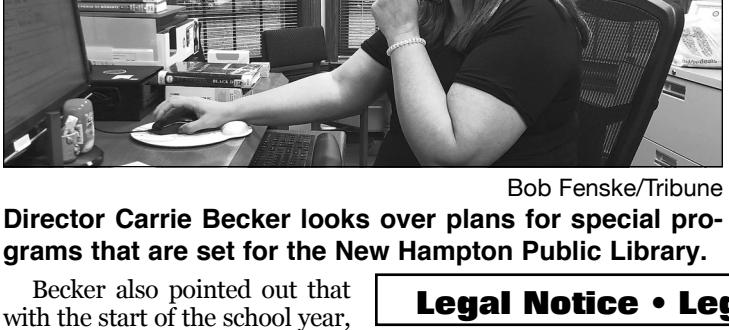
And while the Keyes will present the tale virtually, the chocolate at the library will be real.

"We're going to have a fun night, not only listening to Linda but also trying out a lot of chocolate," Becker said with a laugh, "and who doesn't like chocolate."

And in early October, the library will hold a program titled "What Its Worth," where the first 25 residents who sign up can have an item appraised by a professional.

"It can be almost anything," Becker said, "and we think even if you're not among the 25, it'll be a fun night to see what certain things are worth."

For more information about the library's programs, contact Becker at 641-394-2184.



Director Carrie Becker looks over plans for special programs that are set for the New Hampton Public Library.

Becker also pointed out that with the start of the school year, the library will also bring back two "old reliables" as Storytime will begin on Sept. 7 and be held each Wednesday at 10 a.m., and the library's book discussion that will be held on the third Thursday of the month, beginning next month.

For more information about the library's programs, contact Becker at 641-394-2184.

### Legal Notice

#### THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF

THE ESTATE OF

Donna Murray, Deceased,

CASE NO. ESPR003064

#### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF, APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Donna Murray, Deceased, who died on or about, July 18, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on Au-

gust 11, 2022, the Last Will and Testa-

ment of Donna Murray, deceased,

bearing date of November 3, 2017, was

admitted to probate in the above named

court and that Jim Murray was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the dis-

trict court of said county within the later

to occur of four months from the date of

the second publication of this notice or

one month from the date of mailing of

this notice to all heirs of the decedent and

devisees under the Will whose identities

are reasonably ascertainable, or thereaf-

ter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all per-

sons indebted to the estate are requested

to make immediate payment to the un-

dersigned, and creditors having claims

against the estate shall file them with the

clerk of the above named district court, as

provided by law, duly authenticated, for

allowance, and unless so filed by the later

to occur of four months from the date of

the second publication of this notice or

one month from the date of mailing of

this notice (unless otherwise allowed or

paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated August 11, 2022.

Jim Murray, Executor of Estate, 3196

250th St., Waucoma, IA 52171

Michael K. Kennedy, ICIS#:

AT00004194, Attorney for Executor Ken-

ney & Kennedy, 12 E. Main S PO Box

406, New Hampton, IA 50659.

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## Briefs

### LifeServe to hold monthly blood drive Tuesday afternoon

The blood bank that provides blood to MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center and hospitals in three states will hold its monthly drive this coming Tuesday at the New Hampton Community Center.

The blood drive will be held at the New Hampton Community Center and appointments can be made by calling 800-287-4903 or by going online to [lifeservebloodcenter.org](#).

LifeServe officials say that they are "critically low" on O-plus, O-minus, A-minus, B-plus and B-minus types of blood.

### Don't Quit Your Day Job to perform at Mikkelsen Park Aug. 28

The Don't Quit Your Day Job Big Band will hold its first concert in three years when it plays at Mikkelsen Park on Sunday, Aug. 28.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the band shell at the park.

This is the 28th year the band has played, and one of the highlights of the Aug. 28 concert will be the debut of a new piece Gary Griffin had commissioned for the band to perform in 2020, but it didn't get the opportunity because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The rain location for the concert will be the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium.

### Secretary of State provides grants to improve 'voter access'

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is providing a \$1,000 grant to every county in the state to improve voter access ahead of the 2022 general election. The grant is intended for counties to partner with local advocacy organizations and self-advocates to receive feedback on how polling places can be more accessible for Iowans with disabilities.

"I want all voters to have a positive experience when they cast their ballot," Pate said. "Every polling place is required to be accessible, but we need to move past simple compliance."

Approximately 300,000 Iowans have a disability. Counties can use the grant to improve accessibility considerations and receive communication, etiquette, and sensitivity training to understand the perspective of voters with disabilities.

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#### CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES AUGUST 1, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 9:00 am with all members Breitbach, Byrne, Zoll, Hackman, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, and Kathy Shekelton.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve the agenda with changes for August 1, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Bob Fenske, member of media, was present at 9:04 AM.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach to approve the minutes from July 25, 2022. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Local vendors did not submit quotes on a tri-pod for Board of Supervisors' owl. Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to have Chairperson Kuhn order the tripod from Amazon for \$63.99. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

9:05 AM- no public comment

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Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to move the dorm refrigerator to Recorder's Office. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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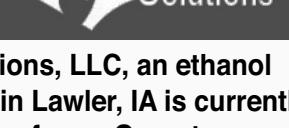
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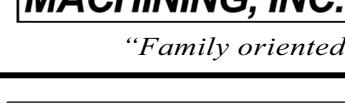
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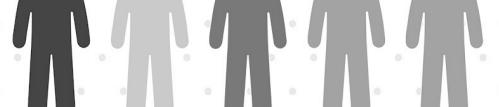
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# Our sports editor can't hide excitement for upcoming football season

## FOOTBALL: FROM 14

the swimming pool (or pond) before the leaves change color and aimlessly fall to the ground.

But it's getting close, I can feel it in my bones – which are starting to creak just a little more now days and remind me that my "glory days" out on the gridiron have long since passed.

One can sure dream, though.

These thoughts started to dance around in my head this week and it hit me as I walked down the steep steps from the upper portion of the duplex I live in.

Should I be wearing shorts today? Maybe pants might be the best option on this summer day that started to make me feel like it was fall again.

Pumpkin spice lattes?

No thanks. My allegiance to September, October and November only goes so far.

With the biggest fair in all of Iowa already kicked into motion, 70 degrees seemed a tad chilly out for the middle of August. But I do have to remember I reside almost three hours north of where I used to live.

But then I saw the posts on Facebook pages last week letting family, friends, fall sports fans or just anybody in general get the scoop on when our area

team's scrimmages will be, I got excited.

I know I'm not the only one.

But there's summer left to be lived and it somewhat irritates when I hear people say summer is almost over. Yes,

fall is my favorite time of the year, but summer isn't finished yet. Okay, well, the clock is ticking on that season, too, but just because school is back in session doesn't mean we need to completely ignore summer either. I get it, a lot of people's summer vacations are essentially over.

But there's still time to shuck that sweet corn, sorry nachos.

Pass me the butter and salt because I'm not watching my cholesterol.

Not sad, but true – in case you couldn't already tell from my svelte physique. Maybe a diet should be in order?

But biting into a golden ear of corn is heaven on earth in my estimation – the touch-downs can wait for later.

With that said, I still can't wait for that first kickoff, that textbook tackle or that amazing run to glory. Sidelines are my friend in the fall – at least most of the time, I will not digress.

As a high school football beat writer – I've covered my fair share of football games over the course of two decades. That's 20 years for you non-

math majors.

Sorry, I'm still a little grumpy from last year's playoff games – each nail-biting loss for our area teams – New Hampton and Turkey Valley. They put up a helluva of fight, though.

Covering football games is my favorite thing to do as a journalist – sorry City Council and Board of Supervisor meetings.

I've made the four-hour trek (one way) from Ottumwa to Sioux City – twice – to see the Class 4A Bulldogs play. Yes, there are seven classes in football now in case you didn't know. Teams range from Class 5A all the way down to 8-Man now. The Iowa High School Athletic Association made that switch a year ago.

Just an FYI – Iowa City High is taking on Iowa City Liberty at Kinnick Stadium in the first ever regular season game between two prep teams played at the venue named after the University of Iowa's only Heisman Trophy winner.

That's pretty cool. That wouldn't be too long of a road trip to see that one because I don't mind traveling to games – football, baseball, volleyball, etc.

While on the road, you get a real taste of what it's like to write stories on the go and meet deadlines. I've filed sto-

ries – using Wi-Fi – from the seat of my car in a McDonald's parking lot – twice. I actually wrote my football game write-up in a McDonald's booth near Drake Stadium in Des Moines one year. I was definitely lovin' it that evening. Other newspapers have been more than willing to allow me to enter their newsroom and write up a story real quick when a wireless connection wasn't readily available.

I've witnessed heartache and triumph along the way in my journeys across the state covering football games. Seeing a great season come to end is hard to watch. I can only imagine how it felt for the players and coaches that poured their heart into tremendous, winning seasons that just fell short.

I've also seen instances of remarkable achievements and poignant moments – too many to single out.

So as training camp heats up – in more ways than one – and signals that the start of football season is near, I'm also reminded that football often gets too much attention, for better or for worse.

There's also prep volleyball and cross country teams that are putting in a load of work to achieve their goals and live out their dreams. Cheerleaders and band members are also gearing

up for what should be a fun fall season. Some schools across the state in Iowa also compete in fall swimming and golf.

Of course in college, football helps fund universities through ginormous television contracts. The NFL is a billion dollar corporation.

**Football is King.**

That shouldn't take away from the accomplishments of others, but in some way I think it does sometimes. Is a touch-

down better than a spike over the net or a personal-best time across the finish line? Heck, no. Those athletes deserve just as much, if not more credit than football players.

I think it's safe to say we can all agree on that.

Just don't serve me nachos for a football game. With chili and some shredded beef or BBQ pork?

You know I'm not going to turn that down.

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### TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton.

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

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:40 p.m.

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

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; that the minutes of the July 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes be approved as amended. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; that the Finance Reports for July, 2022, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

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#### CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

AUGUST 3, 2022

The Board convened on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 9:00 am with members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Zoll absent. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Deputy Auditor Donna Geerts, Attorney David Lauder, Ryan Shawer, Jeff Bernatz, Scott Cerwinsky, Jeremy McGrath, Kathy Shekleton, and Bob Fenske, member of the media.

Motion by Hackman, second by Byrne to approve the agenda for August 3, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Hackman, Byrne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Nays-Hackman. Absent-Zoll. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, second by Breitbach that Chickasaw County enter into a 28E Agreement with City of Lawler to provide emergency medical services. Roll Call: Ayes-Bryne, Breitbach, and Kuhn. Nays-Hackman. Absent-Zoll. Motion carried.

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## Track, stadium upgrades give Chickasaws chance to play host to big meets

**TRACK: FROM 14**

Laures said. Add it all up, and it turned into quite the project.

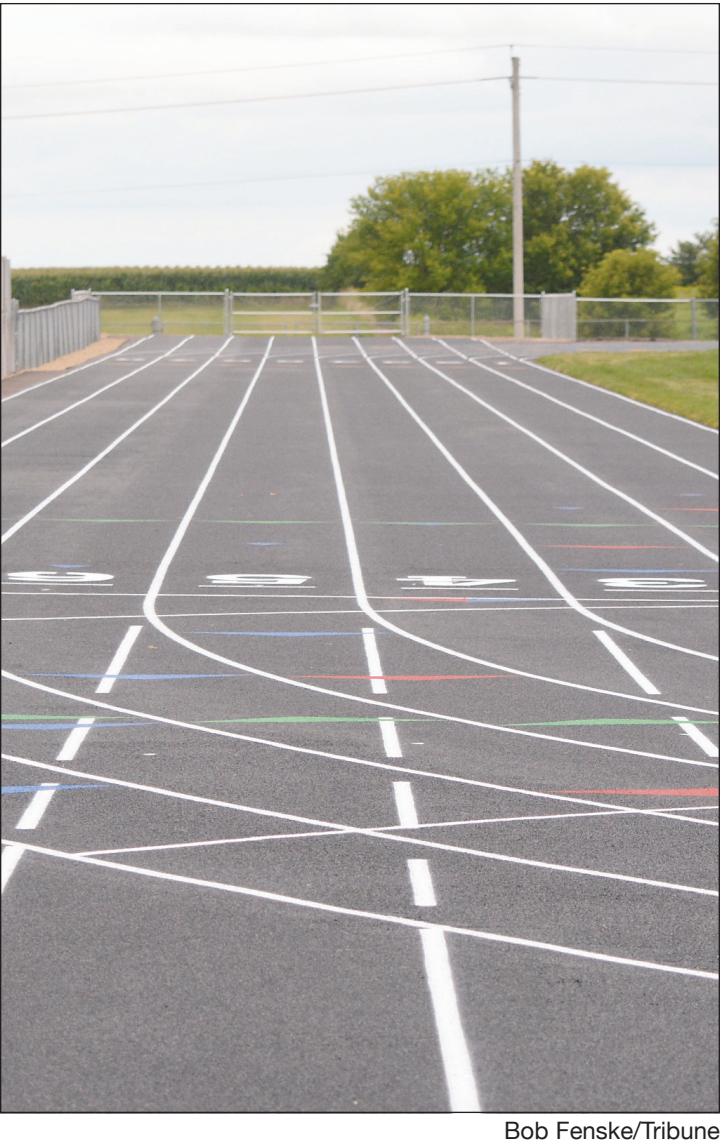
"I think it just shows you how much our community cares about our kids and our sports programs," Laures said. "A lot of our donors have given money to all kinds of programs. It doesn't matter if it's baseball, football, basketball, wrestling or track ... we are blessed with great community support."

Like Laures, Jenkins said that the revamped facility now will have the opportunity to host bigger meets, including those in which athletes qualify for the state meet.

"One, we needed a safer track because the cracks were quite honestly, an injury waiting to happen," he said, "but even if we wanted to hold a state qualifying meet, just checking in athletes would have been a problem because there really wasn't the room to do that."

Still to come are track record boards that will be placed both at the stadium and inside the school, as well as the planting of some trees outside the stadium.

"We really don't have a lot of shade for teams to set up 'camps' and that's one more thing we'd like to address,"



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Work, including the painting of lines, on New Hampton High School's new track was completed earlier this month.

### Bowling meeting set for this Monday

As fall nears, so, too, does the start of the bowling season, and the New Hampton USBC Bowling Association will hold a meeting on Monday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. at Bowaway Lanes.

All bowlers are encouraged to attend and learn more about the leagues being offered at Chickasaw County's only bowling alley.

### ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

**THURSDAY**

Turkey Valley Meet and Greet Night, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY**

New Hampton Check Out the Chickasaws, volleyball open practice at 5 p.m., football scrimmage vs. Decorah, 6 p.m., introductions of cross country team and cheerleaders during the scrimmage.

**SATURDAY**

New Hampton volleyball at Union scrimmage, La Porte City, 8 a.m.

**TUESDAY**

Turkey Valley cross country at Edgewood-Colesburg Invitational, 5 p.m.

New Hampton varsity and JV volleyball vs. Jesup and Nashua-Plainfield, 5 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUG. 25**

New Hampton cross country at Charles City Invitational, Wildwood Golf Course, 5 p.m.

New Hampton varsity and JV volleyball vs. Denver, Lisbon and Charles City at Denver, 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 26**

New Hampton football vs. MFL-Mar-Mac, freshman game at 4:45 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley varsity football at Edgewood-Colesburg, 6 p.m.



### Organizations can apply for emergency food, shelter grants

The Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency, under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP), has awarded Chickasaw County \$3,334 through its annual program and \$10,259 through the American Rescue Plan Act to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA; The Jewish Federations of North America; The Salvation Army; and United Way Worldwide.

A local board will meet to determine how the funds are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

Eligible local service agencies must be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government eligible to receive federal funds; have an accounting system and practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs; and have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

Agencies interested in applying for the EFSP funds should contact Sheri Alldredge, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, at 319-235-0311 for an application. The deadline for applications to be received is Aug. 31.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune



### There's a lot of history at annual Power Show

**POWER SHOW: FROM 1**

draft horses plowing a field.

"Sitting on plows, that had to be a big step from walking behind a horse. Those guys were in shape back then, I tell you that."

The weather on Saturday — overcast and cool — drew no complaints whatsoever from those working their equipment, such as Randy Schwerin of Sumner.

He was running his steam engine tractor, powered by chucking wood into a blazing compartment.

"This has been a hobby of mine for 50 years now," he recalled. "When I was in first grade my parents bought me a toy steam engine from Montgomery Ward." And he was hooked, owning his first steam engine at 15 or 16. The tractor he was running on Saturday was 100 years old. The 1922 tractor, he said, weighed in at around 11 tons, including two tons of water. There is 60 HP on the drive belt.

He said getting the tractor started and running would take between one and two hours. "If it's running, it's a full-time job, to stoke the fire, keep water in the boiler and let the steam off. They were labor-intensive machines."

He would turn a dial here and there to make sure too much steam didn't build up, but there was also a relief valve that shot off steam. "If one of these would explode... there's a tremendous amount of energy there."

Schwerin called the machine an "external combustion" engine. "They were a great innovation at the time, but by the 1920's internal combustion engines started making these obsolete. People still used them into the 30's though. For one thing, they were a couple thousand dollars, in 1915-1920, that was a big investment."

For the \$5 entrance fee, a lot of history could be gleaned from those who had chosen antique tractors and machinery as their hobby.

People at the Power Show are very friendly and love to talk about their collections. Grain threshing, straw baling, corn shelling, ensilage cutting, a saw mill, wire check planting and a blacksmith shop were among the other activities scheduled,

Clockwise from above: Bill Timp and his son, William, look over a tractor while folks attending the Northeast Iowa Antique Engine and Power Show catch a ride around the grounds. And then there was Jack Hageman of Riceville, who came with his dad and great-grandpa, and enjoyed the morning at the show on Saturday. Despite his hat that reads "Dirt Magnet" — which his dad, Kurt, said was very appropriate — he managed to keep in pretty good shape through at least half the day.



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# Irreplacable instructor departs

Marzolf leaves legacy of excellence, not to mention cool sayings

BY LYDIA GESSNER

*Of the Tribune*

Last Tuesday, as patrons began leaving the pool for the last time this summer, Laurie Marzolf stepped into the water.

She dipped her toes in all-familiar the blue edge where she has been teaching level one swimming lessons for the majority of her career.

"Rabbits ready?" she called out, and turned around to lifeguard Catherine Pethoud and pretended to take her picture, as she's done for generations of New Hampton kids, teaching them to stick their faces in the water.

And as her "magic camera" clicked, suddenly it was Marzolf's face that was wet.

"Oh, you need a hug," Pethoud told her as Marzolf said goodbye to her home-away-from home for almost 40 years.

"It's been a great adventure," Marzolf said of her time with Parks and Recreation and the pool, "but it's hard to say goodbye."

"She holds a lot of memories there," Recreator Coordinator Tara Hackman said.

"Guess what her favorite color is?" Parks and Recreation Rick Kramer asked with a twinkle in his eye.

Blue would be the right guess.

Marzolf started teaching swimming lessons at the pool around 1984, but her love for water came long before that.

"My dad was a lifeguard and we were by the water all the time," Marzolf said. "You know, you had your lifejackets on, you were swimming. You were kicking and spitting a lot of the time ... he'd just say, 'Keep kicking and spitting, kicking and spitting!'"

**MARZOLF SAID LEARNING** how to swim was a must for her father.

"You know, we didn't have an option of not to learn how to swim. Dad was like, 'No, this is a lifesaving skill and you need to know how to swim,'" Marzolf remembers.

Her family spent time on the Mississippi where water safety was a top priority. They always had lifejackets on in the river and she could never go down to the dock by herself or swim by herself.

She grew up in Rochester, Minnesota and the blue water of the pools there was what first drew her in.

"I was a pool rat," she said.

But growing up where she did, soon her love for the open water was overshadowed by her love for the ice.

"Born in Minnesota, you're born with ice skates on," Marzolf said. Her dad used to flood their backyard in the winters for skating. She has three older siblings - two sisters and a brother - and they all swam and skated so she said she wanted "to keep up with them."

But soon the love for skating became a passion of her own, and she gave up swimming in ninth grade to focus on figure skating.

Though she never skated competitively, she would test her skills before judges to see whether or not she could advance to the next level. It was here that she learned, similar to when she took swimming lessons as a kid, that passing was not autonomous with trying.

"My coach was, '[Well], work harder, get better and don't do the minimum,'" she remembers. "I know I had to do this one skill and she said, 'Well, don't stop, just keep going.'"

**AFTER GRADUATING FROM** Mayo High School, Marzolf headed off to Winona State University to study physical education with hopes of returning to Rochester to coach ice skating.

"I wanted to learn, you know, how to teach properly or better ways of teaching or the right ways of teaching, so when I would go back to Rochester to teach figure skating I would be better prepared."

That was before she met Ric Marzolf.

"And that changed the course of my life, so that's good!" she said.

He was also from Rochester and they met by the river. He was working at TriMark, which he does to this day, and living in the area when they met.

When she arrived here in the fall of 1982, Marzolf continued her plans to teach ice skating but now in a new location.

That's when she first stepped foot in the Park and Rec office, not realizing she had found her calling. She set up teaching ice skating lessons in 1983 and continued to do that for about seven or eight years until around the time her children, Robbi and Katie, were born.

It was during that time that she was also the Parks and Recreation director in New Hampton for about five years. Kramer fondly associates that era of Park and Rec history - back when their office was a "closet" in Economic Development - with two words: sticky notes.

"We always had a joke with her that she had stock in sticky notes, because all around the window frame and anywhere she could stick a sticky note she had a note," he remembers. "That was her filing system. And she still likes her sticky notes."

She used to have volunteers man sign-up tables for swimming lessons and other activities in the office, Kramer remembers. There would be hundreds of families who would come to sign up.

But when her second child Katie was born, it was time to be done.

"I can't do that job and raise two kids," Marzolf said. "I'm barely seeing them."

"She would drop everything for her family," Hackman said.

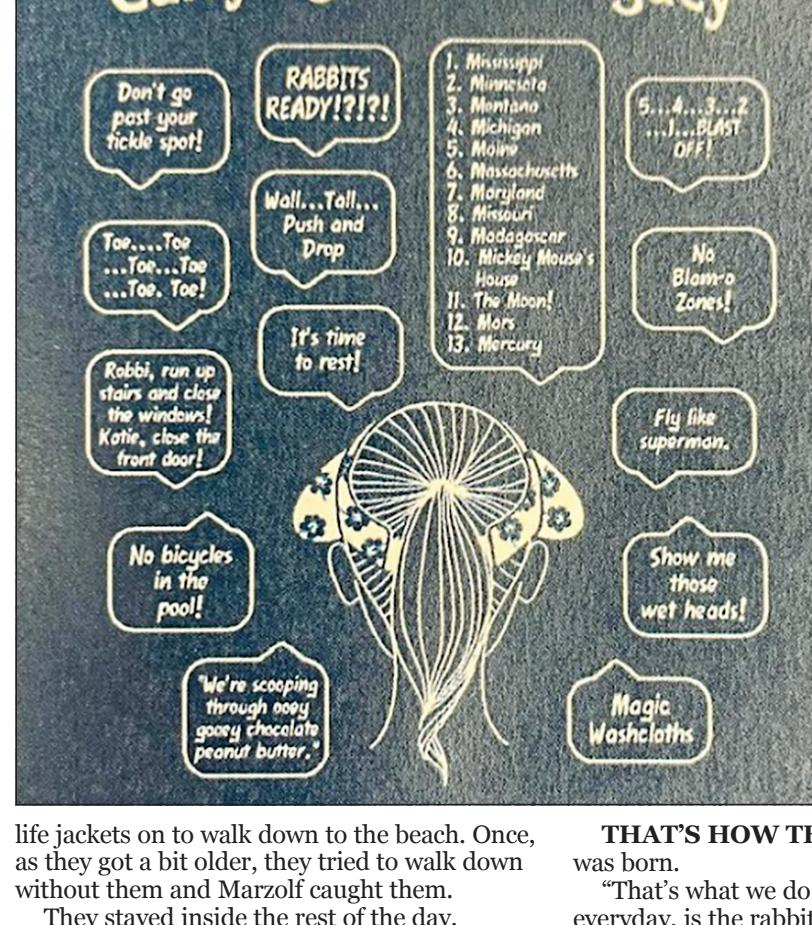
**AND JUST LIKE** her grandpa and dad were serious about water safety, Marzolf was serious about it with her own kids.

The rule always was that they had to put their



Lydia Gessner/Tribune

**Longtime New Hampton Parks and Recreation employee Laurie Marzolf works with other lifeguards during a session of Water Tots that was held earlier this summer at the New Hampton Municipal Pool.**



**The back of the shirts (left) that are being sold to raise money for water safety at the pool contain a number of statements Laurie Marzolf, who poses with pool manager Michelle Nystel (above), has used for years when doing lessons.**

life jackets on to walk down to the beach. Once, as they got a bit older, they tried to walk down without them and Marzolf caught them.

They stayed inside the rest of the day.

"That was their punishment and every chance I had I said, 'Oh, it's such a beautiful day, wouldn't it be fun out on the boat or out swimming in the water? Too bad we forgot the rule ...' and they never left without their life jackets again."

"I play hard nose," she added with a laugh.

Marzolf brought this passion for safety to Parks and Recreation and Kramer and Hackman fondly remember her playing "devil's advocate" for what could go wrong for an event to make sure they were prepared for everything.

She especially brought this thoroughness and safety to the water's edge when she taught swimming lessons at the pool.

**OF ALL THE THINGS** she has done for the department, from being director to helping in the office to teaching water and land aerobics, Marzolf is best known for her years of setting New Hampton's kids on a path to loving the water.

"I think, you know, the kids in our community always look at her [and think] 'Swim lessons,' it's how they associate Laurie is with her swim lessons," Hackman said, "and she can take a child who is deathly, deathly afraid of the water, and by the end of being with Laurie, you know so many classes, they are little fish. You know, she just has that passion."

And it all began with Kit O'Donohoe.

"I was out at the pool one time and Kit approached me and said, 'Have you ever thought about teaching swimming lessons?' ... You know, I didn't know how to get started. So he goes, 'I'll get you the information. Go get certified.'

O'Donohoe taught the lifeguarding certification for years at the pool.

"So, you know, just the people you meet, it's amazing what opportunities come about," Marzolf said.

She began by teaching levels four and five, but when level one became available, she took the position teaching that. She has stuck with level one and Water Tots ever since.

Marzolf saw how she gave the kids "pictures" in their minds and used "trickery" to her advantage.

"I don't care how much knowledge you have if you can't relate to them," Marzolf said about teaching young kids.

She also picked up things from her own swimming lessons instructors growing up.

"I had a habit of not being able to swim at the top of the water, you know so like when you go to take a breath like for the front crawl or the breaststroke, you know you're right there at the top, well I was probably a foot under the water, for whatever reason..." Marzolf remembers. She also remembers failing that lesson.

**THAT'S HOW THE** Magic Rabbit game was born.

"That's what we do at the end of our lesson everyday, is the rabbits have to hide before I turn around and catch them with my magic camera," Marzolf explained.

"So, you know, they put their hands up and pretend ears and then I yell out, 'Rabbits ready!?' and they say, 'Yep!' and then I said, 'Well here I come!' and I'll turn around and the rabbits are to hide by either going all the way under, after they've learned how to do this, or they're to put as much of their face in the water as they can."

"And I've never caught a rabbit," Marzolf said.

For a while, she said they did use underwater cameras to capture the "rabbits" beneath the surface before the cameras became too hard to find. That was her "fantastic" aide, Brittany Rethamel Underwood's idea. The kids used to receive the photos at the end of the session instead of candy to take home.

Another one of her favorite tricks is the "magic washcloth." This one originally came from her dad, but she was reminded of it during a lesson.

She had a young girl in a private lesson who began to tell Marzolf about her loose tooth. Marzolf had been trying to find a way to get some kids to place their faces in the water.

This gave her an idea.

"My dad had, you know, this magic handkerchief," she said with a laugh, "that he pulled out of the drawer, which was no other than a regular handkerchief, but helped him, you know, that made it easier for him to pull our teeth, you know, so we weren't so scared."

Instead of a handkerchief, she thought she could use a magic washcloth at the pool. The kids used the "washcloth" to cover their eyes before they put their face underwater.

"But they were just going to get the washcloth really, really wet, but that puts their face in the water, and then eventually you start doing other things with it and that kind of helps get past that, 'I don't like getting my face in the water.'"

Another one of her sayings for when her students put their faces in the water, was an illustration about windows and doors on a house.

"You know, like when it's raining you close your windows and your door and I said, 'Well, that's your face - your windows are your eyes and your door is your mouth so when you close them and you put your face in the water you don't get wet!'

**BUT WHEN IT** comes to lessons, Marzolf also learned from the kids she was teaching, and always wondered about the kids she wasn't able to pass on a love of water to.

One little boy wouldn't dunk his head beneath the water, but Marzolf heard him say

he loved concrete. So she asked him what he thought his nose would think of touching the concrete at the bottom of the pool? Then she kept moving him around, telling him there was different concrete to check out in different spots.

"Do you realize where you are?" she remembers asking him after he had visited multiple spots.

"The best part of the job, there's so many, but is when you see the look in that child's face ... of like, not fear, but like uneasiness. And then you basically, you can say one thing or show one thing and you'll have, you know, five different kids, five different responses," Marzolf said, "but you have them try it and they'll come up and go, 'Oh, I did it!' You know they're so excited and happy that they did it, and then it's like, 'Watch me!'"

Marzolf, at times, wishes she could see the gears turning in their little minds as they learn.

**SHE IS GRATEFUL** for years spent bouncing off ideas with Nystel, and bouncing off the boards together for their annual flip.

She also praised the lifeguards she has worked with over the years for their friendship and how they try to make a difference in the lives of children. She even had a lifeguard that she worked with, Shelly Kobliska, write her a letter when she went off to college that Marzolf still has to this day.

Most of all, she praised their dedication to safety.

"I am thankful and humbled by them," she said. "That they're willing to risk their lives to save someone they might not even know and keep people safe. Every time a lifeguard gets in that chair they have to be willing to get in that water and go."

Hackman hopes the kids who have had Marzolf for swimming lessons take away a "love of water" and also "safety."

And, after almost forty years of service, she will be missed, both at the water's edge and behind a Park and Recreation desk in the winter.

"But yeah, quite honestly Laurie did about anything we needed her to do for the department," Kramer said.

Marzolf said she is so grateful to Hackman and Kramer, and the board as well.

"[To] parks and recreation for giving me the flexibility to do the job and Rick and Tara for everything they do to make that possible," Marzolf said. "I just appreciate being able to work for a nice board and bosses. It's been the ride of a life and I'm so lucky to have been able to work with them."

Hackman believes Marzolf isn't the only lucky one.

"Anybody that's had Laurie in their life, one way or another," Hackman said, "has been lucky to have that experience with her."

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## Check Out Chickasaws set for Friday evening

New Hampton High to introduce fall sports teams; football squad to scrimmage Decorah

New Hampton fans will have a chance to Check Out the Chickasaws this Friday when the school and the Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club hold their annual meet-the-teams night.

The Chickasaw volleyball team will have an open practice from 5 to 6 p.m. in the competition gymnasium. The football team will scrimmage Decorah, beginning at 6 p.m. Cheerleaders and cross country runners will be introduced at the football stadium at 6:15 p.m.

Booster club members will hold the 29th annual pre-game Lynch's BBQ Fundraiser from

4:30 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets for the meal are \$6 and available from all student-athletes and at the door.

And we're not too far away from the Chickasaws' first competitions, too.

The volleyball team will open the season with a home triangular against Jesup and Nashua-Plainfield on Tuesday, the cross country team heads to the Charles City Invitational next Thursday, and the following night, the football team will open its season with a non-district home game against MFL-Mac-Mac.



Photo courtesy of Jo Myrsiades  
Jo Myrsiades (right) poses with the 2022 winners of the Fredericksburg Sportsman's Club/AI Baxter Memorial Scholarship winners — (from left) Gavin Rings, Kayla Holschlag, Zach Utley, Carson Fangman and Sam Singewald.

## AI Baxter Memorial Shoot set for its 11th annual run Aug. 27

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Al Baxter always had a passion for shooting sports, and although he passed away almost 12 years ago, his legacy lives on through the scholarships his family presents to New Hampton High School seniors each year.

"He loved the outdoors, and he loved kids and wanted them to have the opportunity to be part of trapshooting," said Jo Myrsiades, his wife for more than 26 years.

"I know he would really appreciate that we do this and that we help our trapshooters with the next phase of their lives."

That's why Jo and her four children — Andrea, Angela, Ross and Abby — always look forward to the Al Baxter Memorial Shoot, and the 11th annual event will be held this year from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Fredericksburg Sportsman's Club.

The tournament will include a 50-target derby and games like Annie Oakley, Follow the Leader and Protection. There will also be a raffle for two guns, plus more than 80 other prizes. A freewill donation lunch will be available, and door prizes will be handed out, and all proceeds will go to fund the Fredericksburg Sportsman's Club/AI Baxter Memorial

Scholarship. Baxter grew up in Stuart, and after graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Navy — serving as a medical corpsman in the Boston Naval Hospital.

When he received his honorable discharge, he worked at John Deere in Ankeny while attending Iowa State University, where he earned a degree in fisheries and wildlife and competed on the Cyclones' trapshooting team.

He first served as a DNR officer in Scott County, before moving to Alta Vista, where he worked in both Chickasaw and Howard counties before his retirement in 2009.

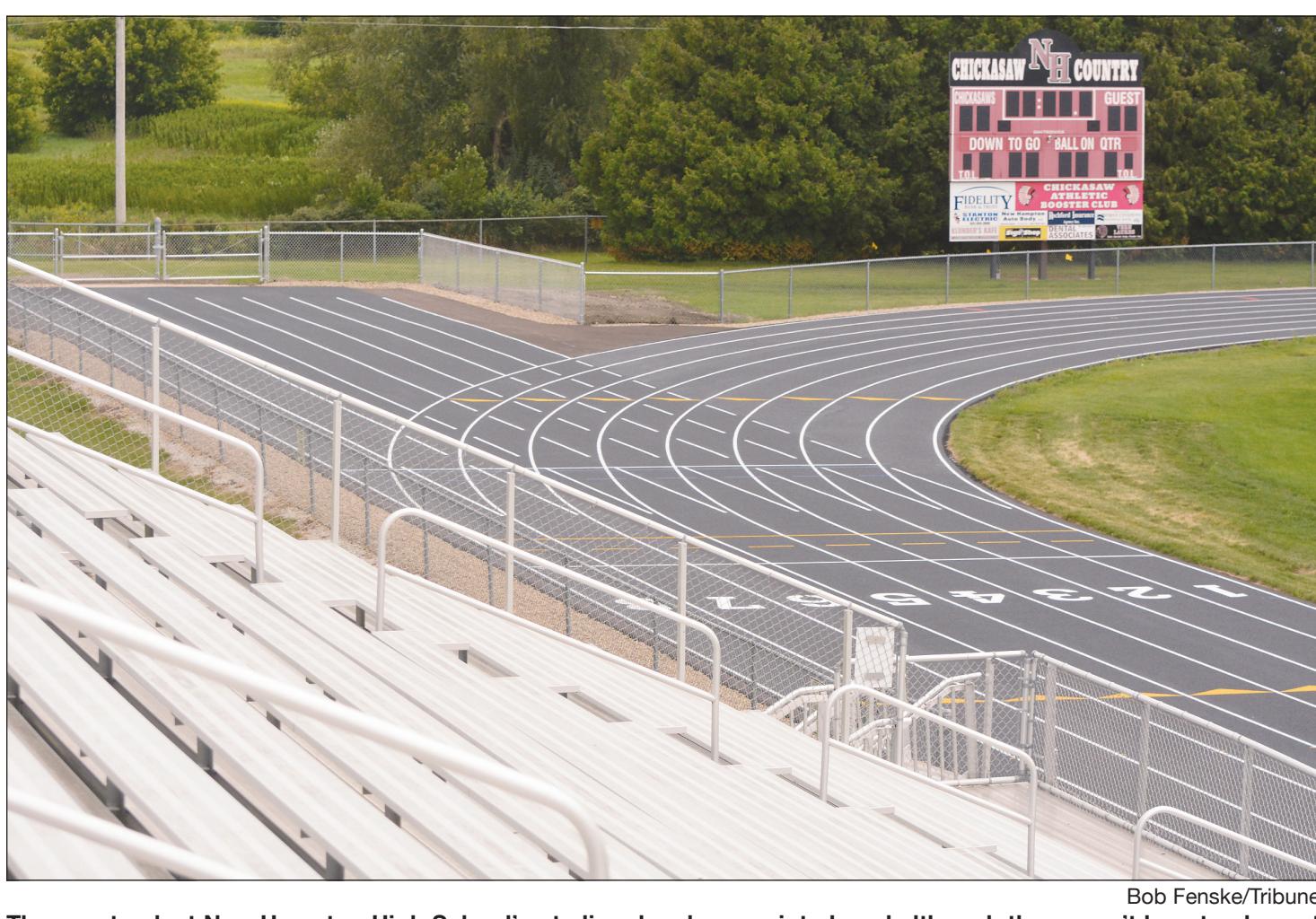
He was instrumental in helping get the powerhouse New Hampton trapshooting program off the ground.

"It was one of his passions," Myrsiades said, "and I know he'll be with us in spirit when we get together at the club."

Myrsiades said everyone is welcome to attend the event.

"Some people are here for the shooting, others come out just to watch and check out the prizes and eat some great food," she said, "We always say the more the merrier. Every cent we get goes to the scholarships."

And those cents have added up as, to date, New Hampton trapshooters have received more than \$25,000 in scholarships.



The new track at New Hampton High School's stadium has been painted, and although there won't be a track meet run on it until next spring, the Chickasaws' track coaches are pretty excited with how the project turned out.

## LOOKING PRETTY SPIFFY

COACHES APPRECIATE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR NEW TRACK, OTHER ADDITIONS

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Jeanette Laures and Scott Jenkins know they have to wait their turn and that the first track meet is still eight months away.

But, just so you know, the two New Hampton High School track coaches would kill to have a fall meet, if such a thing existed.

That's because, in their opinion, the new track and other additions to the "Home of the Chickasaws" turned out great.

"It looks great, and it really is a first-class

track facility," said Jenkins, who coaches the New Hampton boys team. "I think fans are really going to like it, and yeah, I can't wait to host a meet there. It's nice, really nice."

Laures, the Chickasaws girls coach, certainly won't disagree.

"There are so many things to like about it," she said. "Obviously, our old track was in tough shape so just that's really nice. At the same time, having the high jump pit inside the stadium, having all that room to check in and giving our visiting fans a sidewalk to get to their side of the field really

adds to it."

Late last year, the New Hampton School Board agreed that the district, along with a \$50,000 donation from the Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club, would pay for redoing the track, which Superintendent Jay Jurrens at the time said "had reached the end of its useful life."

But to add to the project, board members told coaches and track advocates that they would have to come up with donations.

They did that and more, raising more

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## Are you ready for some football?

I can already smell the smoke coming off the grill. The sound of a drum reverberates and echoes off my eardrums.

Then a singular trumpet blares out and seems to beckon my call.

My pace toward the stadium picks up, but I don't want to walk too fast.

Enjoying these simple, but small moments, are what fall is all about to me.

Kids are tossing footballs back and forth and tickets are being taken.

Smiles envelop friendly faces as the procession of football fans heading in one direction know game time is fast approaching.

As I slip my hooded sweatshirt over my head, I'm already savoring the wafting aroma of pork sandwiches, hamburgers and chili as I make my way to the football field.

Hot chocolate?? You better

believe it. The temperature just needs to drop a little bit before I burn my tongue on that piping-hot concoction.

Hot dogs are universal, though. Prove me wrong.

Like my dad always used to say, it's nature's perfect food. Of course he was kidding or was he? I could never tell sometimes with him.

FYI. I don't need a briefing on how frankfurters, sausages, bratwursts, etc. are manufactured and find their way to my bun. I just don't. There are some things in life we just don't discuss. The making of those sodium bombs in the form of processed meat is one of them.

Pretzels, walking tacos or nachos? Pfft! That kind of concession stand fare is relegated to baseball games and seventh-inning stretches — not for when pads are popped and touchdown celebrations make way to high-fives in the end zone.

High school football is this and a whole lot more for me. The scoreboard hasn't even begun to tick away the minutes, then seconds, that count down which team will be the victor in the season opener.

But there's a running clock

There's still some time, though.

Because we still have to watch the Bill Riley Talent Show from the Iowa State Fair on PBS (or in person) and get that one last dip in the

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