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## Supervisors close budget gap

Board looking at substantial hikes for GS, RSB levies, agree to 3% raises

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Over the course of almost six hours spread out over two days, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors tackled the riddle that has become its 2024-25 budget and tax levy, and late Tuesday morning, they seemed to have come up with an answer ... at least for now.

And part of that answer is some rel-

atively healthy hikes to two of the three levies the county uses to raise revenue.

During a budget workshop that lasted for more than three hours last Thursday and another that went on for 2 1/2 hours on Tuesday, supervisors bandied about various ideas to come up with ways to save money in its General Basic (GB) fund.

On Thursday, supervisors cut their own budget by more than \$16,500,

bandied about raising the General Supplemental (GS) levy by almost a dollar per \$1,000 valuation, discussed the possibility of moving one or two sheriff's deputy salaries from GB to Rural Services Basic (RSB) and considered backtracking on an earlier decision to give Secondary Roads 95 percent of the base RSB rate of \$3,00375 per \$1,000 valuation.

That latter point did not sit well with

County Engineer Roman Lensing, who was in Ames on Thursday but made an impassioned plea for supervisors to stick to the 95 percent base and not cut Secondary Roads funding by more than \$200,000. He also pointed out that if the county does not grant any pay increases to non-union employees either in the fiscal year that

starts July 1 or the following fiscal year, Secondary Roads foremen will actually make less money than the union workers they supervise.

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## EMS building remodel moves closer to reality

Board members vote to have county attorney draw up contract for work to be done by July 15

BY BOB FENSKE  
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors are now just one meeting away from finally giving the go-ahead to remodel the Chickasaw County EMS building so that it will have living quarters for the service's paramedics, EMTs and drivers.

Board members on Tuesday met with Stanton Electric owner Chuck Stanton, who the week before proposed serving as the project's "manager," to discuss the project costs and he told county leaders that the remodeling would cost \$170,784.

That was almost \$19,000 less than what Design Connections' Aaron Thompson had proposed during a Feb. 20 meeting. Thompson, who was paid by the county to draw up the plans, had based his costs on the sub-contractor bids, a bonding fee and a 6.5 percent fee for serving as the construction manager of the project.

Stanton said he was able to offer a lower price for a variety of reasons — including reducing his construction manager fee to 5 percent and not spending \$2,500 on a building permit that Thompson had in his bid but is not required by the city of New Hampton.

He said he had met with a number of the sub-contractors — who include Country Carpentry, Mic's Plumbing and Heating, Stanton Electric and Midwest Floors — and "no one sees any overages or hidden things, unless we open a wall or put a hole in the floor that would be completely out of the norm. With a building that new, I don't see the insulation having settled or anything but those are things that will be brought up at the meeting that would potentially get into our contingency maybe."

Supervisors Jake Hackman, though, did ask

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

**U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley makes a point as he talks to employees at Milkhouse Candles in New Hampton on Wednesday during his "99-county tour" of the state he has represented in the Senate since 1981.**

## IOWA'S INDOMITABLE SENATOR

DURING VISIT TO CANDLE FACTORY, GRASSLEY TOUCHES ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES DURING HIS '99-COUNTY TOUR'

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Since he first became a United States senator in 1981, Charles Grassley has conducted his "99-county tour" of Iowa each and every year.

In other words, the 90-year-old Grassley has

visited every corner of the state longer than a lot of the folks he talked to last Wednesday have been alive.

"First, I want to make it to 90," Milkhouse Candles Chief Operating Officer Nick Sparrow said after leading the nation's "senior" senator on a tour of the New Hampton manufacturing plant. "Second, if I get there, I want to be in the

shape he's in."

The 99-county tour has become part of Grassley's legacy, and after making stops at a hospital in Howard County, a school in Mitchell County and the candle factory in New Hampton on Wednesday, he flashed a quick smile.

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## Hmm, what happened to our winter?

BY BOB FENSKE  
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Mother Nature evidently forgot to "take her meds" this month because, let's face it, the quick cold snap that descended upon the area Tuesday night notwithstanding, this has been a very, very, very strange February.

According to the National Weather Service, New Hampton has recorded high temperatures in the 50s and beyond 11 days this month, and Wednesday's high temp in the 20s marked just the second time this month that we didn't exceed the freezing mark.

Granted, it felt really cold; after all, we hit 73 degrees on Monday — yes, 73 on Feb. 26 — but for those who

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

**Members of the New Hampton girls track team stretch out on the track during a practice held on Monday, when temperatures were a very un-Feb. 26-like 73 degrees.**

## School goes on after threat found to be 'not credible'

BY BOB FENSKE  
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It was a typical Monday morning at New Hampton High School in almost every way but one.

Kids wiped the sleep from their eyes, headed to class and began another week of school, albeit with a little extra "law enforcement presence" in the building after school officials the night before were made aware of some online comments directed toward the high school.

Superintendent Jay Jurrens said he learned of the threat late Sunday night when students, staff and administrators shared concerns about "some things they had seen online," and Jurrens said he immediately reached out to New Hampton Police Chief Tim Pederson and his officers.

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## Return of Boomers

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Eight New Hampton, Turkey Valley players honored with all-conference selections

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## Jurrens asks residents to help keep schools safe

### SCHOOL: FROM 1

"They began investigating immediately, and when we met early this morning," Jurrens said, "they told us that they had determined the threat was not credible, that we should go ahead and have school."

Jurrens reached out to students and parents in the district with a letter that was posted on social media sites before school began Monday.

In the letter, Jurrens informed residents that even though the online comments were determined not to be credible, "in an abundance of caution, we will have an increased law enforcement presence throughout the district buildings today."

Jurrens said early Monday afternoon that he appreciated the prompt response and investigation conducted by Pederson and his officers.

He also, as he did in the letter he penned earlier in the day, said the safety of students and staff remains the top priority in the district.

In his letter he said the "district wants to remind everyone that if you see or hear something please say something to law enforcement or school staff so that it can be investigated."

Working together we can keep everyone safe in our school and community."

Jurrens issued a second letter at the end of the school day — one in which he thanked not only the New Hampton Police Department but also the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa State Patrol.

"They handled the investigation quickly and professionally and provided extra help at the school today," Jurrens wrote. "These caring professionals are dedicated to keeping everyone safe in our community and demonstrate it on a daily basis. We are honored to work with them throughout the year and when events like this come up."

The district's top administrator also said the school "wants to send a shout out to those students who heard about the threats and contacted a teacher or an administrator to let us know about it. We had some students reach out to staff and administrators on a Sunday night after 9 p.m. When it's this important, we're glad they did reach out."

He asked parents to talk to their children, and "if they see or hear something to be sure and say something. If they cannot get a hold of a staff member, please call 911 and report it."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

**U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley listens as Milkhouse Candles Chief Operating Officer Nick Sparrow explains the process when it comes to manufacturing candles at the company's New Hampton factory.**

## Grassley: GOP is not against legal immigration

### SENATOR: FROM 1

"Nine down, 90 to go," he said of the 2024 tour.

But when Grassley spoke to a group of employees on the factory floor, he said the tour is not a gimmick; instead, it's a must for any self-respecting officeholder.

"If I'm going to be representing you in the United States Senate," he said, "then I need to know what you're thinking and I need to hear it from you. That's why I come to places like this. Not everyone can get off work to come and see me so I appreciate Milkhouse letting me come here to talk to you."

During his hour-long visit, he touched on a number of issues — ranging from the economy to the need for a new Farm Bill to so-called climate change to immigration.

Asked by a factory worker where he thought the economy was heading, Grassley said he is more optimistic about it than he was a year ago.

### THE 'SENIORS' IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE

Here are the 10 longest serving members of the United States Senate with their party, state and first date in the Senate:

Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa	Jan. 3, 1981
Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky	Jan. 3, 1985
Patty Murray, D-Washington	Jan. 3, 1993
Ron Wyden, D-Oregon	Feb. 6, 1996
Richard J. Durbin, D-Illinois	Jan. 3, 1997
Jack Reed, D-Rhode Island	Jan. 3, 1997
Susan Collins, R-Maine	Jan. 3, 1997
Charles E. Schumer, D-New York	Jan. 3, 1999
Michael D. Crapo, R-Idaho	Jan. 3, 1999
Thomas R. Carper, D-Delaware	Jan. 3, 2001

"I don't think we're headed for a recession, and even though I see some signs of a slowdown," he said, "I don't think it's going to be all that noticeable to most people."

Another factory worker pointed out the warm February and asked Grassley if he was worried about the climate. The senator's reply was careful and measured.

"I think, yes, it does make you wonder," he said of a February that has had more days in the 50s than it has had days with high temperatures below the freezing point. "I don't think we know the cause. Is it natural or is it man-made, maybe it's a little bit of both."

He also defended his and fellow Republicans' stand on illegal immigration, lashing out at President Joe Biden for "not protecting our border," but Grassley also said that by no means should his stance on illegal immigration be taken as he is against all immigration.

"No one can say we're anti-immigration," he said,

"because we are a nation of immigrants. . . ."

"We have a million legal immigrants come to our country each year, and for me, I have no problem with that. They're doing it the right way, the legal way."

During the tour of the factory that employs almost 100 workers, Grassley was told that Milkhouse, like a number of Chickasaw County manufacturers, employ high school seniors who are eligible for "work-release" programs.

He told those students during his impromptu "factory town-hall meeting" that he is pushing for all post-secondary students to be eligible for federal Pell Grants.

"If you need to go somewhere for a year or two to learn a trade," he said, "I don't understand why you shouldn't be eligible for a Pell Grant. That makes no sense to me, and we're working to get that changed."

He also took a few "soft-ball" questions from the factory workers, including one who

asked him about his family and his route to becoming a U.S. senator.

That gave him a chance to remind workers that his wife of 69 years, Barbara, is a "New Hampton gal," but when it came to being a U.S. senator, he said it wasn't "my plan long ago."

Instead, he told the Milkhouse employees that he grew up in a home that, while not politically active, contained a lot of talk about history and government and that "things just worked out the way they did."

He said he ran for an eighth term in 2022 because he knew that he could help Iowa, especially with the fact that he tops the Senate's seniority list.

"I think I see being a U.S. senator as an opportunity to do good and improve society," he said.

"Iowa's needs are No. 1 on my agenda, and with my position, my seniority, I felt like I could do the most good for my state."

And before he departed, he told the candle factory workers that he was impressed with the work they do on a daily basis. He also pointed out that one of the things he most enjoys about his annual tour of the state he represents is learning about businesses like Milkhouse.

"A lot of times I go to places and I had no idea they did what they did," he said. "We have so many businesses like yours that need their stories told. And you know, I think some of that is we're in Iowa. We don't brag enough ... and you have every right to brag."

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Stanton Electric owner Chuck Stanton (left) makes a point to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday morning as he talks about the proposed remodeling of the Chickasaw County EMS building so that it will have living quarters.

## Supervisors expected to vote Monday on remodeling contract

### AMBULANCE: FROM 1

If Stanton's proposal included the \$4,000 that Telecom Services of Iowa (TS Iowa) had bid for the IT portion of the remodel. That bid was also not included in Thomson's proposal, and after some quick figuring, that would add \$4,326 to the project cost, which would bring the final total to \$175,110.

That number remained far below the \$196,000 threshold the county can't exceed without having to undergo more rigorous state requirements for capital improvements.

Country Carpentry owner Lester Glaser pointed out that the county could save about \$2,000 by using wood-frame doors

instead of steel frames.

Still, supervisors weren't quite ready to sign off on the deal; instead, they made a motion for County Attorney David Laudner to draw up a contract with Stanton before giving the final go-ahead to do the remodel.

Board members also said they were fine with Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson to be the "go-to person" for non-financial changes to the plans, but if the project had to dip into its contingency, they wanted Stanton to clear those changes with the board.

"It's going to have to be a bit of a hybrid contract," Laudner said, "but I think we can get it to you by this weekend so you'll have ... it for Monday's meeting."

Board members then voted 4-0 —

Supervisor Matt Kuhn was unable to attend Tuesday's meeting — to approve a motion to have Laudner draw up a contract.

Since the county-owned ambulance service began running on Jan. 1, 2023, the "main crew" has been housed in temporary quarters — first in a house on South Walnut Avenue and then, since October, in an apartment building that is located across the street from Fareway on South Water Avenue.

Stanton told board members he would ask Laudner to have a completion date of July 15, although he added that he fully expects the remodel to be completed sooner.

"To be safe for everybody," he said, "July 15 is the date I think we should go with."

## Fredericksburg to keep contract with Sheriff's Office for same amount of hours

### BY BOB FENSKE

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Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver did get some good news — at least when it comes to his 2024-25 fiscal year budget — last Wednesday when the Fredericksburg City Council agreed to sign a contact for law-enforcement services without a reduction in hours.

"They did talk a little about reducing the number of hours," Shawver said during a Board of Supervisors meeting Thursday afternoon, "but in the end, they settled on 1,020, the same amount as this year."

Supervisors then voted unanimously to approve the 2024-25 contract two days after board members OK'd a contract with Nashua that calls for the

county to provide 1,750 hours of dedicated service next year, down from the 2,080 hours it is providing during the fiscal year that ends on June 30.

Nashua's new contract also removed what Shawver called a "two-tier billing," which means his office's revenue from the Nashua will drop by almost \$33,000 next year.

There was concern that

Fredericksburg might follow suit in reducing hours after earlier this month, supervisors raised the hourly rate from \$65 to \$71.50 because of increased costs for the Sheriff's Office.

But those fears were for naught, and now the county has signed deals with both cities that contract with the Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services.

## After a quick visit, winter will depart during warm weekend

### WEATHER: FROM 1

have gotten used to springtime in February, we've got some good news for you: The high today is expected to be back up to 50, beginning a warming trend that will see temperatures in the 60s Saturday and the 70s on Sunday.

And don't even talk about snow. Yes, a dusting of the white stuff was expected to fall on Tuesday night after this edition of the Tribune went to press, but if it did, it

was the first snow the area had received this month.

The warm weather was a boon to a wide variety of residents. Track athletes, usually confined to the indoors this time of year, spent their first week of practice running around the outdoor track. Motorcyclists got their bikes out. You didn't have to go too far to find an open golf course. Bird watchers spotted robins. And, of all things, a few farmers were seen doing field work.

What a difference five years make.

Back in February 2019, we endured 16 nights in which the temperature dropped well below zero. This year, our coldest temperature recorded in the month was 5 on Feb. 17. And five years ago, we were constantly "digging out" as 41.5 inches of snow fell.

But our best advice is to enjoy "spring" as long as it lasts. March is just around the corner, and while it will come in like a lamb, there's still plenty of time for the "winter lion" to make an appearance.



## Cattlemen scholarships

Seven area students — (from left) Jalynn Pratt, Tori Bearman, Ethan Swehla, Trinity Brincks, Ava Thordson, Adriana Tiedt and Leander Reicks — pose for a photo after each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association during the group's annual banquet that was held this past Saturday at the Pub at the Pinicon in New Hampton.

Laurie Tiemessen/Tribune



Congratulations to Chickasaw County ISU Extension and Outreach on their new location. Pictured are Chickasaw County ISU Extension Staff & Council Members along with New Horizons Chamber Board Members. Back Row: Joanne Tupper, Kristi Pederson, Terry Basol, Patrick Dirks, Diane Brown, Kendra Crooks, Kerstin Schwickerath, Randy Nosbisch. Front Row: Tammy Robinson, Bruce Arendt, Liz Zweibohmer, Lynn Bruess, Bobby Schwickerath, Amanda Tupper, Mary Schrandt Prouty, Tara Underwood, Adam Zeien

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## TVEF funds a Night at the Theatre

Thanks to the generosity of the Turkey Valley Education Foundation, Turkey Valley's speech students — including (from left) Ella Drilling, Michelle Nystel, Emma Brincks, Kinek Reicks and Grace Bouska — were provided the opportunity to attend a professional theatre performance at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Art Center.

Students attended the opening night of "Come From Away" on Friday, Feb. 9.

The Broadway hit musical takes place in the moments following the tragic events in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. As the US airspace was closed thousands of travelers were on planes crossing the Atlantic bound for the east coast. They were diverted to an airport near Gander, Newfoundland where they would spend several days coping with the tragedies of that morning, but also learning about what it means to be there for one another.

## Low income energy assistance applications are still available through the end of April

Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC) is taking applications for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) through April 30.

The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel, among others. All low-income Northeast Iowans are encouraged to apply, including senior citizens and individuals with disabilities. Households burning wood or where heating is included as part of the rent may also be eligible for assistance.

All households applying for LIHEAP will need to provide the social security number of each household member, regardless of age; a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill and documentation of gross income for everyone living in the home for the previous 30 calendar days, the most recent 12 months or for the previous calendar year.

Your local Northeast Iowa Community Action Family Services Office is open by appointment. Visit at www.neicac.org to schedule an appointment. For more, contact your local NEICAC Family Service Offices or call the central office in Decorah at (563) 382-9608.

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# Cleansing our hearts

Just like Jesus 'cleaned out' the temple, let's prepare for Easter's glory

Quite a few years ago I helped a close friend of mine renovate the house that he and his wife had bought.

It was an old farm-house and we went upstairs with sledge-hammers and pry bars and proceeded to tear everything apart.

Holes appeared in the walls and then the sheet rock would be pulled from the studs.

Wires to outlets would be snipped and we would pull the old wiring out.

Carpet in the halls and bedrooms were cut and ripped up from the floor and the linoleum in the bathroom came out with the help of a steel floor scraper.

The upstairs looked like a disaster area until

we started to clean up and then put in new flooring, new wiring and new sheet rock.

That was the memory that came to me when I read the Gospel for this coming weekend. Jesus enters Jerusalem and goes to the temple area where he finds the merchants selling oxen, sheep and doves along with the money changers.

Instead of using a pry bar and floor scraper, Jesus uses a whip made out of cords to drive out the merchants and money changers and he tips over the tables with the coins flying all over the place. Why?

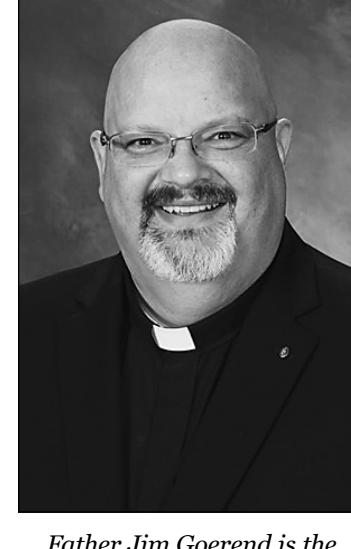
A scripture scholar argues that Jesus, in his actions at the temple, anticipates a time when there will be no need for

merchants and money changers in the temple area. A time "... when the sacred nature of the Temple will spread through all the people" and into their homes.

Has that time arrived? Some questions to ponder. Do we "do our best" when we attend worship services on the weekend, but just engage in business as usual during the workweek?

Do we pray only in church, or is prayer part of our daily practice? Do we celebrate the gifts of God only when it is time to do so in the worship service, or do we celebrate these gifts morning to night?

Is the church just a building, or is the church the community who gathers in Jesus' name, who acts as Jesus taught, who lives the



Father Jim Goerend is the priest for the Good Shepherd Cluster, which includes Catholic parishes in New Hampton, Ionia and North Washington

good news?

Do we need a cleansing of our heart and soul just like the temple needed a cleansing?

Some things to think about as we delve further into Lent and approach the glory of the Passion and Resurrection.

## Nine good reasons to be faithful with church attendance



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belong to God, we'll manage our health for his glory. A faithful church equips us to live wisely, practice self-control, pursue habits of holiness, and abstain from self-destructive activities that threaten good health.

This is stewardship theology, not prosperity theology.

Further, engaging in meaningful fellowship can reduce both stress and the risk of mortality by 55 percent among middle-aged adults. Faithful church attendance is an "underappreciated resource" that most physicians never think to explore with their patients. As Rebecca McLaughlin observes, faithful church attendance "could save your life."

5. Church attendance can make you happier.

Desiring happiness is the normal instinct of a creature made in the image of a happy God. God delights in our holy happiness and commands us to "rejoice in hope" (Rom. 12:12). While the most desperate sorrow rises out of hopelessness, worshipers of the risen Lord have solid reasons to hope.

Harvard researchers concluded weekly church attendance effectively improved the physical and mental health of millions of Americans and reduced mortality by "20 to 30 percent over a 15-year period."

6. Church attendance can make you more generous.

Only at church will you hear that you own nothing and God owns everything. He entrusts his money to us, and someday we'll give him an account for our management. Therefore, faithful churches teach their members "to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" (1 Tim. 6:18).

Even after giving generously to his or her own church, notes Ericka Anderson, "someone who attends church weekly has an 81 percent likelihood of donating to

secular causes, while someone who doesn't only has a 60 percent likelihood of donating to any cause at all."

7. Church attendance can protect your marriage.

As earnest believers hear sermons exhorting husbands and wives to love one another, keep their vows, forgive one another, and reflect God's grace in their marriage, the Holy Spirit does his sanctifying work. In the community of faith, God draws husbands and wives closer to himself and each other.

There are countless influences pulling spouses apart, but faithful church attendance "together reduces a couple's risk of divorce by a remarkable 47 percent."

8. Church attendance can limit the power of the state.

In 1840, Alexis de Tocqueville marveled at the way Americans voluntarily and "constantly form associations." Tocqueville viewed the church in America as the most potent voluntary association—a mediating institution guarding against tyranny.

Faithful churches lead members to love God, each other, their communities, and their enemies. The cumulative effect of countless acts of self-denying love reduces crime, divorce, drug and alcohol abuse, racism, poverty, injustice, recidivism, ignorance, hunger, homelessness, lawsuits, abortions, fatherlessness, the negative effects of natural disasters, and other problems the government is expected to address.

9. Church attendance can protect your family against delusional thinking.

As the "pillar and buttress of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15), the church holds up reality to a deceived world. When a culture reaches a certain level of moral rebellion, God's wrath comes in the form of delusional thinking as he gives them up "to a debased mind" (Rom. 1:28).

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## How Can Women Bridge the Retirement Gap?

March 8 is International Women's Day, a day for celebrating all the accomplishments of women around the globe. But many women still need to make up ground in one key area: retirement security.

Women's challenges in achieving a secure retirement are due to several factors, including these:

- Pay gap** – It's smaller than it once was, but a wage gap still exists between men and women. In fact, women earn, on average, about 82 cents for every dollar that men earn, according to the Census Bureau. And even though this gap narrows considerably at higher educational levels, it's still a source of concern. Women who earn less than men will likely contribute less to 401(k) plans and will ultimately see smaller Social Security checks.

- Longer lives** – At age 65, women live, on average, about 20 more years, compared to almost 17 for men, according to the Social Security Administration. Those extra years mean extra expenses.

- Caregiving responsibilities** – Traditionally, women have done much of the caregiving for young children and older parents. And while this caregiving is done with love, it also comes with financial sacrifice. Consider this: The average employment-related costs for mothers providing unpaid care is nearly \$300,000 over a lifetime, according to the U.S. Department of Labor – which translates to a reduction of 15% of lifetime earnings. Furthermore, time away from the workforce results in fewer contributions to 401(k) and other employer-sponsored retirement plans.

Ultimately, these issues can leave women with a retirement security deficit. Here are some moves that can help close this gap:

- Contribute as much as possible to retirement plans.** Try to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Your earnings can grow tax deferred and your contributions can lower your taxable income.



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(With a Roth 401(k), contributions aren't deductible, but earnings and withdrawals are tax free, provided you meet certain conditions.) At a minimum, contribute enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered, and try to boost your contributions whenever your salary goes up. If you don't have access to a 401(k), but you have earned income, you can contribute to an IRA. Even if you don't have earned income, but you have a spouse who does, you might be eligible to contribute to a spousal IRA.

- Maximize Social Security benefits.** You can start taking Social Security at 62, but your monthly checks will be much bigger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, which will be around 66½. If you are married, you may want to coordinate your benefits with those of your spouse — in some cases, it makes sense for the spouse with the lower benefits to claim first, based on their earnings record, and apply for spousal benefits later, when the spouse with higher benefits begins to collect.

- Build an emergency fund.** Try to build an emergency fund containing up to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account. Having this fund available will help protect you from having to dip into your retirement accounts for large, unexpected costs, such as a major home or car repair. It's unfortunate, but women still must travel a more difficult road than men to reach retirement security. But making the right moves can help ease the journey.

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## A New Hampton quartet at Dorian!

New Hampton Concert Band members (above) Andi Gebel, Hayden Hackman, Miranda Buckley and Calyb Zeien pose for a photo at the Dorian Honor Band program that wrapped up its two-day run with a concert on the Luther College campus in Decorah on Monday evening. Approximately 500 students were accepted to participate in the festival where students were placed in one of four bands — 9/10 Festival Mass Band, 11/12 Festival Mass Band, the select Festival Symphonic Band, as well as the select Festival Jazz Band.

## Area school district facing tough budget decisions

Nashua-Plainfield superintendent says district's school board must make \$500,000 in reductions to its 2024-25 budget

BY BOB FENSKE  
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Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Todd Liechty knows it's not going to be easy to find budget reductions totaling \$500,000, but he is trying to stay as positive as he can.

"We're not cutting any programs, and no one is going to lose their job," he said. "It's obviously never a fun process to go through budget reductions, but our kids are going to have the same opportunities next year as they do this year."

The School Board was scheduled to meet Wednesday, after this edition of the Tribune went to press, to take public input on the reductions to the budget for the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

Liechty said after the board hears comments from the public, he will present his recommendations before the board decides how to proceed.

"I have my suggestions, but it is their decision," he said. "There's no question it's challenging, but our goal, the board's goal, is to do what's best for our kids and our school district."

Liechty said earlier this week that there are a myriad of reasons Nashua-Plainfield is facing its first large-scale budget reduction since the spring of 2018, the year the district decided to close its middle school in Plainfield.

Like many rural school districts, Nashua-Plainfield's enrollment has dropped or, at the very best, remained stagnant. The district also has what its top administrator called a "higher-than-average" salary scale when compared to surrounding school districts. And State Supplemental Aid (SSA) — the amount of money school districts receive per student — has not kept pace with inflation.

Liechty was quick to point out that the \$3.279 million project to construct baseball and softball diamonds in Plainfield have nothing to do with the fact the district has to go through budget reductions for 2024-25.

"It's the question I know some people are going to ask. 'How can you afford a \$3 million project for the diamonds and then have to cut the budget,'" Liechty said, "and the answer is simple but not so easy to understand: They come from

two different funds."

The bonds for the diamond project will be paid back with funds from the district's SAVE fund, which is supported by the State Penny for Infrastructure, and SAVE funds can not be used to pay for things like staff salaries and benefits, curriculum and programming.

Instead, those items must come out of the general fund, which is where the budget reductions are being considered, and since 80 percent of the General Funds is made up of salaries and benefits, that, Liechty said, puts "salaries under a microscope."

Liechty's recommendations are a varied lot, topped off by moving the district's Teacher and Leadership Compensation (TLC) funds into the General Fund, which will account for \$213,000 in savings. He also is recommending the district not replace two retiring teachers and to absorb another staff member's reduction from full-time to part-time status.

Nashua-Plainfield will also generate some savings with the

fact that its new "superintendent partner" will pay more of the superintendent's salary and benefits than its old one did.

The district has shared a superintendent with Rockford since 2018, but beginning next year, the district will share its top administrator with Tripoli while Rockford has signed a superintendent sharing agreement with Garner-Hayfield-Ventura. Nashua-Plainfield has paid 70 percent of the superintendent's contract with Rockford sharing agreement but that number will drop to 60 percent when it begins sharing agreement with Tripoli July 1.

Liechty is also recommending to the board that it save more than \$80,000 by only paying for a teacher's health insurance premium and not paying teachers an additional stipend that covers the difference between its contract and the actual health insurance premiums the district pays.

Thank you to all our friends and family. The beautiful cards and your caring messages made our 50th Anniversary even more special.

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### March 2024

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Thursday, March 14</b> <b>Irish Stew Dinner</b> <b>4:30 pm to 6:00 pm</b> <b>Prizes, Dinner, Desserts</b>						
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Thursday	58	24	--
Friday	46	10	--
Saturday	46	16	--
Sunday	55	29	--
Monday	73	31	--
Tuesday	57	20	T

**Forecast**

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 50 and a low of 34.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 56 and a low of 37.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 65 and a low of 49.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny during the day with a high of 72 and a low of 44 but chance of a thunderstorm late.

**Monday:** Mostly cloudy and windy with rain likely, high of 57 and a low of 47.

**Meetings****MONDAY**

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

**History**

• In 1704, Deerfield, a frontier settlement in western Massachusetts, is attacked by a French and Native American force, and 100 men, women, and children are massacred as the town is burned to the ground.

• In 1940, Hattie McDaniel, who played the role of Mammy in "Gone with the Wind," becomes the first African American actress or actor ever to be honored with an Academy Award when she wins the best supporting actress Oscar.

• In 1968, the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders — known as the Kerner Commission — releases its report, condemning racism as the primary cause of the recent surge of riots.

• In 1980, Buddy Holly's glasses, lost since his death in a plane crash in 1959, are found near the crash site just to the north of the Mason City Airport.

• In 1916, in one of the few World War I naval battles, both the British armed merchant ship Alcantara and the German raider Grief sink after engaging each other in a close-range battle.

**Birthdays**

• John Holland, the Irish engineer known as the father of the modern submarine, was born in 1840.

• Henri Richard, one of the NHL's all-time greats, was born in 1931.

• American rapper Ja Rule turns 48.

• Bryce Paup, who grew up near the small Iowa town of Scranton, starred at UNI and played in the NFL for 11 years, turns 56.

**Corrections**

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641.394.2111**Gene A. Johnson, 84**

Gene A. Johnson, age 84 of Waterloo and formerly of New Hampton, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024. Gene spent his last week at home with hospice care, surrounded by the love of his family.

Funeral services with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1555 W Ridgeway Ave., Waterloo.

Visitation at the church will begin at 10 a.m.; fellowship will follow the services.

Inurnment will be later at Crane Creek Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers will be Nathaniel Rizner, Skylar Johnson, Jack Orvis, David Orvis, Tim Orvis and Steve Gilbert.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Cedar Valley Hospice, or the donor's choice.

Gene Arthur Johnson was born July 11, 1939, in rural New Hampton, the son of Severt and Martha (Kimball) Johnson, the fifth of six children.

Gene received his education at New Hampton Public School going through the eighth grade.

Gene went to work at age 13 helping with farm tiling, working at a service station, setting pins at the bowling alley and then B & P Silo Company. In 1960, Gene was hired at John Deere working at several of the production plants. He retired after 33 years of loyal service. In retirement, Gene enjoyed getting to actually run the John Deeres while helping family and friends on the farm.

Gene met the love of his life, Beverly Kay Orvis in the old neighborhood north of New Hampton. They were married on June 26, 1960, at Crane Creek Lutheran Church, rural Lawler.

The couple resided in Waterloo until Gene was inducted into the United States Army in June 1962. He was honorably discharged in May 1968.

During that time, Gene and Bev lived in Missouri, Virginia and Washington, D.C. While stationed in DC, President Kennedy died, and Gene was a car driver in the funeral procession. Gene was very proud of his military service as well as his son's and several grandsons'.

After being discharged from the service, Gene and Bev returned to Waterloo and he resumed working at Deere's. They moved to their home on South Hackett in 1968.

In 1969, Gene and Bev became the parents of Ricky, followed by Rebecca in 1972.

As a family, the Johnsons spent many weekends and summer vacations fishing and camping, including trips to Mt. Rushmore and to Canada. They also enjoyed coming up to the Kjarkiv farm to visit.

Gene was very involved with the Boy Scouts when his son, Rick was a member. Rick especially remembers a scout trip to Ely, Minnesota, where they met

**Gene Johnson**

up with a bear, as well as a trip to the Boundary Waters. Gene was a loving dad and Becky remembers as a child eagerly waiting for her dad to return home from work each evening so they could sit in the recliner and do word-find puzzles and eat popcorn. Becky enjoyed motorcycle rides with her dad back in the day too.

The simple things in life are what really matter. Gene drove many miles around the U.S. to visit his kids and grandkids. They were each very special to him.

Gene's family will remember him as the quintessential neighbor. He was always lending a helping hand using his ability to fix anything. Gene mowed a lot of grass in the neighborhood with his John Deere mower and then moved a lot of snow in the winter. This earned Gene the nickname of "The Mayor of South Hackett."

In later years, Gene spent many hours sitting on his front deck waving to everyone that went by. He enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels, especially one very tame one who he named, "Squeaky." Annual fishing trips to Canada with his brother-in-law, Charlie Orvis and their friends and deer hunting every December were highlights for Gene. He also league bowled for many years.

Gene was a 31-year member of American Legion Post No. 138 and a member of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waterloo.

Survivors include Gene's wife of 63 years, Beverly Johnson, his son, Rick (Traci) of Virginia, daughter, Becky (Chris) Adams of New Hartford, 12 grandchildren, Renee, Michael, Julia, Skylar, Kitana-Bre, and Justin and Nathaniel, Kyhlee, Austen, Sam, Keegan, and Parker; two great-grandsons, Parker and Lincoln and a great-granddaughter on the way; a brother-in-law, Ronald Hurd; a sister-in-law, Connie (Denny) Gewecke, along with many special nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He was proceeded in death by his parents; his sisters, Edith (Gerald) Brummond, Marie (Delbert) Bellinger, Thelma (Louis) Howe, Lorraine (Gene) Bennor, Darlene (Jim) McDonald and Anna Hurd; and brother-in-law, Charlie (Karen) Orvis.

Gene was very involved with the Boy Scouts when his son, Rick was a member. Rick especially remembers a scout trip to Ely, Minnesota, where they met

**Gladys Antel-Hayes, 102**

Gladys Antel-Hayes, age 102 of La Mesa, California and formerly a longtime music teacher in New Hampton, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2024, at West Mont of La Mesa.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Gladys' local arrangements.

Online condolences for Gladys' family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday March 1, 2024, at Jerico Lutheran Church with the Rev. Peter Faugstad presiding.

Friends may greet the family two hours prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Donald's services. Online condolences for the Pankow family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

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## NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

## Week of Feb. 25

## 1949 (75 years ago)

On Feb. 25, the first of the new line of Chrysler Corporation cars will be on display in New Hampton. Dan and Tim Donovan were in St. Paul last week for the showing of the new models to dealers. They report the new Dodge features not only a new concept of body styling and design but is a new vehicle also from the standpoint of engine and mechanical innovations.

Donovan Motors, local Dodge dealer, invite the public to see the new car.

The new Maindiner Cafe in New Hampton will hold its Grand Opening on Thursday, March 3. The new cafe, occupying one-third of the Kennedy building, has been completely remodeled and redecorated. There is an increase in seating and new fixtures have been installed. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served.

## 1974 (50 years ago)

After several days of spring-like weather, winter returned to Iowa with a vengeance last Thursday in the form of heavy snow and high winds. According to the volunteer weather observer, the storm dumped six inches of new snow on the New Hampton area and this was followed by temperature readings in the zero range.

Prior to Thursday, daytime temperatures had been in the upper 30s and low 40s. However, Thursday night, the low was 19 and the low for the weekend was minus 1 on Sunday morning.

Effective Friday, March 1, as established by federal and state law, Iowa motorists will be traveling at the new, lower speed limit of 55 miles per hour.

And preparing for the change, this week the Iowa State Highway Commission began changing posted speed limits on the state's 10,000 mile interstate and primary highway sys-

tem to the new limit.

## 1999 (25 years ago)

Bill Roths will be inducted into the Iowa High School Wrestling Hall of Fame this Saturday, Feb. 27, during the championship finals of the 1999 State Wrestling Tournament. The New Hampton native, New Hampton High School and Upper Iowa University graduate, has been a wrestling official for 25 years. Roths is accepted as one of the finest talents for enforcing proper competition in the state, in the Midwest and even on the national level.

Turkey Valley's 189-pounder Matt Langreck proved the third time is indeed a charm as the three-time district qualifier reached paydirt with a district championship and a trip to Des Moines this week for the 1999 State Wrestling Tourney. Langreck knocked on the door in 1997 and 1998 before breaking it down to earn his first state meet berth in 1999.

## 2014 (10 years ago)

Conner Cleveland, a 106-pounder, placed second at the Class 2A State Wrestling Tournament. The New Hampton sophomore had a brilliant season, a 44-2 record, a Northeast Iowa Conference title, a sectional crown, a district championship and three wins on the biggest state high school wrestling has to offer.

Cleveland said he has one more step to take. That step? The answer came quickly. "To win it."

Cold, snow and wind have added up to a demoralizing trifecta for Northeast Iowans. It has been a long winter.

The latest storm officially dropped 6 inches of snow on New Hampton, making it the "biggest" storm of the year. According to the National Weather Service's office in La Crosse, Wis., New Hampton has received 53.6 inches, more than double its average winter snowfall.

## 2019 (5 year ago)

There will be a change of the guard at the New Hampton Fareway in early March. Randy Frisch, who has captained the local store since its opening in October 1993, will retire from his 41-year career with Fareway. His replacement for the manager of the Iowa-based company that has its headquarters in Boone is Mason City native Dianne Sutcliffe, who began working at the store Nov. 5.

The 2019 Iowa AAU Kids State Wrestling Championship made history this year, as it was the first time that girls had their own separate division from boys, New Hampton eighth grader, Tierney Perkins, also made history by being the first girls state champion at the event for the 150-pound weight class.

Along with Perkins' first place finish, Ben Tenge was the other New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestler to place at state, as he finished fifth.

## Legal Notice • Legal Notice

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE UTILITIES BOARD  
OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO THE  
CITIZENS OF MITCHELL, HOWARD,  
CHICKASAW, BREMER, FAYETTE,  
BUCHANAN, DELAWARE, JONES,  
AND CLINTON COUNTIES:

Notice is given that Pembina Cochin LLC, Charles City, Iowa, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 479B, has filed a petition with the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) for renewal of a pipeline permit to maintain and operate an existing hazardous liquid pipeline. The route of the pipeline is described as follows:

Legal Descriptions for  
Pembina Pipeline

Chickasaw County, Iowa  
12" diameter pipe

Approximately 29.41 miles of  
Pipeline Route

Commencing at a point on the North section line of Section Twenty Two (22) approximately 480 feet West of the East section line, thence continuing in a general Southeasterly direction on private property across the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Twenty Two (22) to a point on the East section line approximately 375 feet South of the North section line, crossing public right-of-way of 100th Street; thence continuing in a general Southeasterly direction through the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and the East Half (E/2) of Section Twenty Three (23) to a point on the East section line approximately 1100 feet North of the South section line, crossing public right-of-way of Durham Avenue; thence continuing in a general Southeasterly direction through the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty Four (24) to a point on the South section line approximately 1200 feet East of the West section line, crossing public right-of-way of Exeter Avenue; thence continuing in a general Southeasterly direction through the North Half (N/2) and the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty Five (25) to a point on the East section line approximately 1474 feet North of the South section line, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway T16 (10th St); all in Township Ninety Seven (97) North, Range Fourteen (14) West of the Fifth (5th); and all being privately owned except public highway right-of-way and public right-of-way crossings.

Thence continuing in a general Southeasterly direction on private property across the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Twenty Five (25) to a point on the South section line approximately 183 feet East of the West section line, crossing public right-of-way of Lasalle Avenue; thence continuing in a general Southeasterly direction through the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and the South Half (S/2) of Section Thirty (30) to a point on the East section line approximately 2440 feet North of the South section line, crossing public right-of-way of 130th Street; thence continuing in a general Southeasterly direction through the South Half (S/2) of Section Twenty Four (24) to a point on the East section line approximately 1600 feet North of the South section line, crossing public highway right-of-way of County Highway V18 (Gilmore Ave); thence continuing in a general Southeasterly direction through the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Thirty Two (32) to a point on the South section line approximately 180 feet North of the South section line, crossing public right-of-way of 165th Street; all in Township Ninety Six (96) North, Range Thirteen (13) West of the Fifth (5th) and all being privately owned except public right-of-way crossings.

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Thence continuing

**Briefs****Bethany Lutheran College students to perform at churches**

The "Virtuosity Tour," featuring students majoring in Music at Bethany Lutheran College (BLC) (Mankato, Minnesota), is set to visit Redeemer Lutheran Church (611 W. Court St.) at 5 p.m. on Saturday, and Sauge Lutheran Church (2949 Stevens Trail, rural Lawler) at 1 p.m. Sunday.

The shows at both area churches will feature solos or duets highlighting performances on the piano, organ, voice, clarinet, and flute.

There is no admission fee for the concerts, but a freewill donation will be taken at each location to help with tour expenses.

The students are directed by Professor of Music Benjamin Faugstad, who is the brother of Pastor Peter Faugstad, who serves the churches in New Hampton and Sauge, as well as

**Legal Notice****COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

The City Council of Ionia met in special session Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:00 pm in City Hall.

Major Taylor presided with Council Members Crooks, Day, Denner, Holthaus present. Geerts absent. Also present was Clerk Donna Geerts.

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Crooks, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

The City Council took up for consideration a resolution authorizing and approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of Sewer Revenue Bonds.

After due consideration and discussion, Council Member Day introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member Denner, that Resolution 24-5 A Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$315,000 Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 be approved. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Denner, Holthaus. Nays: None. Absent: Geerts. Motion carried. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted as hereinafter set out. This statement is a summary of the resolution adopted. Anyone wishing to review the entire resolution may view a copy at Ionia City Hall or email city clerk at ioniaclerk@outlook.com.

Construction for the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project will be started in March 2024 by Municipal Pipe Tool Co.

Engineer will receive bids for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project before 2 pm on February 28, 2024. Proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 2 pm on February 28, 2024. The bid opening will be conducted virtually via teleconference. Public hearing will be on March 4, 2024, at 7:20 pm in Ionia City Hall where Council will consider the bids received for the Ionia Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Day, to adjourn meeting at 7:33 pm.

Randy Taylor, Mayor  
Attest: Donna Geerts, City Clerk  
  
No. 23705  
2/29/24

**Legal Notice****IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA M. BURKE Deceased.**

**Probate No. ESPR003197**

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Donna M. Burke, Deceased, who died on or about April 3, 2021:

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that on the 13th day of February, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Donna M. Burke, deceased, bearing date of February 24, 1990, was admitted to probate in the abovenamed Court and that Craig Burke was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

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

Dated this 15th day of February, 2024.

Craig Burke  
Executor of Estate  
2171 Pembroke Avenue  
New Hampton, IA 50659

Daniel L. Frerheim  
ANDERSON, WILMARH,  
VAN DER MAATEN, FRETHEIM,  
EVELSIZER OLSON,  
NOBLE, LYNCH & ZAHASKY

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February 29, 2024.

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Jerico Lutheran Church.

**New Hampton Lions Club to host annual breakfast event March 10**

The date for the annual New Hampton Lions Pancake and French Toast breakfast is Sunday, March 10.

Serving times are 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the New Hampton High School cafeteria.

This is the 52nd consecutive year the Lions and its members have put on the breakfast.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and available from any Lions Club member. Tickets will also be available at the door the day of the event and cost \$8.50.

**Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice****CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**

**February 14, 2024**

The Board convened on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Sheriff Ryan Shawer, Deputy Zach Nosbisch, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Public Health Board Member Jeremy McGrath

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for February 14, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from February 12, 2024 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes; Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Abstained; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to raise the sheriff's rates by 10% for Drive thru rates from \$15.00 to \$16.50 per cap, contracts \$65.00 to \$71.50 per hour, and dispatch rates from \$15.75 to \$17.33 per cap for the cities. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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## Chickasaws will return wealth of talent to the lanes next winter

### STATE BOWLING: FROM 14

ball very, very well. It's hard to knock down 10 pins if you don't get the right angle into the pocket," said Aries. "There's times you won't knock all 10 pins down even though you threw a very, very good shot. We made adjustments to get it to so it would carry everything out, but it just so happened it didn't work all day long like we hoped."

Porath is left-handed. Aries said he guessed there were probably 10 left-handers competing in 1A. The NH head coach also discussed the energy and vibe that accompanies such a big meet as state at Cadillac.

"The experience and level of intensity and everything else is quite a bit different than what you're used to," said Aries. "It's a completely different atmosphere. Everything's kind ofamped up just a little more each level you go up on."

Porath appreciated the fan following at state — which included his family (his younger brother Jaxson Porath bowls for NH), along with Chickasaw teammates Landon Marr, Gabe Macon, Charlie Kriener and Kody Kleen.

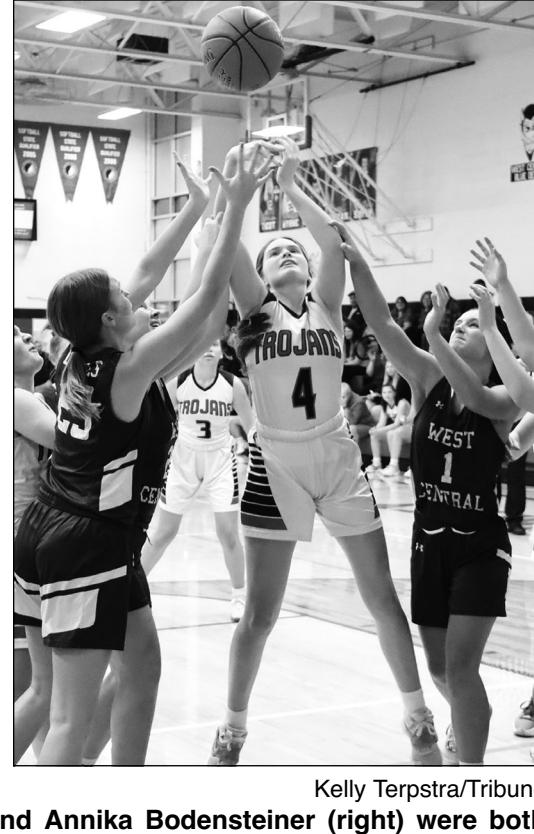
Kriener (freshman) and Macon (junior) came awfully close to joining Porath at state as they finished sixth and seventh, respectively, at the state qualifier. Kriener now holds the school record for best two-game series (468) after his stellar play at the district meet. Kriener bowled a 658 and Macon rolled a 655 at the qualifier.

That obviously bodes well for next year as NH returns all its bowlers except for one of the boys' side — senior Tucker Terrell.

"All of us have a great chance of going down," said Porath about possibly qualifying the team for state next year.

Aries talked about next year's expectations and putting Porath's amazing feat in perspective.

"Now that you kind of got that little taste in your mouth of being there, now obviously you're gonna wanna be back there again and raise the stakes for yourself and finish better next time," said Aries. "He's gotta take everything in stride. It's the first time we've been here. We're all very proud of him just to make it there. That's an accomplishment on its own."



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Mariah Thronsdson (left) and Annika Bodensteiner (right) were both tabbed honorable mention by Upper Iowa Conference girls basketball coaches.

## Two Trojans named all-UIC honorable mention

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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The Turkey Valley Trojans sported just one senior this year out on the hardwood and she was recognized for her heady play in 2023-2024.

TV senior guard Mariah Thronsdson — along with sophomore forward Annika Bodensteiner — were each selected to the Upper Iowa Conference honorable-mention team this winter.

Thronsdson, a left-hander out on the perimeter for Steve Hoffert's Trojans, helped guide a TV squad that featured mainly sophomores and freshmen that produced a 7-15 overall record to go along with a 6-10 league mark.

While TV finished sixth in the UIC — there were plenty of highlights out on the floor in 2023-2024 and Thronsdson and Bodensteiner helped make those possible.

Thronsdson averaged a team-leading 7.4 points-per-game and came up with 40 assists on the season. She also swiped 51 steals and averaged three rebounds a contest. But it was her value both on and off the court that had Hoffert praising her commitment to the Trojans.

Mariah was our team leader all season. As the season progressed she became more confident and aggressive on offense," said Hoffert.

Bodensteiner netted a seven-point scoring clip and was second on the team in rebounds (5.2 rpg) to sophomore Haylee Hanson (5.5 rpg). Bodensteiner was also second on the squad in blocks (12) to Hanson's team-leading 15.

Bodensteiner's long-range

### All-UIC Girls Basketball

#### FIRST TEAM

Hannah Bogdonovich	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Ashlyn Scherf	Central Elkader	Sr.
Addison Winters	Kee High	Soph.
Kaelyn Elsbernd	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Kaitlyn Picha	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Rylee Mudderman	Kee High	Fr.
Brooklyn Hoey	North Fayette Valley	Sr.

#### SECOND TEAM

Emma Wikner	MFL MarMac	Fr.
Ava Kishman	MFL MarMac	Jr.
Brylee Erickson	Central Elkader	Fr.
Grace Kuehl	Central Elkader	Sr.
Lexi McGowan	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Amyra Millard	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Karissa Wentholt	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Emily Timp	Postville	Sr.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Autumn Shaw	MFL MarMac	Jr.
Gracie Cummer	Central Elkader	Sr.
Makayla Erickson	Central Elkader	Sr.
Mallory Mohn	Kee High	Sr.
Lilly Kolsrud	Kee High	Soph.
Mady Ney	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Hannah Schroeder	North Fayette Valley	Soph.
Katy Geuder	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Alyssa Wille	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Aubrey Willey	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Alyssa Holthaus	South Winneshiek	Soph.
<b>Mariah Thronsdson</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
<b>Annika Bodensteiner</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Soph.</b>
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#### RESULTS

### ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAW, TROJANS

#### TUESDAY

New Hampton girls track at Mason City Indoor, 3:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 7

New Hampton boys track at IATC Indoor, Iowa State, 3:15 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 12

New Hampton coed track at Wartburg College, 2:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Turkey Valley coed track at UIC Indoor, Luther College, 4 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

New Hampton coed track at NEIC indoor, Luther, 4:30 p.m.

### COFFEE CUP BOWLING

#### STANDINGS

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Rochford Insurance	13	7
D&K	12	8
Geerts Plumbing	11	9
Mid-Tech Services	10	10
Hugeback-Johnson	10	10
Vern Laures Auto	10	10
Muscar, LLC	7	13

#### FEB. 21 RESULTS

##### Week 21

Hugeback-Johnson 2, Vern Laures 2

##### D&K 3, Rochford Insurance 1

##### Geerts Plumbing 3, Mid-Tech Services 1

##### Muscar LLC 3, Dummy 1

#### LEADERS

##### High individual games:

Rita Geerts 212, Lorraine Pullman (sub) 170, Linda Lechtenberg 167.

##### High individual series:

Rita Geerts 514, Pullman 458, Kristy Kirkus 451.

##### High team games:

Hugeback-Johnson 446, Geerts Plumbing 456, D&K 435.

##### High team series:

D&K 1,259, Hugeback-Johnson 1,238, Rochford Insurance 1,225.

##### MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

LuAnn Lechtenberg 36

##### MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)

Lorraine Pullman 47

##### Karen Schmitt, Secretary

### Chickasaw Men's Pool

#### Week 18 Feb. 19

##### W L

Butch's 1	90	72
Brite Spot	89	73
Big Willie's	88	74
HereZ 2 U	88	74
Bowlaway Lanes	87	75
Dak's Tap 1	85	77
Dak's Tap 2	83	79
VFW	81	81
Butch's 2	81	81
Hide-A-Way	71	91
Rascals	66	96
The Office	63	99

#### RESULTS

VFW 5, Dak's Tap 14

The Office 5, HereZ 2

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Brite Spot 5, Butch's 24

Butch's 1 6, Big Willie's 3

Hide-A-Way 5, Rascals 4

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Lanes 3

#### THREE-GAME WINNERS

Brite Spot: Randy & Justin

VFW: Darin & Will

The Office: Jon & Noah



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton senior Cael Laures puts up a shot in a December game against Sumner-Fredericksburg.

## Chickasaw senior picks up all-NEIC second team honor

Breakout season ends with all-league accolade for Laures

**BY BOB FENSKA**  
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Ryan Rausch would give just about anything to find one more year of eligibility for his lone all-conference basketball player.

"You look at how far he came this year," the New Hampton basketball coach said of senior Cael Laures, "and he's like a young thoroughbred just getting started. He shot the ball better this year, he played with more confidence, and he was a really tough matchup for a lot of people. He was definitely a difference maker for us."

**SEE ALL-NEIC BOYS, 12**

### All-NEIC Boys Basketball

#### FIRST TEAM

Ben Bockman	Decorah	Sr.
Cole Marsh	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
Noah Frazell	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
Luke Frazell	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
Cael LaFrentz	Decorah	So.
Trey McCain	Decorah	Sr.
Keenan Wiley	Charles City	Sr.

#### SECOND TEAM

Benny Ramker	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
Jack Hanson	Charles City	Sr.
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## Taking indoor track outdoors!

Our strange winter, some would say it's non-existent, has allowed the New Hampton track teams to conduct a majority of their practices outside since workouts began on Feb. 20 so on Monday a group of Chickasaw sprinters (above) run on the track, Madison Schaufenbuel (below left) gets ready to throw the shot put and boys head coach Scott Jenkins (below) talks to several of his Chickasaws.

How nice has the weather been for track athletes and coaches? Put it this way, Wednesday marked the first time the Chickasaws were "stuck" indoors, which isn't bad considering that the outdoor season doesn't officially begin until March 28. Both Chickasaw teams begin competition next week as coach Jeanette Laures' girls team heads to Mason City on Tuesday while the boys compete in the ITCA state meet in Ames on Thursday.



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## SOMETHING TO BUILD ON!

PORATH BECOMES FIRST-EVER CHICKASAW TO COMPETE AT STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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Thirty-six lanes and 32 competitors.

May the best man win.

Yeah, Cadillac XBC in Waterloo gotta little crazy last week Wednesday.

The site of the Class 1A individual state prep bowling meet was crammed full of fans, coaches and bowlers all aiming for the same thing at the one-day event – a state championship.

Only one would be crowned a title holder at the alley that has an appropriate adjective in its name – the “XBC” in Cadillac stands for Xtreme Bowling Center.

In his first trip to state – New Hampton junior Jamison Porath did just fine.

The cheering and raucous crowd?

That took some getting used to.

“The closest thing I could compare that would be the Junior Gold tournaments that I participated in,” said Porath. “It was very loud and very packed – trying to walk through the bowling alley and get anywhere was incredibly difficult.”

Porath was able to block out the “noise” and roll a 201 in the first game of his first ever state meet as a Chickasaw.

“In that first game, all the nerves were kicking in, but I just tried to stay as calm as I could and throw strikes,” said Porath.

Porath is a pioneer of sorts at NHHS as he’s the first ever New Hampton High School bowler to compete at state in the two years head coach Andy Aries has guided the blossoming program – which reached new heights this winter by sending Porath to state.

“It was definitely a great experience going down there for the first time and being a part of the state bowling,” said Aries. “He started out all right. He didn’t finish quite the way he wanted to.”

Porath – who finished 28th overall with a three-game series of 540 – talked about his mindset headed into the biggest bowling meet of his career.

“Coach told me to have fun



Photo courtesy of Kalista Porath

New Hampton's Jamison Porath watches his ball as it heads down the lane at the Class 1A state bowling tournament in Waterloo last Wednesday.

**HOW MANY KIDS COMPETED TO GO TO STATE FOR 1A AND LOOK AT THAT PERCENTAGE THERE. HE'S IN THE TOP 8 PERCENT OVERALL WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT THAT WAY."**

— NEW HAMPTON COACH ANDY ARIES,  
ON JAMISON PORATH, THE FIRST BOWLER  
IN SCHOOL HISTORY TO QUALIFY FOR STATE

with it – stay focused and stay calm,” said Porath.

Cadillac XBC hosted both the girls and boys state tournaments in all three classes in Iowa last week. The 1A boys competed in the team portion of state last week Tuesday, Feb. 20. That state title was brought home by Maquoketa. The following morning on Wednesday, 32 state qualifiers in 1A from eight different district sites converged on to Waterloo to see who would be bestowed with the moniker of outstanding bowler and reel in the top individual trophy.

That went to Vann Lessig of Vinton-Shellsburg – who outdrew Charles City’s Noah White in the one-game, win-

ner-take-all championship finals showdown of the bracket round.

The top eight finishers out of the three-game series start to state qualify for bracket play. Each bowler is seeded one through eight. Lessig was the No. 8 seed and knocked off No. 1 seed Rylan Edwards of Central DeWitt – 244-194 – in the first round of bracket play. Lessig advanced all the way to the finals where he was awarded the state title after cranking out a stellar 262 to White’s 212.

Jack Mastbergen of Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn bowled a perfect game (300) in his third series and qualified as the No. 3 seed for the next round of bracket play.

While Porath was lower on down the leaderboard with a final tally of 201-158-181-540 – he realized he was one of just a select few that competed on the big stage at state in the small-school class.

The numbers prove that out.

“I told him to look at it in the bigger picture, not necessarily that he finished 28th out of 32,” said Aries. “How many kids competed to go to state for 1A and look at that percentage there. He’s in the top eight percent overall when you look at it that way.”

Porath made history on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at the state qualifier held at New Hampton’s home alley – Bowlaway Lanes. He broke the school record with a three-game series of 683 to make state. He was hoping to replicate that performance at Cadillac – a lane the Chickasaws are familiar with as they bowled there during the regular season at the North Central Conference Baker Tournament in late January.

“I know he wanted more. I know he was hoping for more, too,” said Aries. “He threw the ball very well, like he’s pretty much done all season. He got some unlucky breaks. The carry there – he didn’t quite get what he needed to.”

With the pressure of the moment mounting and a sometimes unforgiving lane not allowing pins to topple – only the strong survive and advance to the finals. That’s tough to do.

“At times you can throw the

**SEE STATE BOWLING, 12**



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
New Hampton's Taylor Ries (above) gets free and puts up a shot in the lane while teammate Ava Leichtman (below) beats the press in a game played against South Winneshiek this past season.

## Chickasaws land pair on all-NEIC

Coaches tab Ries, Leichtman for second team

BY KELLY TERPSTRA  
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Batman needs his Robin. Jerry Rice wouldn’t have found the end zone without Joe Montana – or Steve Young.

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Each Chickasaw hoops standout was rewarded with all-league status as area coaches tabbed Ries and Leichtman on their second team NEIC all-conference squad.

“They’re a tandem that ball



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