





Little Light of Mine Committee to offer horse-drawn wagon rides next weekend

LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE : FROM 1

years, she once again experienced the joy of the season thanks to the hundreds of displays and thousands of lights that illuminate the park.

“It just lifts me up to see so many people come together,” Zeien said, “to make the park so beautiful. I actually get excited now when the Christmas season is coming because I know for a lot of people, this is really a highlight of the season.”

And the lights will go on next week at the park — first, on the night before Thanksgiving for a “test” and then on Thanksgiving Friday, for good, as Little Light of Mine kicks off its annual season that will run through New Year’s Eve night.

“Wednesday’s just to make sure everything’s working,” Zeien said, “and if anything needs fixing, we’ll get it all straightened out so we’re ready to go on Friday. When you have that many lights, trust me, a little test run is a good thing.”

On both Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Little Light of Mine Committee will be providing horse-drawn wagon rides through the park to see the more than 160 displays that are being put up by the Little Light of Mine Committee and area businesses, organizations



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The Little Light of Mine lighting display will be turned on for the 2023 season on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

and families.

The committee also has a big event planned for Saturday, Dec. 9, when Santa will make his annual trek to Mikkelson to talk with kids and their parents at the bandshell that serves as the cornerstone of the display. That same evening, fireworks will fill the air over the park, which, trust us, is a must-see.

“It’s one of our favorite nights because you have all the lights in the park and around [Ring Road] and then you get the fireworks and it’s just beautiful,” Zeien said. “Really, it makes

all the work worth it.”

And for those who think those on the Little Light of Mine Committee make just a two-month commitment to New Hampton’s biggest light show, well, that’s simply not the case.

This year’s season actually began as the lights were still burning brightly at Mikkelson Park last December.

That’s when committee members scoured area stores for new lights because, as Zeien said with a laugh, “after Christmas is when you get the really good deals.”

And each year, once the displays are taken down, the lights are tested one last time and stored away for the following season. Once fall arrives, the committee really gets down to business and begins planning for the “new year.”

The positive in 2023 is that Mother Nature has cooperated beautifully — providing plenty of relatively warm days for the committee, businesses, organizations and families to get their displays ready.

And now, they’re almost ready for next week.

“I think I can safely say that I’m like all the committee members,” Zeien said, “when I say I can’t wait. And we hope people come out and just enjoy what is really just a beautiful month for our community.”

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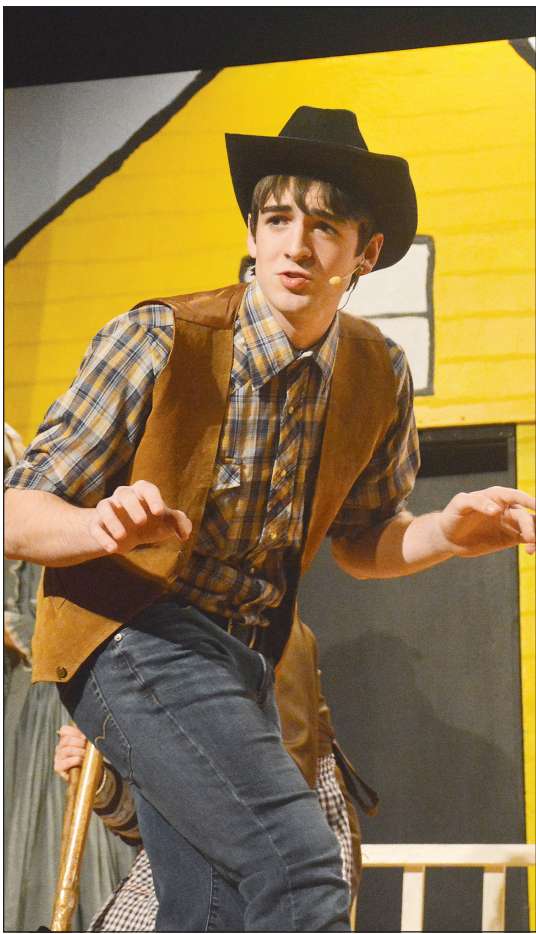
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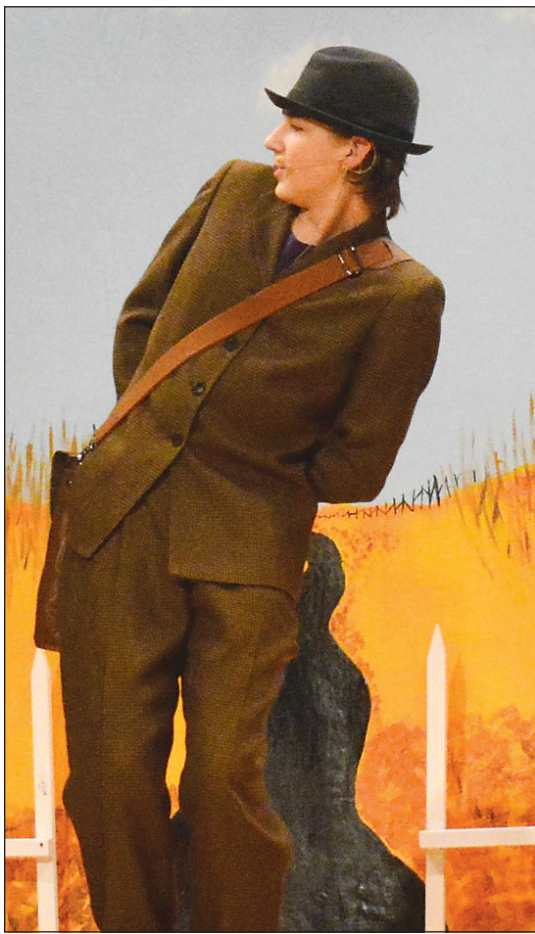
## BRINGING 'OKLAHOMA' TO NEW HAMPTON

New Hampton High School students Emma Carpenter and Caydence Phillips (left) perform a scene while the cast sings "People Will Say We're in Love" during Saturday's performance of "Oklahoma." The musical that was performed Friday and Saturday at the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium included 20 cast members, 19 chorus members, four backstage workers and three students manning the lights, microphones and camera was directed by Jill Cantu and Maggie Konecne.



Performing scenes during the musical "Oklahoma" are (from left) Braden Manson, Caydence Phillips, Jarrin Robinson, Ben Schuchhardt and Skyler Bugenhagen, and trust us, the latter's laugh was worth the price of admission!

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## Sheriff will keep the board updated on new vehicle

SHERIFF: FROM 1

seemed to agree with moving forward on purchasing one vehicle — either a Tahoe or a Silverado — they were uncertain how the county would be able to pay for it.

Shawver told board members that there "are no cars available; they don't make them anymore," but he also added that if the county does ask Karl Chevrolet to order it a vehicle, the county must purchase it.

"Once we say this is what we need, this is what we are going to order, we have to buy them," he said. "There's no, 'Well, we decided we can't take it on this fiscal year, we're going to give it back.' You can't do that anymore. Before you could [do that]; you can't anymore. It's kind of uncharted territory for us all."

The estimated cost of a Tahoe is \$49,355 while a Silverado is \$49,322, but Shawver said he was getting those prices off a state website and had yet to get a final price from the dealer.

The sheriff's biggest concern is that if the county passes on this order window, he has no idea when it could possibly order a new vehicle.

"I don't think we're going to see another order window for any type of model for about another year," he said. "So we're already behind due to COVID and supply-chain issues with our vehicles. If we miss this order window, it puts us even farther behind."

Although board members did not approve any motions or resolutions allowing Shawver to put an order in, they did reach a consensus that the sheriff, once he had a hard price, could return to the board room and probably receive the OK to enter the order queue.

"I guess I have no problem

with one," Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said "It's just figuring out how we're going to pay for it."

Shawver said he would request that the \$12,000 the county received for the sale of two used sheriff's vehicles be returned to his office to help with the purchase of a new vehicle. He also said he would not equip the new vehicle until the next fiscal year begins on July 1, 2024.

But he was unsure if he would have enough money in this year's budget to pay for the cost of the new vehicle.

"Do I think I could find the money if it lands before July 1," he said. "I might be able to have it, but it will be tight. If that's what it takes, that's what it will take, but if I don't, then what do we do?"

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said that he would be OK with the purchase of a new vehicle, but added that "I think you're going to have to figure out how to rearrange the numbers and make it work."

Shawver said that he would "keep you guys updated on how things come [and] when she needs a hard, fast answer, I'll

come back and talk about it, too."

Also during the Nov. 6 meeting, the Board of Supervisors spent almost 25 minutes talking about the possibility of using tax-increment financing (TIF) funds to pay for some or all of the proposed remodeling of the current Sheriff's Office that would include the construction of a 24-hour holding facility to replace the current jail.

County Assessor Ray Armel spoke with board members at length on the possibilities of using TIF funding for the project and also told supervisors they can "spread out" the TIF funds for different projects, including road ones.

The question remains on when the county will actually see the funds that will be generated by the Chickasaw County Wind Farm that is being constructed north of New Hampton. If the turbines don't go online until next year, that would mean the county would begin receiving the funds a year later.

No decisions were made on the TIF funds; instead, the discussion was to provide information for the supervisors to make decisions at a later date.



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# Veterans Day speaker: ‘Service never ends’

**VETERANS DAY: FROM 1**

His father, John Budweg, fought in World War II and earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star – two of the most distinguished decorations a military veteran can be bestowed with. He has uncles that served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. His late older brother, Gregory, was a U.S. Naval pilot. Budweg, a 1974 New Hampton High School grad and member of the American Legion Fae Stine Post No. 38, enlisted in the USMC three years out of high school in 1977. He fought in the Gulf War in the early 90s over in Iraq. He said he has been a part of New Hampton’s Veterans program for around 12 years. He wanted to thank not only veterans – but loved ones, friends and family members that kept him in their thoughts and prayers while he was overseas or away from home while serving his country.

“To me it’s the honor and respect for people that did serve. We always forget about the family. Without that family supporting you...when we get letters when we were over in Iraq – I got letters from home. It makes the job a little easier,” Budweg added.

Veterans Day – also known as Armistice Day – officially became a federal holiday in 1938. The landmark day in 1918 signified the peace agreement with Germany to halt



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**Members of the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 Firing Squad conduct the salute at Saturday’s program.**

World War I.

Veterans Day differs from Memorial Day – which takes place in late in May and honors those that died in service, particularly those that perished in battle or died because of their wounds while a member of the U.S. Military.

Saturday’s guest speaker was Scott Smith, an Army veteran and pastor at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg.

He spoke of a combat mission twenty years ago in 2003 when he was traveling with a combat unit in the Kurdish region of Erbil, Iraq. He and his fellow

comrades were on a mission to dig up corpses and investigate torture that occurred in years previous under the Iraqi leadership of Saddam Hussein.

“We were on our way to Erbil to exhume some mass graves – to document the process of finding broken bodies and attaching names to them and building a case for international court,” said Smith. “We were on a dusty, hot miserable ride. My friends and I were there – the team that I was a part of, that I had come to know. Some were my mentors, some were my advisors, some were in an odd way, my chaplain.”

His group didn’t reach their destination as all hell broke loose within the blink of an eye. Smith was lucky to sur-

vive as his convoy was hit by an IED (improvised explosive device) along the road and was ambushed as a firefight ensued. Three of Smith’s team were killed; five badly wounded (including Smith). His team would never be able to work together again.

“We got a rude awakening. The first vehicle exploded so it was lifted off the ground. The vehicle that I was in laid on its side. The column had stopped. That was when the fire had opened up around us,” said Smith. “I kind of stumbled out in shock, looked over to that first vehicle and realized three of my friends were on fire. They would not make it through the day. Five of my other friends were laying on the ground. The smell is something I’ll never forget. Everything was chaos.”

Smith said he was thankful for the support of the U.S. Marines, who would assist in “cleaning up” the area where the hostile event took place. A-10 Thunderbolts from the U.S. Air Force rained down on the enemy to extinguish the remaining threat.

Smith snapped back into the present day to address his cold – yet captivated audience.

“My story joins with others and it’s not always easy. I have to be careful because I ramble about it. Those of us that are gathered here today – some know the pain of friends who are no longer with us. They are with us no more because they gave all. They left it on the field in a way that no sport teams or politicians can ever fully grasp. That’s a high price to live with,” said Smith.

Smith said later on in the day he would join a Zoom chat to reminisce and remember – and share memories about friends and comrades – some still here, some gone.

“So as we gather today, those who came home we gather to remember their sacrifice. Those of us that remain stand resolved to carry on in their memory. There aren’t as many as there once were,” said Smith. “We are the ones that carry on – remembering that day. That’s the thing about veterans in so many ways – service never ends. That’s the thing that we gather here to remember.”



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Jesus never changes

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The leaves are fall-ing and the seasons are changing!

Change; what a word.

Human nature does not like change.

We like stability. Change is scary. Change is unknown.

It's a lot easier to stay with the status quo, to stay with what we know. That's true for everyone, of all ages.

The problem, of course, is that our world is constantly changing.

I don't know if there's a good way to measure how fast the world is changing, but it sure feels like it's changing faster than ever before, doesn't it?

We humans like consistency. Just look at the fact that oldies radio exists.

No matter what generation you grew up in, you probably still listen to the music you grew up with.

As Christians, we wor-ship an eternal God, a God who is outside of

time.

Hebrews 13:8 states that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

How amazing!!!

That's something we can anchor our lives to. No matter what hap-pens, no matter what changes in the world or in your life, God is there for you and God is still faithful.

It's comforting to know that in the midst of a changing world and changing culture, the



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

mission of the church does not change.



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A couple of great Thanksgiving ideas — a great meal and lending a hand by ringing the bell!

A week from today we will celebrate Thanksgiving, and one of the best meals around will be found at Trinity Lutheran Church, which will hold its annual Community Meal from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Trust us, the food — from the turkey to the ham to the mashed potatoes to the corn to the beans to ... well you get the idea. A freewill donation will be taken and carry-out meals are also available, and all proceeds will go the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

While we're on the subject of Thanksgiving and gratitude, we know we are fortunate to live in a community where so many people are willing to step up and help out those less fortunate to them. If you're one of those people, the Salvation Army's Chickasaw County unit could use your help as a bell ringer. The Christmas Kettle Campaign began on Wednesday and Salvation Army officials say if they can find enough bell ringers, the campaign will run from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day at the New Hampton Fareway store. Those interested are encouraged to call Kris Markham at 641-229-0113 to sign up for some shifts.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15

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| Tuesday   | 64 | 34 | -- |

Forecast

**Thursday:** Sunny but breezy with a high of 66 and a low of 38.

**Friday:** Sunny and colder with a high of 44 and a low of 29.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 51 and a low of 27.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 49 and a low of 31.

**Extended forecast:** We'll start the shortened work week with cloudy skies and a slight chance of showers on Monday with a high of 45 and a low of 30.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton School Board, 6:30 p.m., High School FCS Room.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1532, Francisco Pizarro, the Spanish explorer and conquistador, springs a trap on the Incan emperor, Atahualpa, leading to the conquest of what is modern-day Peru.
- In 1776, the British capture Fort Washington, which leads to the occupation of New York City.
- In 1907, Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory collectively enter the United States as Oklahoma, the 46th state.
- In 1959, "The Sound of Music" premieres on Broadway.
- In 1961, President John F. Kennedy decides to increase military aid to South Vietnam without committing U.S. combat troops.
- In 2001, the British author J.K. Rowling's star creation — bespectacled boy wizard Harry Potter — makes his big-screen debut in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," which opens in movie theaters across the United States.

Birthdays

- American actor Burgess Meredith, who starred in the "Rocky" movies, was born in 1907.
- American comedian and actor Pete Davidson turns 26.
- American film actress Maggie Gyllenhaal turns 46.
- American TV actress Lisa Bonet, who starred on "The Cosby Show," turns 56.
- Former Major League Baseball pitcher Dwight "Doc" Gooden turns 59.

Corrections

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Elizabeth ‘Joan’ Hemann, 93

Elizabeth “Joan” Hemann, age 93 of Osage, died peacefully Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at Faith Lutheran Home in Osage with her nine living children at her side.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Osage with the Rev. Raymond Burkle officiating.

The burial was at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at Sacred Heart Church in Osage with a Rosary at 3:45 p.m.

Joan was born on March 30, 1930, to Leo and Pauline (Werner) Michels in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was quite proud of her 3-30-30 birthday throughout her life.

At the age of 1, the family moved back to one of the Werner family farms near Meyer. Joan attended grade school at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Meyer and Visitation High School in Stacyville, graduating in 1947.

She was united in marriage to John E. Hemann on June 2, 1948, at Sacred Heart Church in Meyer. They made their home near Osage, farming together for 25 years at that location before purchasing their own farm near Riceville.

Joan loved being outdoors and working on their farm where they lived for 30 years before purchasing a home in Osage in 2003. Shortly after settling in their home in Osage, she had to say goodbye to her husband, John, who lost his battle with cancer in 2003.

Joan fought a brave fight with her own cancer and after multiple surgeries over 11 years moved to the Faith Home Assisted Living in April 2018. In March 2022, she became a resident of the Faith Lutheran Nursing Home.

Joan loved being a “mom of 10” ... most of the time. She proclaimed this on her license plate, but would tell her children she collected angels because she didn’t have any. She worked tirelessly as a wife of a farmer and mother of 10. Hopefully heaven can use even more perfection. She would love to get back to cooking a great meal or making another quilt.

Joan was a phenomenal cook, from cheesy potatoes to any kind of pie you ask for. (She had lots of practice.) God only knows how many souls she fed in her 93 years.

She loved music. She played piano and sang in the church choir. Joan and John could clear the floor dancing the polka, and they attended every



Joan Hemann

musical and athletic event that involved their children. They also attended many professionally staged musicals. She played cards with the best, and her artistic side was evident in the gorgeous quilts she made for her children and grandchildren.

John and Joan continued to work together after retirement, creating woodworking projects and traveling together to Europe and throughout the U.S. But it was her faith that truly defined Joan: family rosaries, Sunday and often daily Mass, and daily prayer. She was a Eucharistic minister both in church and to the homebound for many years. She was also active in the rosary society and religious education program at Immaculate Conception while in Riceville and the Sacred Heart Guild, Study Club, and Covenant Choir after returning to Osage.

Joan is survived by her children, Marilyn (Dave) Osterhaus of Earlville, Tom (Mary) of Streater, Illinois, Don (Cheryl) of Kirkwood, Missouri, Karen (Tom) Thome of Osage, Alan (Linda) of Riceville, Barb of Des Moines, Jean of Des Moines, Mike (Tracee) of Lawrenceville, Georgia, and Brian of Fox Point, Wisconsin; two sisters, Rose Bock of Clive, Iowa, Jean Brandt of Apple Valley, Minnesota; brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Ann Hemann; sisters-in-law Sister Kenneth Hemann, Beatrice Hemann, Angie Werner, and Theresa Theis; 23 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John E. Hemann; her precious, faithful son, John (Teddy); son-in-law, Steve Gulick (Barb); brothers, Leo and Robert Michels; sisters, Ann Marsolek and Germaine Michels; brothers-in-law, Tom Marsolek, Dale Bock, Ray, Cletus, Robert, and Arthur Hemann, Herb Werner and George Theis; sisters-in-law, Bette and Irene Michels, Kate, Noraine and Darlene Hemann.

Lois Straw, 82

Lois Straw, age 82 of New Hampton, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton with Pastor Kevin Frey presiding.

The interment will be in the New Hampton City Cemetery. Friends may greet the family beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at the funeral home.

Online condolences for the Straw family may be left at [www.hugebackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hugebackfuneralhome.com).

Levi Franklin Holmberg, 31

Levi Franklin Holmberg, age 31 of Waverly, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023 in Waterloo.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with Levi’s arrangements.

Online condolences for the Holmberg family may be left at [www.hugebackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hugebackfuneralhome.com).

David Cravens, 50

David Cravens, age 50 of Denver, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with Pastor Paul Pickar officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Online condolences for the Cravens family may be left at [www.hugebackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hugebackfuneralhome.com).

Maureen T. Goss, 65

Maureen T. Goss, age 65 of Sumner, died Monday evening, Nov. 13, 2023, at Tripoli Nursing & Rehab, following a lengthy illness.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sumner with the Rev. Ralph Davis officiating.

Burial will follow at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery, rural Sumner.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and for one hour preceding Mass at the Church on Tuesday. A Rosary will be recited at the church on Monday at 3:45 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the family for later designation. Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner is assisting Marueen’s family. Online condolences may be left at [www.beckermilnesrettig.com](http://www.beckermilnesrettig.com).

‘Surviving the Holidays’ theme of grief event at Prairie Lakes Monday

On Monday, Nov. 20 Prairie Lakes Church will host a “warm and caring” event designed to help anyone dealing with the intense pain of grief during the holidays.

The charge is \$7 per person for the event, which runs from 6 to 8 p.m. Those interested may sign up at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

Monica Marvin, 94



Monica Marvin

Monica Marvin, age 94 of Alta Vista, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in Alta Vista with the Rev. Jerry Kopacek celebrating the Mass.

Interment was held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Alta Vista.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Elma, where there was a 2:30 p.m. Rosary and a 2:45 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitation continued an hour before the Mass at the church on Monday.

Online condolences for the Marvin family may be left at [www.hugebackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hugebackfuneralhome.com).

Monica Rosella Marvin — a beloved daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend — passed away peacefully on Nov. 7, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Born on Aug. 31, 1929, in rural Chickasaw County, the daughter of Theodore and Margaret (Brehm) Geerts, Monica lived a life characterized by faith, thoughtfulness and selfless devotion to her family and community.

Monica’s early life was spent in the modest countryside of Chickasaw County, where she attended country school and graduated from Alta Vista High School in 1947.

It was during these formative years that she met Virgil Marvin, a boy from across the creek who would later become her loving husband. They were married on Oct. 25, 1951, at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church

Harlan Pose, age 98 of New Hampton, passed away peacefully Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in New Hampton.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Frey and the Rev. Dan Christiansen presiding.

Interment will follow at New Hampton City Cemetery with the New Hampton Lions Club serving as pallbearers.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Online condolences for the Pose family may be left at [www.hugebackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hugebackfuneralhome.com).

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton have been entrusted with arrangements.

Harlan A. Pose was born on June 18, 1925, to Walter and Nellie (Canty) Pose in New Hampton.

After graduating from New Hampton High School, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy until the end of World War II.

He married Betty Bergmann on May 12, 1945, in Norman, Oklahoma. Together they made

Robert “Bob” Hill, age 94 of Viroqua, Wisconsin, and formerly of New Hampton, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at Vernon Memorial Hospital in Viroqua.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend presiding.

Interment will follow at St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family an hour before the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Online condolences for the Hill family may be left at [www.hugebackfuneralhome.com](http://www.hugebackfuneralhome.com).

Bob was born the son of William and Eva (Holmes) Hill on Dec. 11, 1928.

Robert graduated from New Hampton High School and went on to work for his parents’ trucking company.

He married Eleanor “Ellie” Marie Hill on Oct. 7, 1950, and they shared 70 years together before her passing on May 22, 2021.

Robert was called into service during the Korean Conflict, where he served in the U. S.

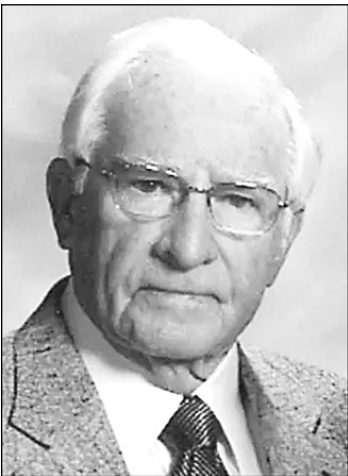
in Alta Vista and were blessed with seven wonderful children.

Monica and Virgil made their first home south of Alta Vista, where they lived without the modern convenience of running water. But Monica’s hard work and determination transformed this humble start into a warm and loving home. In 1968, the family moved into Alta Vista, where Monica nurtured a large garden, canned, cooked, baked and cared for her family. Her remarkable baking skills became well known, particularly her homemade bread, cinnamon rolls, pies, and noodles. Monica’s Christmas candy, made with love for family and friends, was a cherished annual treat.

Monica was also known for her vibrant spirit and zest for life. She enjoyed sewing, quilting, square dancing, playing cards, embarking on wagon trips and spending time with her family and friends.

She looked forward to the arrival of the daily newspaper and another crossword puzzle to solve — and yes, she completed them with a pen. A devoted fan of Jeopardy, she made

Harlan Pose, 98



Harlan Pose

their home in New Hampton where they raised three sons.

Harlan worked at the First National Bank where he served as an officer and director for 59-plus years until he retired.

He was awarded a plaque honoring his over 50 years in the banking business by the Iowa Bankers Association.

During his life, Harlan served and worked on many different clubs and associations, last living charter member of the New Hampton Lions Club, a 78-year member of the American Legion and volunteered for the New Hampton Fire Department. He also served as treasurer of the New Hampton Community Schools for 20 years.

A longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church, he served as

sure to tune in every day at 4 p.m., and her family and friends quickly learned to respect the guarded time slot.

Monica’s faith played a central role in her life. A devoted Catholic, she prayed the Rosary regularly and attended Mass faithfully until her mobility kept her from doing so. Her faith-filled life was a testament to her deep spiritual convictions and served as an encouragement to others.

Monica is survived by her children, Darlene Winter of Bethany, Missouri, Dennis (Colleen) Marvin of Alta Vista, Raymond (Dorothy) Marvin of Ankeny, Beverly (Michael) Spangler of Lakeville, Minnesota, Paula (Jimmy) Baker of Charles City, and Bryan (Ann Bettessworth) Marvin of Charles City; son-in-law, James Alverson of Brunswick, Missouri; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Coletta Geerts of New Hampton, Delores Welch of Kohler, Wisconsin, and Mary Knuston of Elma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Virgil in 2013; daughter, Carol Alverson; brothers, Paul (Helen) Geerts, Louis (Katherine) Geerts, Andrew (Monica) Geerts, Elmer (Joann) Geerts and Daniel Geerts; and sisters, Ruth (Everest) Kruth and Mabel Geerts.

Monica will be remembered as a woman of great strength, resilience, and love. She was a beacon of faith, a thoughtful friend, and a selfless mother. While her physical presence will be deeply missed, her spirit and the memories she created will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

its treasurer for many years as well many other committees at the church.

During his spare time, Harlan enjoyed woodworking, fishing, especially at Lake Pepin in Minnesota, playing golf and playing cards, particularly “65.”

Harlan is survived by sons, H. James (Pat) of San Diego, John (Peggy) of Minneapolis, and Kevin (Joe) of Kansas City, Missouri; grandchildren, Alisa Pose, Sarah (Aaron) Bleiweiss, Christine (Rick) Korecky, Michelle (James) Anderson and Matthew Pose; great-grandchildren, Ava Bleiweiss, Teddy Anderson, William Korecky and Amaya Bleiweiss; brother, Robert (Sally) Pose of West Des Moines, as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

If so desired, memorials may be directed to Trinity Lutheran Church or donor’s choice.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 74 1/2 years, Betty; his parents; and a brother, Walter “Bud” Pose; and a sister, Janette Dato.

The family would like to thank the staff at Kensington Place, New Hampton Nursing & Rehab, and St. Croix Hospice for all their care for Harlan. A special note of gratitude to Jane Kraft and Bev Jerdee for their friendship and assistance shown to Harlan over the past years.

Robert ‘Bob’ Hill, 94



Bob Hill

Army. Once back home, he returned to trucking; eventually taking over ownership of the company from his dad until his own retirement in the late 80’s. Although he retired from trucking, he never really gave it up and always found a reason to get behind a steering wheel.

He was an active member of the community and represented New Hampton on the Chickasaw Board of Supervisors, served on the county mental health board, volunteered at the food shelter and for meals-on-wheels, and drove people to medical

appointments in Rochester, Minnesota.

Robert and Ellie moved to Viroqua in 2012, and he helped at Bethel Home on the Birchwood Board.

He was a proud veteran and was involved in the American Legion, where he served in the honor guard.

His favorite pastime was anything that involved water, especially boating or skiing.

Above all, nothing ranked higher in his life than his family, and the pride and joy of that group was his four daughters.

Robert is survived by his daughters, Christine Radcliffe, Mary Jo “JD” (Gary) Debner, Jean (Jim) Cox, and Margy (Benjamin) Burton; eight grandchildren, Rob Radcliffe, Jenni (Jason) Fields, Brad Debner, Trina (TJ) Shutters, Brandon Cox, Lane (PJ) Carl, Brittany Burton, and Kateri Burton; nine great-grandchildren, Ben, Max, Lynnea, Ford, Joseph, Aden, Brooklynn, Christian, and Nico; and a sister, Lois (Larry) Straw.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Ellie, Robert was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Joseph Radcliffe.



# Supervisors vote to take bids on water project for Heritage

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people who walk to our clinics, who walk to WIC and stroll their kids in,” Knutson said. “I know it’s for the whole county, but the people who live outside of town are going to drive anyway, but we have a lot of people that don’t. And them [state legislators] talking about regionalizing us, it would be a waste of money.”

McGrath said that with the number of potential projects on the county docket, he questioned the need for the move.

“To me, we’re trying to spend money before we got it,” he said. “As a taxpayer, I don’t know if I like that idea.”

Supervisor Jacob Hackman, though, said he felt the county needed to consider moving Public Health — pointing out it would give the department more space and give Public Health access to a backup generator that is located at the former county home. He also said that if Public Health moves, the building that currently houses the county attorney and the Emergency Management Agency on New Hampton’s south side could be sold.

Fellow Supervisor Travis Suckow also believes that Public Health would “fit in” with the other county agencies and non-profit offices that have taken up residence in the Heritage during the past year.

“I’m going to say this flat out,” Suckow said. “I think all them offices that are down there already, they all kind of work together. It would be kind of like a one stop.”

Among the other projects that the county is considering is adding living quarters to the Chickasaw County EMS building in New Hampton and paying the construction costs to extend city of New Hampton water lines to the Heritage, which is not within city limits.

During the more than 20

minutes of discussion, board members not only looked over the plans the county would submit to get an estimate, but they also discussed where the county’s Emergency Operations Center would be located if Public Health moves to the Heritage.

“EOC is one of those things, [during the] COVID pandemic, it worked great having it in public health, but in a natural disaster, it’s going to work better having it in Jeff’s area,” McGrath said, referring to EMA Director Jeff Bernatz.

Welter also pointed out that if the county needs to do what she called a “mass clinic,” like it did during the pandemic, the Heritage wouldn’t be as convenient for her staff if that clinic was held at the Chickasaw Event Center, which is located just across the street from the Community Services Building.

“That worked well because we just walked across the parking lot,” she said, “but we’d be running back and forth across town.”

Still, only one supervisor appeared willing to hit the brakes on moving Public Health.

“I’m not in favor,” Steve Breitbach said. “I don’t think it’s the right thing to do this at this time, but that’s just my opinion.”

But as Kuhn stated, getting an estimate on a cost to move Public Health won’t cost the county any more than it already has spent so the board moved ahead.

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Board members also voted 5-0 on Monday to seek bids on the water project at the Heritage despite the fact that the New Hampton City Council last week did not back off from having the county use a bigger line than county officials say they need.

The county said it would pay for a six-inch line for a



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**Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter (center) makes a point to the Board of Supervisors Monday as her assistant, Ann Knutson (left), and Board of Health member Jeremy McGrath listen.**

project that would cost around \$213,500, but city officials said they would proceed with the project only if the county agreed to pay for an eight-inch line and an auto-flusher.

Kuhn said Monday morning that the two items would cost the county somewhere between \$20,000 and \$22,000.

However, the Board of Supervisors members decided

that they will call for bids on the project. That doesn’t necessarily mean city water will be going to the Heritage, because the county can reserve the right to reject the bids.

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| Newspaper Claim's Listing<br>10/27/2023 - 11/10/2023 |              |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Vendor Name, Payable Description.....                |              |
| ..... Total Payments                                 |              |
| 20/20 FX , 400 HOUR SERVICE                          | \$30.66      |
| BLOCK CONTRACT 23/24 .....                           | \$1,530.89   |
| .....                                                | \$3,979.40   |
| ACES/ COMPUTER, NOV BILLING                          |              |
| FOR SAFETYNET BDR. ....                              | \$189.00     |
| ADDICTED 2 STITCHIN, LABOR TO                        |              |
| SEW SHERIFF PATCHES .....                            | \$10.00      |
| ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS                            |              |
| BRIDGE MAINT MATERIALS, .....                        |              |
| .....                                                | \$1,320.00   |
| AHLERS & COONEY, P.C., PRO SER-                      |              |
| VICES + MILEAGE.....                                 | \$1,966.15   |
| ALLIANT ENERGY, ELECT @                              |              |
| COUNTY PARKS .....                                   | \$448.98     |
| ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, RUT FM                          |              |
| TRANSFER .....                                       | \$4,040.28   |
| ALWAYS BETTER STORE, 19-6                            |              |
| RIFLE SLING.....                                     | \$92.57      |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES,                             |              |
| UNIFORM .....                                        | \$464.65     |
| ANDERSON, WILMARCH, VANDER                           |              |
| MAATEN, BELAY & FRETHEIM,                            |              |
| TEMP ATTY FOR CHICKASAW                              |              |
| CO .....                                             | \$3,651.32   |
| ARMEL, RAY, MLG REIMB 308 DES                        |              |
| MOINES APPRAISAL SEMINAR                             |              |
| .....                                                | \$201.74     |
| ARROWHEAD SCIENTIFIC, SHER-                          |              |
| IFF BLOOD & URINE SPECIMEN                           |              |
| KITS.....                                            | \$243.92     |
| ATCO INTERNATIONAL, CLEAN-                           |              |
| ING SOLUTION .....                                   | \$212.94     |
| BABCOCK SERVICES, DIRT WORK                          |              |
| FOR THE CARPORT VA                                   |              |
| GRANT .....                                          | \$200.00     |
| BACK DOOR BAIT & TACKLE,                             |              |
| WORMS FOR ANIMALS @ CON-                             |              |
| SERVATION.....                                       | \$21.00      |
| BARKER COMMUNICATIONS, SER-                          |              |
| VICE CALL FOR 911 CAMERAS, .....                     | \$450.00     |
| BASSETT, CITY OF, RUT FM                             |              |
| TRANSFER BASSETT.....                                | \$896.16     |
| BAXTER HEALTHCARE, EMS MED-                          |              |
| ICAL SUPPLIES .....                                  | \$9,059.39   |
| BECKER, SHIRLEE, PEO TRAINING                        |              |
| .....                                                | \$30.00      |
| BECKER, TODD, PEO TRAINING +                         |              |
| MILEAGE .....                                        | \$31.97      |
| BERST, MARLYS, PEO TRAINING...                       |              |
| .....                                                | \$30.00      |
| BLACK HAWK COUNTY, ABAN-                             |              |
| DON VEHICLE NOTICE-SHER-                             |              |
| IFF .....                                            | \$30.50      |
| BOB BARKER COMPANY, JAIL UN-                         |              |
| IFORM .....                                          | \$154.65     |
| BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COM-                          |              |
| PANY, CONSERVATION BRUSH                             |              |
| & TREE PULLER .....                                  | \$4,317.99   |
| BOEHMER, KATIE, 10.19 VA MEET-                       |              |
| ING .....                                            | \$25.00      |
| BONNIE GAGE, HCF VOTING WAGE                         |              |
| + MILEAGE .....                                      | \$91.67      |
| BOUND TREE MEDICAL, EMS MED-                         |              |
| ICAL SUPPLIES .....                                  | \$287.74     |
| BRENNAN CONSTRUCTION,                                |              |
| BROS-CO19(109)-8J-19 BLAZEK                          |              |
| BRIDGE PAYMENT #4 .....                              |              |
| .....                                                | \$473,956.49 |
| BURT OSTERT, PEO TRAINING +                          |              |
| MILEAGE.....                                         | \$52.40      |
| BUTLER CO REC, TPNC ELECTRIC-                        |              |
| ITY .....                                            | \$648.14     |
| BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELE-                           |              |
| PHONE, NH SHOP & OFFICE                              |              |
| PHONES - SHOP INTERNET .....                         | \$1,111.13   |
| CAREY, RANAE, MILEAGE TO                             |              |
| ICEOO CONFERENCE AND ICEA                            |              |
| TRAINING .....                                       | \$315.32     |
| CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON,                             |              |
| SHERIFF SUPPLIES.....                                | \$41.18      |

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| CASTERTON-HUMPAL, MINDY,         | \$3,302.91 |
| PEO TRAINING + MILEAGE .....     |            |
| .....                            | \$333.10   |
| CENTEC CAST METAL PRODUCTS,      |            |
| BRASS MARKERS & STAKES .....     | \$30.00    |
| KNOLL, JOAN, PEO TRAINING .....  | \$25.00    |
| KOTTKE, RICH, 10.19 VA MEETING   |            |
| .....                            | \$1,954.57 |
| KWIK TRIP INC, GASOLINE .....    |            |
| .....                            | \$315.08   |
| L & R MANUFACTURING, WELD-       |            |
| ING SUPPLIES .....               | \$30.00    |
| LARKIN, DENISE, PEO TRAINING     |            |
| FOR 11/7 ELECTION .....          | \$336.56   |
| LAUDNER, DAVID , LODGING +       |            |
| MEAL REIMBURSEMENT .....         | \$2,453.05 |
| LAWLER, CITY OF, RUT FM TRANS-   |            |
| FER LAWLER AUG-SEPT-OCT .....    |            |
| .....                            | \$1,255.19 |
| LAWSON PRODUCTS, ELECTRICAL      |            |
| PARTS & SUPPLIES .....           | \$848.91   |
| LEAF, COPIER LEASE 305MXT .....  |            |
| .....                            | \$456.71   |
| LECHTENBERG, LINDA, PEO          |            |
| TRAINING + MILEAGE .....         | \$31.31    |
| LEISURE TIME, UPS SHIPPING ..... |            |
| .....                            | \$47.42    |
| LINN HAVEN REHAB & HEALTH-       |            |
| CARE, JAIL MEALS .....           | \$100.00   |
| LOUGHLIN LAW FIRM, COURT AP-     |            |
| POINTED ATTORNEY .....           | \$1,237.50 |
| LS SUPPLY & RENTAL, LUMBER       |            |
| FOR K-FELD SIGNS .....           | \$525.33   |
| LUANA SAVINGS BANK, CHECKS       |            |
| FOR TREAS ACCT .....             | \$55.70    |
| MAIL SERVICES, IOWA DOT RE-      |            |
| NEWALS .....                     | \$449.57   |
| MEBULBS, LIGHT BULBS.....        | \$384.78   |
| MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH, DURA      |            |
| PATCHER MATERIALS .....          | \$468.25   |
| MIENERGY COOPERATIVE, ELEC-      |            |
| TRICITY CO PARKS .....           | \$1,708.66 |
| NAPA MOTOR PARTS, EMA SUP-       |            |
| PLIES .....                      | \$51.44    |
| NASHUA REPORTER, OCT STATE-      |            |
| MENT .....                       | \$940.24   |
| NEW HAMPTON ELECTRIC, ELEC-      |            |
| TRICAL PANEL REMOVAL ON          |            |
| SHELTER .....                    | \$412.50   |
| NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTIL-      |            |
| ITIES, ATTY PHONE, ATTY IN-      |            |
| TERNET, EMA INTERNET\$557.04     |            |
| NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, OCT-        |            |
| TOBER (ELECTIONS, BP HELP        |            |
| WANTED, COMM & BOARD) .....      | \$988.24   |
| NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, EMS        |            |
| BUILDING UTILITIES - 204 E       |            |
| PROSPECT ST .....                | \$289.98   |
| NORSOLV SYSTEMS, EQUIP CON-      |            |
| SUMABLES .....                   | \$238.95   |
| NORTH WASHINGTON, CITY OF,       |            |
| RUT FM TRANSFER NORTH            |            |
| WASHINGTON AUG-SEPT-OCT .....    | \$2,194.93 |
| NORTHEAST IOWA WHITEWASH-        |            |
| ING, PEST CONTROL @ COUNTY       |            |
| BUILDINGS .....                  | \$313.87   |
| NOSBISCH, RANDY, 10.19 VA        |            |
| MEETING.....                     | \$25.00    |
| ON TRACK SIGNS, SIGNS FOR        |            |
| K-FELD WILDLIFE AREA-RE-         |            |
| FLECTIVE.....                    | \$2,335.75 |
| OTTERS, ROSE, PEO TRAINING +     |            |
| MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.....       | \$45.72    |
| PHILIP L. ASCHEMAN, CRITICAL     |            |
| INCIDENT DEBRIEF/EVALUA-         |            |
| TION .....                       | \$165.00   |
| PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL,         |            |
| TPNC RODENT CONTROL .....        | \$101.53   |
| PRICHARD LAW OFFICE, COURT       |            |
| APPOINTED ATTY FEE\$1,452.00     |            |
| PROTIVIN, CITY OF, RUT FM        |            |
| TRANSFER PROTIVIN AUG-           |            |
| SEPT-OCT.....                    | \$692.00   |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| QUALLEY, ROSE, PEO TRAINING +     |             |
| MILEAGE.....                      | \$34.59     |
| RAPID PRINTERS, CUSTODIAL SUP-    |             |
| PLIES .....                       | \$294.86    |
| RASMUSSEN, THERESA, PEO           |             |
| TRAINING .....                    | \$30.00     |
| RHONDA POPPE, PEO TRAINING +      |             |
| MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.....        | \$56.20     |
| RILEY'S, TONER .....              | \$1,005.73  |
| SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, SUP-        |             |
| PLIES .....                       | \$269.78    |
| SCHWIG OUTDOORS, DOCK FOR         |             |
| AIRPORT LAKE - GRANT REIM-        |             |
| BURSEMENT .....                   | \$19,534.53 |
| SCOTT PHARMAC, JAIL MEDS.....     | \$96.53     |
| SECTOR, CRADLEPOINT ANNUAL        |             |
| RENEWAL .....                     | \$1,255.19  |
| SHURTLEFF, DIANE, PEO TRAIN-      |             |
| ING + MILEAGE .....               | \$45.72     |
| SPEICHER, DEAN, 10.19 VA MEET-    |             |
| ING .....                         | \$25.00     |
| STANTON ELECTRIC, LAMPS @         |             |
| TPNC .....                        | \$163.78    |
| STATE FOREST NURSERY, TREES       |             |
| FOR GILMORE WAPSI, K-FELD         |             |
| & LITTLE WAPSI .....              | \$2,930.00  |
| SUPERIOR LUMBER, 3/4 X 18 NAIL    |             |
| STAKES FOR CEMENT FORMS.....      | \$329.05    |
| TANDY PERKINS, PEO TRAINING +     |             |
| MILEAGE.....                      | \$45.72     |
| TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES,           |             |
| PARTS #30 .....                   | \$20.98     |
| TUPPER, JOANNE, PEO TRAINING +    |             |
| MILEAGE.....                      | \$40.48     |
| TYLER BUSINESS FORMS, 2023        |             |
| W2/1099 FORMS + ENVELOPES .....   | \$299.37    |
| U.S. CELLULAR, EMA PHONES .....   | \$358.25    |
| VANGUARD PUBLISHING, FBURG        |             |
| PUBLICATION FOR ELECTION.....     | \$510.95    |
| VERN LAURES AUTO CENTER, VE-      |             |
| HICLE MAINTENANCE .....           | \$798.73    |
| VISA, EMA/911 VISA BILL .....     | \$909.26    |
| VISA , ASSR SEMINAR REG DES       |             |
| MOINES & LDG .....                | \$633.60    |
| VISA ,PUBLIC HLTH BACKGRND        |             |
| CHK, REG, SOFTWARE.....           | \$320.00    |
| WATSON, INDIA ANN MAY, MEI        |             |
| FEE + MILEAGE REIMBURS-           |             |
| MENT .....                        | \$235.80    |
| WAYNE'S TRUCK EQUIP, TIRES &      |             |
| REPAIRS .....                     | \$1,268.10  |
| WEGNER, NANCY, PEO TRAINING       |             |
| .....                             | \$30.00     |
| WELTON, DOUGLASS, PEO TRAIN-      |             |
| ING .....                         | \$30.00     |
| WEX, GASOLINE .....               | \$47.38     |
| WHITNEY REPORTING SER-            |             |
| VICES, COPY OF DISPOSITIONS       |             |
| AGCRO13211 .....                  | \$120.00    |
| WINDSTREAM CORPORATION, 911       |             |
| PHONES .....                      | \$278.48    |
| WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS., 911         |             |
| PHONES .....                      | \$199.88    |
| YSBRAND, MATTHEW, MILEAGE +       |             |
| LODGING REIMBURSEMENT.....        | \$202.28    |
| ZEJEN, DIXIE, PEO TRAINING\$30.00 |             |
| ZETRON, 911 CONTRACT FULL-        |             |
| FILLMENT.....                     | \$14,278.77 |
| ZIEGLER, EQUIP MANUALS,           |             |
| PARTS, FILTERS, BLADES, LU-       |             |
| BRICANTS .....                    | \$8,307.14  |
| ZIPSE, MARGE, HCF VOTING          |             |
| WAGE.....                         | \$82.50     |

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**COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
The City Council of Ionina met in regular session Monday, November 6, 2023, at 5:55 pm in City Hall.

Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Crooks, Day, Denner, Havner present and Geerts present via phone. Also present was Clerk Donna Geerts. Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

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

Motion by Havner, seconded by Day to open the public hearing at 6:00 pm for comments/objections on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor asked if there were any oral or written objections or comments. Tony Schmitz arrived at 6:05 pm. After discussion and being there were no objections, motion by Havner and seconded by Day to close public hearing at 6:14 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Havner made a motion, seconded by Denner that Resolution 23-16 Resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for Sanitary Sewer System Improvements, be approved. RESOLUTION NO 23-16 Resolution finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ionina, Iowa, has heretofore given preliminary approval to the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost (the “Contract Documents”) for the proposed Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project (the “Project”), as described in the notice of hearing on the “Contract Documents for the Project; and WHEREAS, a hearing has been held on the Contract Documents on November 6, 2023; NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Re-

solved by the City Council of the City of Ionina, Iowa, as follows: Section 1. The Contract Documents referred to in the preamble hereof are hereby finally approved, the prior action of the City Council giving preliminary approval is hereby finally confirmed, and the Project, as provided for in the Contract Documents, is necessary and desirable. Section 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict. Passed and approved November 6, 2023. Signed- Mayor Randy Taylor. Attest: City Clerk Donna Geerts. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Havner to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023, meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.  
Alliant Energy .....\$1219.88  
Black Hills Energy .....\$84.36  
Library Acct .....\$2504.62  
Payroll.....\$2154.68  
Brian Sigler, mlg reimb.....\$558.00  
941 deposit.....\$650.12  
IPERS.....\$605.68  
Jendro Sanitation, recycling ..\$646.21  
New Hampton Tribune, minutes & proj notice.....\$182.03  
INRCOG, CDBG prof srvs.....\$309.35  
UECO, water meters .....\$3017.50  
Microbac Lab, water tests .....\$107.25  
Parson Tile, backhoe srvs .....\$490.00  
Phillips Plbg & Htg, repairs & ..\$678.19  
John Deere Financial, grass seed \$79.99  
Ziegler, tractor parts.....\$1573.63  
Snyder & Assoc, WWT eng srvs thru 9.30.23.....\$5138.00  
Iowa Rural Water Assoc. dues.....\$305.00  
CNA Surety, bond ins .....\$130.00  
Daniel, Hines, Kalkhoff, Cook, Swanson, atty fees.....\$70.00  
Donna Geerts, budget mtg mlg reimb Cedar Rapids .....\$104.64

Post Office, stamps .....\$26.40  
Brian Kellogg, stump grinder rental, parts.....\$500.00  
TOTAL .....\$21,135.53  
Total Revenues .....\$53,992.20  
Check not cleared .....\$16.24  
RECEIVED FUND DISBURSED bank.....  
\$36,444.16 General.....18,602.42  
\$1,561.43Road Use.....\$0  
\$10,054.78 Water.....\$11,867.59  
\$5,931.64 Sewer.....\$1,586.95  
\$.19.....Savings Int

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Havner to approve the monthly financial report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Council took up and considered the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Council Member Havner introduced the resolution next hereinafter set out and moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member Geerts. After due consideration thereof by the Council, the Mayor put the question upon the adoption of the said resolution and the roll call being called, the following named Council Members voted: Ayes: Havner, Geerts, Denner, Day, Crooks, Nays: None. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the said motion duly carried and the said resolution adopted, as follows: RESOLUTION NO 23-17 Resolution to provide for a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project, and the taking of bids therefor WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the City Council of the City of Ionina, Iowa (the “City”), undertake the authorization of a public improvement to be constructed as described in the proposed plans and specifications and form of contract prepared by Snyder & Associates, Inc. (the “Project Engineers”), which may be hereafter referred to as the “Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project” (and is sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “Project”), which proposed plans, spec-

ifications, notice of hearing and letting, and form of contract and estimate of cost (the “Contract Documents”) are on file with the City Clerk; and WHEREAS, it is necessary to fix a time and place of a public hearing on the Contract Documents and to advertise for sealed bids for the Project; NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the City Council (the “Council”) of the City of Ionina, Iowa, as follows: Section 1. The Contract Documents referred to in the preamble hereof are hereby approved in their preliminary form. Section 2. The Project is hereby determined to be necessary and desirable for the City, and, furthermore, it is hereby found to be in the best interests of the City to proceed toward the construction of the Project. Section 3. December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall Council Chambers, Ionina, Iowa, is hereby fixed as the time and place of hearing on the Contract Documents. Section 4. The City Council hereby delegates to the City Clerk the duty of receiving bids for the construction of the Project before 2:00 p.m., on November 29, 2023, at the City Hall, Ionina, Iowa. At such time and place, the City Council hereby delegates to the City Clerk and/or the Project Engineers the duty of opening and announcing the results of the bids received. December 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the City Hall Council Chambers, in the City, is hereby fixed as the time and place that the Council will consider the bids received by the City Clerk in connection therewith. Section 5. The amount of the bid security to accompany each bid is hereby fixed at 5% of the total amount of the bid. Section 6. The City Clerk and/or the Project Engineers are hereby directed to give notice of the bid letting for the Project by posting a notice at least once, not less than thirteen (13) and not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date set for receipt of bids, in each of the following three places: (i) in a relevant contractor plan room service with statewide circulation; (ii) in a relevant construction lead gener-

ating service with statewide circulation; and (iii) on an internet site sponsored by either the City or a statewide association that represents the City. In addition, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of the hearing and letting for the Project in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, which publication shall be made at least once, not less than four (4) days prior to the date set for receipt of bids and not more than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the said hearing. The combined notice of hearing and letting shall be in substantially the following form: See the published notice of hearing and letting. Section 7. All provisions set out in the attached form of notice are hereby recognized and prescribed by the City Council and all resolutions or orders or parts thereof, to the extent the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed. Passed and approved November 6, 2023. Signed- Mayor Randy Taylor. Attest: City Clerk Donna Geerts.

Discussed sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at Ionina City Hall on November 29, 2023 at the following times: 1: 00 pm Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project and 2:00 pm Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.  
Mayor gave water and wastewater report from Sigler’s calculations. Water Supply Operation Permit was reviewed and will be on file at Clerk’s Office, City Hall, and Pump House.  
No public comment.

Day made a motion, seconded by Havner to adopt RESOLUTION 22-18 A RESOLUTION HIRING MICHAEL TAYLOR AS THE SEASONAL SNOW PLOW OPERATOR AND SETTING THE WAGE FOR THE SEASONAL SNOW PLOW OPERATOR OF THE CITY OF IONIA FOR THE FY 23/24. The wage is \$17.00 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

## Briefs

### Chamber to sponsor ‘Home for the Holidays’ Nov. 25

“Home for the Holidays/Small Business Saturday” will be held in New Hampton on Saturday, Nov. 25.

The event is being sponsored by New Horizons-Chamber, and “goodie bags” will be handed out to the first 100 shoppers that day during an event that “celebrates local retail and shopping small.”

### New Hampton to hold final compost pick-up Saturday

The final compost and brush pickup of the season will take place this Saturday morning in New Hampton.

No barrels or bags over 50 pounds will be taken, brush needs to be less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet long and all materials must be out by 5 a.m. that morning.

## READ THE LEGALS

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| QUALLEY, ROSE, PEO TRAINING + MILEAGE.....                                 | \$34.59     |
| RAPID PRINTERS, CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES .....                                   | \$294.86    |
| RASMUSSEN, THERESA, PEO TRAINING .....                                     | \$30.00     |
| RHONDA POPPE, PEO TRAINING + MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT.....                    | \$56.20     |
| RILEY'S, TONER .....                                                       | \$1,005.73  |
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| SCOTT PHARMAC, JAIL MEDS.....                                              | \$96.53     |
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| STANTON ELECTRIC, LAMPS @ TPNC .....                                       | \$163.78    |
| STATE FOREST NURSERY, TREES FOR GILMORE WAPSI, K-FELD & LITTLE WAPSI ..... | \$2,930.00  |
| SUPERIOR LUMBER, 3/4 X 18 NAIL STAKES FOR CEMENT FORMS.....                | \$329.05    |
| TANDY PERKINS, PEO TRAINING + MILEAGE.....                                 | \$45.72     |
| TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, PARTS #30 .....                                    | \$20.98     |
| TUPPER, JOANNE, PEO TRAINING + MILEAGE.....                                | \$40.48     |
| TYLER BUSINESS FORMS, 2023 W2/1099 FORMS + ENVELOPES .....                 | \$299.37    |
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| VISA , ASSR SEMINAR REG DES MOINES & LDG .....                             | \$633.60    |
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| WELTON, DOUGLASS, PEO TRAINING .....                                       | \$30.00     |
| WEX, GASOLINE .....                                                        | \$47.38     |
| WHITNEY REPORTING SERVICES, COPY OF DISPOSITIONS AGCR013211 .....          | \$120.00    |
| WINDSTREAM CORPORATION, 911 PHONES .....                                   | \$278.48    |
| WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS., 911 PHONES .....                                     | \$199.88    |
| YSBRAND, MATTHEW, MILEAGE + LODGING REIMBURSEMENT.....                     | \$202.28    |
| ZEIEN, DIXIE, PEO TRAININGS.....                                           | \$30.00     |
| ZETRON, 911 CONTRACT FULFILLMENT.....                                      | \$14,278.77 |
| ZIEGLER, EQUIP MANUALS, PARTS, FILTERS, BLADES, LUBRICANTS .....           | \$8,307.14  |
| ZIPSE, MARGE, HCF VOTING WAGE.....                                         | \$82.50     |



# It's a week to celebrate America's educators

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The following was written by Kristie Brincks and Nikki Vossberg, the co-presidents this year for the New Hampton Education Association, which represents certified staff at New Hampton Community Schools.*

American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving. This year it is celebrated November 13-17, 2023. American Education Week's theme, Together for Safe, Just & Equitable Schools highlights the importance of bringing together educators, parents, students and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools.

The National Education Association spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from preschool through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. The Association calls upon America to provide students with quality schools so that they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century.

Today's teachers do more than teach basic skills. They nurture and inspire children despite obstacles. They help students learn essential skills not always measured in testing, such as critical thinking, conflict resolution, cooperation, and problem solving, which helps students throughout life.

Monday was for honoring



New Hampton Mayor Bobby Schwickerath is shown signing a proclamation recognizing American Education Week. He is surrounded by fifth grade students (from left) Brody Brase, Eliza Hoy, Anthony Rocha Solis and Michaela Balik.

the school board members and their dedication to our schools.

Tuesday was set aside to recognize administrators and the vital role they play in our students' education.

Wednesday marked the observance of Education Support Professional Day — a time for saluting our public school education support professionals (ESPs) and the contributions they make to education.

Today (Thursday) is the day to pay special tribute to the

teachers who work endlessly to meet student needs.

And the week comes to a close on Friday, which is designated as Substitute Educators Day. These employees are called in to temporarily replace regularly employed teachers or education support professionals, such as classroom aides.

Also on Friday, Student Day is celebrated with special recognition given to the students for their hard work.

The interaction between chil-

Photo courtesy of Anita Quirk

dren, parents and all of these individuals is vital to the continued success of public education. Everyone's work is something to celebrate.

Parents are always encouraged to take part in their child's education. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to visit.

Thank you for taking time to read this essay. We, along with our colleagues, are proud to make a difference in the lives of the students we teach.

## Former Charles City man found guilty in murder of New Hampton resident

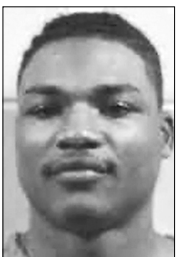
By BOB STEENSON  
bsteenson@charlescitypress.com

A former Charles City resident who was charged with first-degree murder and abuse of a corpse over an apparent theft of illegal drugs, was found guilty on both charges in Howard County District Court last week.

Sayvonne Eugene Jordan, age 27, was living in Elma when he was arrested in January this

year, but he has listed his address as Charles City and Waterloo previously, and was being held on unrelated charges in Floyd County Jail when he was arrested for the Howard County murder.

Authorities arrested Jordan



Jordan

after saying they had found evidence of the remains of a human body in a burn barrel behind Jordan's home during a search of his residence in November 2022.

The remains were sent to the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office, and the Howard County Sheriff's Office said the remains were determined to be that of Jonathan Esparza, age 30, a New Hampton resident who had last been seen in October 2022.

Monty Platz, an Iowa assistant attorney general helping Howard County with the prosecution, presented evidence that he said showed Jordan was Esparza's drug dealer, and that Esparza had gone to Jordan's house and stolen four to five pounds of methamphetamine with a street value of \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Jordan accused Esparza of the theft and warned him of dire consequences if the drugs

were not returned.

Testimony showed that Esparza said he was going to Jordan's house on Oct. 20, 2022, and that was the last time Esparza was seen.

The case went to the jury last Wednesday, and jurors deliberated for about three hours before returning verdicts of guilty to the charge of first degree murder, a Class A felony, and guilty to the charge of abuse of a corpse, a Class C felony.

District Court Judge Linda Parish set sentencing for Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. in Howard County District Court in Cresco.

Conviction of first degree murder in Iowa has a mandatory sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

At the time of his arrest on the murder charge, Jordan was being held in Floyd County Jail on unrelated charges involving parole violations and a drug possession charge.

## Do Your Investments Match Your Goals?

As you go through life, you'll have various financial goals — and to achieve them, you'll need to invest. But just recognizing the need to invest is not as useful as matching specific types of accounts or investments with specific goals. How can you make these connections?

Let's look at some common goals and how they could possibly be met with appropriate accounts and investments:

- Saving for a down payment on a house — When you're saving for a down payment, you want a certain amount of money available at a certain time — so, for this goal, you won't want to take too much risk. Consequently, you might consider investing in certificates of deposit (CDs), which will pay you regular interest payments and return your principal when the CDs mature. CDs are issued in a range of maturities, from one month to 10 years. Other vehicles you might consider are money market accounts or other cash equivalents.

- Saving for a child's education — If you have children, and you'd like to help them pay for some form of higher education, you may want to consider a 529 education savings plan. Any earnings growth in a 529 plan is federally tax free, provided the withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses, and you may also receive state tax benefits. A 529 plan can be used for college, approved trade school programs, student loan repayments and some K-12 costs. And if the child you've named as a beneficiary chooses not to continue their education, and doesn't need the money in a 529 plan, you can generally switch beneficiaries to another immediate family member.

- Saving for retirement — This is the one goal that will remain consistent throughout your working years — after all, you could spend two or even



three decades in retirement, so you'll need to accumulate as many financial resources as you can to pay for those years. Fortunately, you likely have access to several good retirement-savings vehicles. If you work for a business, you might have a 401(k) plan, which offers you the chance to put away money on a tax-deferred basis. (If you have a Roth option in your 401(k), your withdrawals can be tax free, although, unlike a traditional 401(k), your contributions won't lower your taxable income.) If you work for a public school or a nonprofit organization, you may be able to participate in a 403(b) plan, which is quite similar to a 401(k), and the same is true if you work for a state or local government, where you might have a 457(b) plan. And even if you invest in any of these plans, you can probably also contribute to an IRA, which gives you another chance to invest on a tax-deferred basis (or tax-free basis, if you're eligible for a Roth IRA). Try to take full advantage of whatever retirement plans are available to you.

Here's one final point to keep in mind: While some investments and accounts are appropriate for certain goals, they may not necessarily be suitable for your individual situation — so keep all your options in mind and take the steps that are right for you.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

## Briefs

### Wrestlers to hold bottle/can drive Saturday

The 10th annual New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling bottle and can fundraising drive will take place this Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the New Hampton High School parking lot.

Cans and bottles will be taken, although organizers request no glass bottles be dropped off.

The team will be available to pick up cans or bottles if you cannot drop them off, contact NH/TV head coach Matt Paulus at 641-220-1526.

### New Hampton blood drive set for Nov. 27

Area residents have the opportunity to save local lives. Your

donation can make a difference and ensure the local hospitals have the life-saving resources they need this season.

The New Hampton Community Blood Drive will be held Nov. 28, 2023, from 12 to 5:30 p.m. at 112 East Spring St. Schedule a blood donation appointment online at [lifeservebloodcenter.org](https://lifeservebloodcenter.org) or call 800-287-4903.

### Hometown Christmas to be held Dec. 2

The Women of Fredericksburg will be hosting their 30th annual Hometown Christmas Celebration on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Fredericksburg Community Center. Vendors, refreshments, entertainment, and kids' activities will be available.

Santa will be visiting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hometown Christmas is one of the major annual fundraisers for the Women of Fredericksburg. Proceeds from the event are given back to the Fredericksburg community.

Donations in the past have been given to the schools, Brad Niewoehner Park, Garden Club, Plum Creek Nature Trail, Country Schoolhouse, Upham Memorial Library, the city of Fredericksburg and numerous other worthy causes.

### Letterman canned food drive starts Friday

Once again the New Hampton Lettermen are sponsoring a canned food drive to collect non-perishable food items for the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Starting on Monday, Nov. 20 and continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 6, items may be dropped off in any of the school offices between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

But kickoff day is earlier. On Friday, Nov. 17, during Meet the Team night, the group is asking those attending the event to bring a canned food item or items.

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Custom Applicators

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Fredericksburg, IA  
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To be considered for these positions, contact Courtney Hageman, Human Resources: 563-237-5324 [chageman@farmerswin.com](mailto:chageman@farmerswin.com)

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ANNIVERSARY  
SALE  
SAT. NOV. 4 - SAT. NOV. 18

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20% SAVINGS  
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In Store Merchandise  
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Sale Hours:  
Monday 9 - 7  
Tues - Fri 9 - 5  
Saturday 9 - 3  
Sunday Noon - 3

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JEWELERS

31 West Main Street Waukon, IA

Don't be fooled by a few loud voices...

94%

of impacted land owners in

Chickasaw County

have signed voluntary easements for the proposed carbon capture pipeline.

Why?

Carbon Capture and Sequestration will open massive new markets for Iowa corn and that helps grow rural Iowa.

Iowa Renewable Fuels Association



# Mayor and City Council members who won elections to take office when 2024 arrives

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year terms to the council.

Results were released by the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office on the night of the election, but the write-in ballots were not counted until the following morning.

Larsen will replace Cory McDonald, who did not seek re-election after serving two terms representing the ward that includes the northeast quadrant of the city.

Speltz had said all along

Legal Notice

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA ELLEN KNOWLTON, Deceased**

**CASE NO. ESPR003143 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Patricia Ellen Knowlton, Deceased, who died on or about August 23, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on September 14, 2023, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

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

Dated on 10/26/23

Justin Jay Elliott, Administrator of the Estate 1161 200th St Ionia, IA 50645

Jesse Marzen, ICIS#: AT0005039 Attorney for the Administrator Marzen Law Office, P.L.L.C. 108 2nd Street SE Waverly, Iowa 50677

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS (Reissued per Addendum #2) JURISDICTION OF CITY OF IONIA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Ionia on the proposed contract documents (plans, specifications, and form of contract) and estimated cost for the improvement at its meeting at 6:00, P.M. on November 6, 2023, in said Ionia City Hall Council Chambers for the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements

Sealed bids for the work comprising each improvement as stated below must be filed before 1:00, P.M. according to the clock the office of Ionia City Hall on November 29, 2023, in the office of the Ionia City Hall, 101 W Iowa, Ionia, Iowa. Bids received after the deadline for submission of bids as stated herein shall not be considered and shall be returned to the late bidder unopened.

Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 1:00, P.M. on November 29, 2023, in the Ionia City Hall for consideration by the City of Ionia at its meeting on December 4, 2023, at 6:00, P.M., in the Ionia City Hall Council Chambers.

Work on the improvement shall be commenced immediately upon approval of the contract by the Council, and be completed as stated below.

The contract documents may be examined at the Ionia City Hall. Hard copies of the project documents may be obtained from Snyder & Associates, Inc. 900 Bell Drive SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 at no cost. Electronic contract documents are available at no cost by clicking on the "Bids" link at www.snyder-associates.com and choosing the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements on the left. Project information, engineer's cost opinion, and planholder information is also available at no cost at this website. Downloads require the user to register for a free membership at QuestCDN.com.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that

state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

General Nature of the Public Improvement

The project generally includes furnishing all labor, material, and equipment necessary for the construction and installation of 8" sanitary pipe, sewer cleaning, sanitary pipelining replacement, removing protruding connections, site restoration, and other miscellaneous items. The project shall be constructed in various locations throughout the City of Ionia, within city limits.

Each bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, as security that the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of contract a corporate surety bond, in a form acceptable to the Jurisdiction, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the contract. The bidder's security shall be in the amount of 5% of the bid, as fixed in the Instruction to Bidders and shall be in the form of a cashier's check or a certified check drawn on an FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on an FDIC insured bank chartered under the laws of the United States; or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; or a bid bond on the form provided in the contract documents with corporate surety satisfactory to the Jurisdiction. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications.

The City of Ionia reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of bids and no bid may be withdrawn during this period.

Each successful bidder will be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to 100% of its contract price. Said bond shall be issued by a responsible surety approved by City of Ionia and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all material and labor, and protect and save harmless City of Ionia from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the contract and shall also

guarantee the maintenance of the improvement caused by failures in materials and construction for a period of two years from and after acceptance of the contract. The guaranteed maintenance period for new paving shall be four years.

The City of Ionia, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42U.S.C. 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Contractor shall complete the project no later than July 26, 2024. Should the contractor fail to complete the work in this timeframe, liquidated damages of \$1,000.00 per calendar day will be assessed for work not completed within the designated contract term. Liquidated damages can be assessed against both completion dates.

The City of Ionia does hereby reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.

This Notice is given by authority of the City of Ionia

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**CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz and Denner. Fisher was absent. Also in attendance were Tim Pederson, Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, City Attorney Todd Prichard, Bob Fenske, Becky Schwab with SEH, Inc., Megan Balties, Tara Hackman, Matt Kuhn and several NHHS government students.

1. Approve meeting agenda
2. Approve City Council Minutes of October 16, 2023
3. Approve City Claims of \$107,150.57
4. Class B Retail Native Wine: Pocketful of Posies – 11/1/2023
5. Class C Retail Alcohol License: Cinco De Mayo Mexican Kitchen & Bar – 10/13/2023
6. Class B Retail Alcohol License: Kwik Star #895 – 12/29/2023
7. Class C Retail Alcohol License: JLEB, LLC (Bowlaway Lanes) – 11/15/2023
8. Cemetery Board Minutes of October 22, 2023
9. Committee as a Whole Minutes of October 16, 2023
10. Stipulation of Public Safety Status PPME Local 2003
11. 2023 Annual Financial Report

Moved by McDonald, seconded by Humpal; that the Consent agenda be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None.

Absent – Fisher. Motion carried.

Moved by Denner; seconded by Porath; that Ordinance #894 amending the City of New Hampton Fee Schedule, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher.

Mayor Schwickerath declared Ordinance # 894 duly adopted.

The TRIBE Trail committee opened bids for the final phase of the TRIBE Trail on October 23rd. SEH engineer, Becky Schwab, assisted with the bid opening. Bids received were as follows:

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| Croell, Inc. \$667,815.30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Wick's Construction - \$576,732.00 |
| Schwab recommended to the Council to award the bid to Wick's Construction noting that the bid is a 21% reduction from the engineer's estimates. Moved by Denner, seconded by McDonald, That Resolution No. 6596 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF WICK'S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TRIBE TRAIL PHASE III in the amount of \$576,732.00, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved. |                                    |
| Moved by Denner, seconded by McDonald; That Resolution No. 6597 A RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO WICK'S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TRIBE TRAIL PHASE III, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.                                                                                                                                                           |                                    |
| City Clerk Karen Clemens presented the TIF Indebtedness needed to fund the TIF projects for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year. This certification is due to the Chickasaw County Auditor's office by December 1, 2023. Moved by Porath,                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                    |

seconded by Speltz; That Resolution No. 6598 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAX INCREMENT REVENUE, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.

City Clerk Karen Clemens shared the tentative plan to offer a discounted rate for garbage pickup for residents 65 years and older is a discriminatory price; the Iowa State Auditor office advised Clemens and City Council to not adopt this pricing method. As a result, Jendro Sanitation has offered a lower rate for all customers of \$13.99 per month, a reduction from the original quote of \$15.09 per month. The Council discussed delaying the price change until the February 2024 billing and have the solid waste fund will absorb the price increases in December and January 2024. Moved by McDonald, seconded by Porath; That Resolution No. 6599 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GARBAGE FEE CHANGES including the following:

1. MONTHLY FEE OF \$13.99 PER HOUSEHOLD
2. DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY PRICHARD TO UPDATE THE AGREEMENT WITH JENDRO SANITATION
3. UTILIZE SOLID WASTE FUNDS TO DEFER THE PRICE INCREASE UNTIL FEBRUARY 2024, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors chairperson, Matt Kuhn, was in attendance to request the City of New Hampton contribute to the water line extension costs to the Heritage Building at 2275 South Linn Ave. Kuhn requested the city pay for the increase expense from

a 6" water line to 8" water line and pay for the automatic flusher. No action was taken

PWD Mai informed the council that there are 670 lead copper line inspections completed. He encouraged the council to inform their constituents to complete the survey.

Moved by Denner, seconded by Humpal; that the meeting adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk

ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

**CITY - WRITTEN SINCE OCTOBER 16, 2023**

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| Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas (PD WA Clerk Cust Carnegie ST Fire SR)                     | 935.48    |
| USPS, Postage for Utility Bills ..... 145.44                                               |           |
| Rapid Printers, Stamped Window Envelopes .....                                             | 1267.86   |
| John Deere Financial, Supplies (Sewer Street Water Police Fire) .....                      | 184.56    |
| USPS, Postage for Utility Bills ..... 136.89                                               |           |
| Jendro Sanitation, October Recycling (1,428 x \$9.44) .....                                | 13,480.32 |
| Total Written .....                                                                        | 16,150.55 |
| -CITY - TO BE WRITTEN--                                                                    |           |
| Ambitec Inc, Ballistic Shield & Mini Shields (Police) .....                                | 8,909.93  |
| Annie's Alteration, Uniform Allowance (Police) .....                                       | 83.00     |
| Calhoun Burns Associates, Bridge Replacement Services (Street) .....                       | 7,942.50  |
| Cinco do Mayo Mexican Kitchen & Bar Economic Development Grant .....                       | 5,000.00  |
| City Laundering Co, Uniforms (WA SR)                                                       |           |
| ST) Mats, Air Dispenser (SR)                                                               |           |
| Clemens, Karen, Mileage to Budget Workshop (188 x .655) .....                              | 123.14    |
| Culligan, DI Equipment Rental, Filter (Sewer) .....                                        | 95.96     |
| Douglas, Ken                                                                               |           |
| October Mileage - Reading Meters (139 x \$.655) (Water) .....                              | 91.05     |
| Eurofins, Testing Fees October (Sewer) .....                                               | 3,969.12  |
| Five Star Coop. Fuel (Fire) Gas (WA SR ST) Supplies (SR) .....                             | 975.46    |
| Hawkins, Chlorine, LPC-4, Cylinders (July- Oct) (Water) .....                              | 17,916.64 |
| IA Municipal Solutions LLC, Monthly Wastewater Operator Services (SR) .....                | 4,333.00  |
| Insurance Strategies Consulting, 509A Study for year ending 9/30/23 .....                  | 500.00    |
| Iowa One Call, One Calls (Water Sewer) .....                                               | 65.70     |
| Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup (Fire Carnegie PD Clerk Cust SR St) .....                 | 2,882.85  |
| Lawler Irish Fest Inc, Hotel/ Motel Grant .....                                            | 3,000.00  |
| Maria's Cleaning, Cleaning Hours October 2023 (69 hrs x \$20) .....                        | 1,380.00  |
| Microbac Laboratories, Testing Fees (Water) .....                                          | 62.00     |
| Mobotrex, 4 Traffic Controllers .....                                                      | 21,104.00 |
| Motorola Solutions, Earpiece, Wireless Speaker Microphone (Police) .....                   | 292.55    |
| NAPA, DEF (Street) .....                                                                   | 52.98     |
| New Hampton Motorcycle Rally, 2023 Hotel Motel Grant .....                                 | 4,983.50  |
| New Hampton Municipal Utilities, Phone/ Internet (St Carnegie Fire PD Clerk Econ SR) ..... | 688.75    |
| New Hampton Tribune, Minutes & Claims, AFR (Clerk) .....                                   | 552.09    |

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| Old Dominion Brush, Street Sweeper Broom (Street) .....                    | 851.17              |
| Prichard, Todd, Regular Salary .....                                       | 3,221.00            |
| Rapid Printers, Coloring Contest (Fire) Utility Billings (WA SR) .....     | 561.90              |
| Riley's Inc, Copy Fee (Clerk Econ Police) .....                            | 155.00              |
| Schuetz Ace Hardware, Plastic Pail, Batteries (Water) Grass Mix (ST) ..... | 282.58              |
| Verizon , Data Charges (Police) .                                          | 160.04              |
| Zip's Truck Equipment, Lime Vests, Front Grill Amber Lights (Street) ..... | 250.72              |
| Total to be Written .....                                                  | 91,000.02           |
| Plus City Written .....                                                    | 16,150.55           |
| <b>TOTAL TO BE APPROVED .....</b>                                          | <b>\$107,150.57</b> |
| <b>PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE OCTOBER 16, 2023</b>                            |                     |
| AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance 368.40                                       |                     |
| FICA Tax, Federal Tax .....                                                | 10,550.86           |
| Employee Benefit Systems, Administration Fees .....                        | 252.00              |
| Empower Retirement, Deferred Comp .....                                    | 325.00              |
| Iowa Dept of Revenue, State W/H Tax .....                                  | 3,063.68            |
| City of New Hampton, Self Funding Fees .....                               | 8,488.92            |
| Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS .....                                      | 16,742.50           |
| Wellmark, Health Insurance .....                                           | 30,706.69           |
| CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN .....                                             | 59633               |
| Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup .....                                     | 19.64               |

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that he intended to seek a full term representing his ward that covers the city's southwest quadrant, but he missed the

filing deadline to have his name placed on the ballot.

The other City Council seat on the ballot had just one can-

didate, and incumbent Joe Denner won a third term.

The three council members will begin their four-year terms

on Jan. 1, and they will be joined by New Hampton's new mayor as Steve Geerts won a relatively easy victory over cur-

rent Mayor Bobby Schwickerath and Melanie Schmitt.

Legal Notice

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Janice Steege, Deceased**

**PROBATE NO. ESPR003162 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Janice Steege, Deceased, who died on or about September 21, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on November 1, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Janice Steege, Deceased, bearing date of June 6, 1985, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Troy Steege and Connie Steege were appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated November 1, 2023

Troy Steege, Executor of Estate

318 Mechanic Street Fredericksburg, IA 50630

Connie Steege, Executor of Estate 318 Mechanic Street Fredericksburg, IA 50630

Tori A. Beyer, ICIS#: AT0015570 Attorney for Executor, Dillon Law PC 209 E. 1st Street Sumner, IA 50670

Date of second publication November 23, 2023

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS JURISDICTION OF CITY OF IONIA PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Ionia on the proposed contract documents (plans, specifications, and form of contract) and estimated cost for the improvement at its meeting at 6:00, P.M. on December 4, 2023, in said Ionia City Hall Council Chambers for the Ionia Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Sealed bids for the work comprising each improvement as stated below must be filed before 2:00, P.M. according to the clock the office of Ionia City Hall on November 29th, 2023, in the office of the Ionia City Hall. Bids received after the deadline for submission of bids as stated herein shall not be considered and shall be returned to the late bidder unopened.

Sealed proposals will be opened and bids tabulated at 2:00, P.M. on November 29th, 2023, in the Ionia City Hall for consideration by the City of Ionia at its meeting on December 4th, 2023., at 6:00, P.M., in the Ionia City Hall Council Chambers.

Work on the improvement shall be commenced immediately upon approval of the contract by the Council, and be completed as stated below.

The contract documents may be examined at the Ionia City Hall. Hard copies of the project documents may be obtained from Snyder & Associates, Inc. 900 Bell Drive SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 at no cost. Electronic contract documents are available at no cost by clicking on the "Bids" link at www.snyder-associates.com and choosing the Ionia Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements on the left. Project information, engineer's cost opinion, and planholder information is also available at no cost at this website. Downloads require the user to register for a free membership at QuestCDN.com.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa, and to Iowa domestic labor, to the extent lawfully required under Iowa statutes.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident.

General Nature of the Public Improvement

The project generally includes furnishing all labor, material, and equipment necessary for the lagoon sludge removal, parshall flume & vault structure, wooden shed and flow meter readout, manhole and sewer line replacement, site restoration, and other miscellaneous items. The project shall be constructed ½ mile southeast of the intersection of E. Main Street and East Street.

Each bidder shall accompany its bid with bid security as defined in Iowa Code Section 26.8, as security that the successful bidder will enter into a contract for the work bid upon and will furnish after the award of contract a corporate surety bond, in a form acceptable to the Jurisdiction, for the faithful performance of the contract, in an amount equal to 100% of the amount of the contract. The bidder's security shall be in the amount of 5% of the bid, as fixed in the Instruction to Bidders and shall be in the form of a cashier's check or a certified check drawn on an FDIC insured bank in Iowa or on an FDIC insured bank chartered under the laws of the United States; or a certified share draft drawn on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States; or a bid bond on the form provided in the contract documents with corporate surety satisfactory to the Jurisdiction. The bid shall contain no condition except as provided in the specifications.

The City of Ionia reserves the right to defer acceptance of any bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of bids and no bid may be withdrawn during this period.

Each successful bidder will be required to furnish a corporate surety bond in an amount equal to 100% of its contract price. Said bond shall be issued by a responsible surety approved by City of Ionia and shall guarantee the faithful performance of the contract and the terms and conditions therein contained and shall guarantee the prompt payment of all material and labor, and protect and save harmless City of Ionia from claims and damages of any kind caused by the operations of the contract and shall also guarantee the maintenance of the im-

provement caused by failures in materials and construction for a period of two years from and after acceptance of the contract. The guaranteed maintenance period for new paving shall be four years.

The City of Ionia, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42U.S.C. 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Contractor shall complete the project no later than July 26, 2024. Should the contractor fail to complete the work in this timeframe, liquidated damages of \$1,000.00 per calendar day will be assessed for work not completed within the designated contract term. Liquidated damages can be assessed against both completion dates.

The City of Ionia does hereby reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to enter into such contract, or contracts, as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the jurisdiction.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (Section 3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance or HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low- and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

The parties to this contract agree to comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR part 75, which implement Section 3. As evidenced by their execution of this contract, the parties to this contract certify that they are under no contractual or other impediment that would prevent them from complying with the part 75 regulations.

This Notice is given by authority of the City of Ionia

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**CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz and Denner. Fisher was absent. Also in attendance were Tim Pederson, Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, City Attorney Todd Prichard, Bob Fenske, Becky Schwab with SEH, Inc., Megan Balties, Tara Hackman, Matt Kuhn and several NHHS government students.

1. Approve meeting agenda
2. Approve City Council Minutes of October 16, 2023
3. Approve City Claims of \$107,150.57
4. Class B Retail Native Wine: Pocketful of Posies – 11/1/2023
5. Class C Retail Alcohol License: Cinco De Mayo Mexican Kitchen & Bar – 10/13/2023
6. Class B Retail Alcohol License: Kwik Star #895 – 12/29/2023
7. Class C Retail Alcohol License: JLEB, LLC (Bowlaway Lanes) – 11/15/2023
8. Cemetery Board Minutes of October 22, 2023
9. Committee as a Whole Minutes of October 16, 2023
10. Stipulation of Public Safety Status PPME Local 2003
11. 2023 Annual Financial Report

Moved by McDonald, seconded by Humpal; that the Consent agenda be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None.

Absent – Fisher. Motion carried.

Moved by Denner; seconded by Porath; that Ordinance #894 amending the City of New Hampton Fee Schedule, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher.

Mayor Schwickerath declared Ordinance # 894 duly adopted.

The TRIBE Trail committee opened bids for the final phase of the TRIBE Trail on October 23rd. SEH engineer, Becky Schwab, assisted with the bid opening. Bids received were as follows:

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| Croell, Inc. \$667,815.30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Wick's Construction - \$576,732.00 |
| Schwab recommended to the Council to award the bid to Wick's Construction noting that the bid is a 21% reduction from the engineer's estimates. Moved by Denner, seconded by McDonald, That Resolution No. 6596 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF WICK'S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TRIBE TRAIL PHASE III in the amount of \$576,732.00, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved. |                                    |
| Moved by Denner, seconded by McDonald; That Resolution No. 6597 A RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO WICK'S CONSTRUCTION FOR THE TRIBE TRAIL PHASE III, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.                                                                                                                                                           |                                    |
| City Clerk Karen Clemens presented the TIF Indebtedness needed to fund the TIF projects for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year. This certification is due to the Chickasaw County Auditor's office by December 1, 2023. Moved by Porath,                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                    |

seconded by Speltz; That Resolution No. 6598 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAX INCREMENT REVENUE, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.

City Clerk Karen Clemens shared the tentative plan to offer a discounted rate for garbage pickup for residents 65 years and older is a discriminatory price; the Iowa State Auditor office advised Clemens and City Council to not adopt this pricing method. As a result, Jendro Sanitation has offered a lower rate for all customers of \$13.99 per month, a reduction from the original quote of \$15.09 per month. The Council discussed delaying the price change until the February 2024 billing and have the solid waste fund will absorb the price increases in December and January 2024. Moved by McDonald, seconded by Porath; That Resolution No. 6599 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GARBAGE FEE CHANGES including the following:

1. MONTHLY FEE OF \$13.99 PER HOUSEHOLD
2. DIRECT CITY ATTORNEY PRICHARD TO UPDATE THE AGREEMENT WITH JENDRO SANITATION
3. UTILIZE SOLID WASTE FUNDS TO DEFER THE PRICE INCREASE UNTIL FEBRUARY 2024, be approved. Ayes – Humpal, McDonald, Porath, Speltz, Denner. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.

Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors chairperson, Matt Kuhn, was in attendance to request the City of New Hampton contribute to the water line extension costs to the Heritage Building at 2275 South Linn Ave. Kuhn requested the city pay for the increase expense from

a 6" water line to 8" water line and pay for the automatic flusher. No action was taken

PWD Mai informed the council that there are 670 lead copper line inspections completed. He encouraged the council to inform their constituents to complete the survey.

Moved by Denner, seconded by Humpal; that the meeting adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk

ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

**CITY - WRITTEN SINCE OCTOBER 16, 2023**

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| Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas (PD WA Clerk Cust Carnegie ST Fire SR)                     | 935.48    |
| USPS, Postage for Utility Bills ..... 145.44                                               |           |
| Rapid Printers, Stamped Window Envelopes .....                                             | 1267.86   |
| John Deere Financial, Supplies (Sewer Street Water Police Fire) .....                      | 184.56    |
| USPS, Postage for Utility Bills ..... 136.89                                               |           |
| Jendro Sanitation, October Recycling (1,428 x \$9.44) .....                                | 13,480.32 |
| Total Written .....                                                                        | 16,150.55 |
| -CITY - TO BE WRITTEN--                                                                    |           |
| Ambitec Inc, Ballistic Shield & Mini Shields (Police) .....                                | 8,909.93  |
| Annie's Alteration, Uniform Allowance (Police) .....                                       | 83.00     |
| Calhoun Burns Associates, Bridge Replacement Services (Street) .....                       | 7,942.50  |
| Cinco do Mayo Mexican Kitchen & Bar Economic Development Grant .....                       | 5,000.00  |
| City Laundering Co, Uniforms (WA SR)                                                       |           |
| ST) Mats, Air Dispenser (SR)                                                               |           |
| Clemens, Karen, Mileage to Budget Workshop (188 x .655) .....                              | 123.14    |
| Culligan, DI Equipment Rental, Filter (Sewer) .....                                        | 95.96     |
| Douglas, Ken                                                                               |           |
| October Mileage - Reading Meters (139 x \$.655) (Water) .....                              | 91.05     |
| Eurofins, Testing Fees October (Sewer) .....                                               | 3,969.12  |
| Five Star Coop. Fuel (Fire) Gas (WA SR ST) Supplies (SR) .....                             | 975.46    |
| Hawkins, Chlorine, LPC-4, Cylinders (July- Oct) (Water) .....                              | 17,916.64 |
| IA Municipal Solutions LLC, Monthly Wastewater Operator Services (SR) .....                | 4,333.00  |
| Insurance Strategies Consulting, 509A Study for year ending 9/30/23 .....                  | 500.00    |
| Iowa One Call, One Calls (Water Sewer) .....                                               | 65.70     |
| Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup (Fire Carnegie PD Clerk Cust SR St) .....                 | 2,882.85  |
| Lawler Irish Fest Inc, Hotel/ Motel Grant .....                                            | 3,000.00  |
| Maria's Cleaning, Cleaning Hours October 2023 (69 hrs x \$20) .....                        | 1,380.00  |
| Microbac Laboratories, Testing Fees (Water) .....                                          | 62.00     |
| Mobotrex, 4 Traffic Controllers .....                                                      | 21,104.00 |
| Motorola Solutions, Earpiece, Wireless Speaker Microphone (Police) .....                   | 292.55    |
| NAPA, DEF (Street) .....                                                                   | 52.98     |
| New Hampton Motorcycle Rally, 2023 Hotel Motel Grant .....                                 | 4,983.50  |
| New Hampton Municipal Utilities, Phone/ Internet (St Carnegie Fire PD Clerk Econ SR) ..... | 688.75    |
| New Hampton Tribune, Minutes & Claims, AFR (Clerk) .....                                   | 552.09    |

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| Old Dominion Brush, Street Sweeper Broom (Street) .....                    | 851.17              |
| Prichard, Todd, Regular Salary .....                                       | 3,221.00            |
| Rapid Printers, Coloring Contest (Fire) Utility Billings (WA SR) .....     | 561.90              |
| Riley's Inc, Copy Fee (Clerk Econ Police) .....                            | 155.00              |
| Schuetz Ace Hardware, Plastic Pail, Batteries (Water) Grass Mix (ST) ..... | 282.58              |
| Verizon , Data Charges (Police) .                                          | 160.04              |
| Zip's Truck Equipment, Lime Vests, Front Grill Amber Lights (Street) ..... | 250.72              |
| Total to be Written .....                                                  | 91,000.02           |
| Plus City Written .....                                                    | 16,150.55           |
| <b>TOTAL TO BE APPROVED .....</b>                                          | <b>\$107,150.57</b> |
| <b>PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE OCTOBER 16, 2023</b>                            |                     |
| AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance 368.40                                       |                     |
| FICA Tax, Federal Tax .....                                                | 10,550.86           |
| Employee Benefit Systems, Administration Fees .....                        | 252.00              |
| Empower Retirement, Deferred Comp .....                                    | 325.00              |
| Iowa Dept of Revenue, State W/H Tax .....                                  | 3,063.68            |
| City of New Hampton, Self Funding Fees .....                               | 8,488.92            |
| Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS .....                                      | 16,742.50           |
| Wellmark, Health Insurance .....                                           | 30,706.69           |
| CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN .....                                             | 59633               |
| Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup .....                                     | 19.64               |

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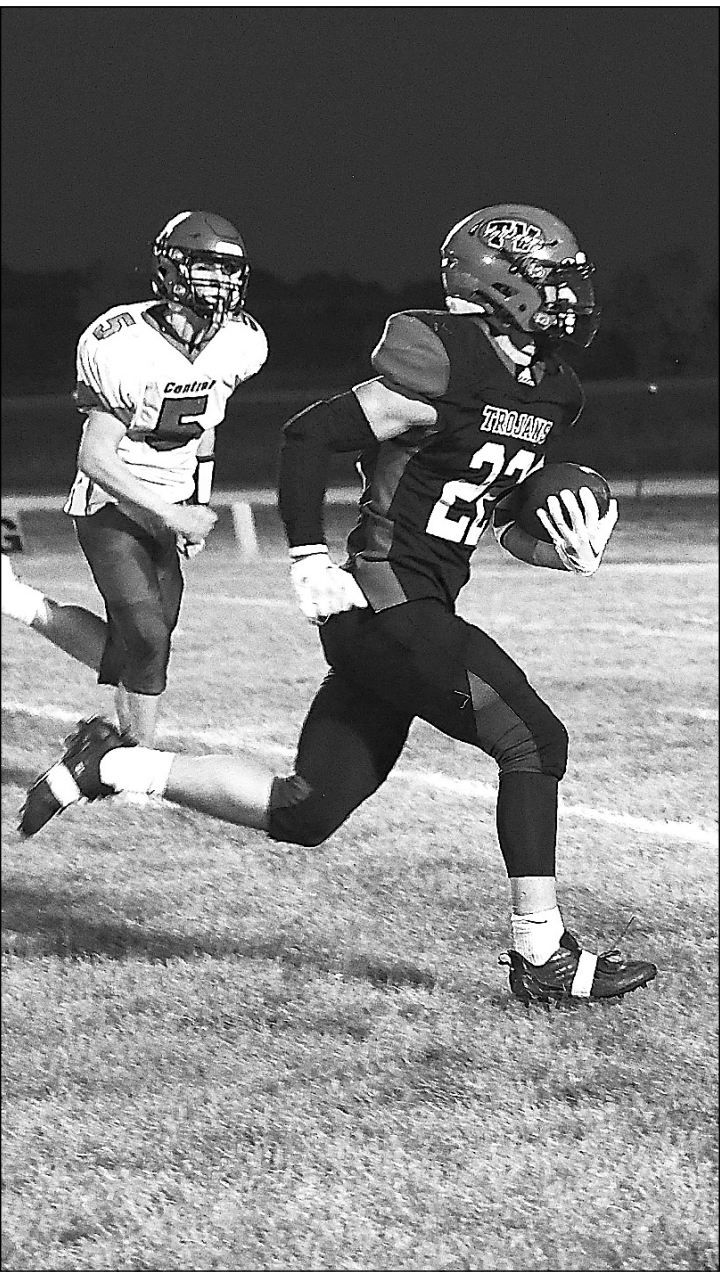
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# Turkey Valley posts winning mark despite brutal schedule

## ALL-DISTRICT: FROM 16

He also came up with 52 tackles in the secondary. “He worked in the weight room to be stronger and it showed on defense and his confidence on the field,” said Scott. J.D. Kruse proved he’s going to be a treat to watch in his final two years as a Trojan as he was one of the most exciting sophomores in 8-Man on both sides of the ball. He was Logan Busta’s main weapon through the air and led TV in interceptions with six. That tied him for the fifth-best total in all of 8-Man. He came up with two of those picks in the regular season finale at Riceville, which helped TV lock up a playoff spot. Kruse was the team leader in receiving yards (321 yards, 13 catches) and also was tops in the team with six receiving scores. He averaged almost 25 yards a catch. “J.D. moved to offensive end from running back and moved to our invert from defensive end,” Scott said about Kruse’s position switch. Logan Busta broke out in a big way under center in his first year as varsity starting quarterback at Turkey Valley. He tossed 13 touchdowns with only two interceptions. He tallied 637 yards passing and also rushed for 159 yards to go along with four scores on the ground. His quarterback rating was an impressive 127.7. “He made several big plays late in the season to keep drives going,” said Scott. Hunter Kruse was TV’s cen-

ter and he was a run stopper for the Trojans with 41 tackles. Kriener has a very bright future as he started several games for TV, going both ways. He was able to come up with 7.5. tackles. Those aforementioned TV standouts on the gridiron also excelled in the classroom as Schmitt, Burke Busta, Nieman, J.D. Kruse, Logan Busta and Hunter Kruse managed to secure a spot on the all-district academic team due to their hard work away from the playing field. Scott also had kind words for senior Braylen Byrne, who made a position switch that helped the Trojans immensely this fall. Byrne battled through injuries, but pushed through and contributed his talent up front on the line to help lead TV to the postseason for the third consecutive year. “Braylen had played end every year before this year, but he made the choice to move to guard to make the team better,” Scott said. TV managed a 5-4 overall record with a schedule that was one of the most difficult in its class. That record included a 4-2 mark in arguably the toughest district in 8-Man. TV played a ranked Clarksville squad tough early on, but ended up succumbing to the talented Indians in the first round of the playoffs by a score of 68-26. Clarksville also beat TV in the regular season, 62-22.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
Two Turkey Valley seniors — Oliver Schmitt (left) and Burke Busta (above) — were all-district first-team picks.

## ALL-EIGHT MAN, DISTRICT 3 FOOTBALL

| FIRST TEAM OFFENSIVE LINEMEN              |                    |       |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Kaiser Bovy                               | Don Bosco          | Soph. |
| Andrew Kimball                            | Don Bosco          | Sr.   |
| Ryder Fair                                | Riceville          | Sr.   |
| QUARTERBACK                               |                    |       |
| Kaiden Knaack                             | Don Bosco          | Sr.   |
| RUNNING BACKS                             |                    |       |
| Ty Christensen                            | Don Bosco          | Soph. |
| Andrew Beran                              | Riceville          | Jr.   |
| Jackson Schulte                           | Kee High           | Sr.   |
| WIDE RECEIVERS                            |                    |       |
| James Bell                                | Waterloo Christian | Sr.   |
| Carter Seitz                              | Kee High           | Sr.   |
| OFFENSE UTILITY                           |                    |       |
| Owen Hammersland                          | Central Elkader    | Fr.   |
| Kyler Knaack                              | Don Bosco          | Jr.   |
| DEFENSIVE LINEMEN                         |                    |       |
| Dalton Mudderman                          | Kee High           | Jr.   |
| Marco Avila                               | Riceville          | Jr.   |
| Daryon Allwood                            | West Central       | Sr.   |
| Karsen Strong                             | Kee High           | Jr.   |
| LINEBACKERS                               |                    |       |
| Oliver Schmitt                            | Turkey Valley      | Sr.   |
| Landon Fernandez                          | Don Bosco          | Sr.   |
| David Schmitz                             | Don Bosco          | Jr.   |
| DEFENSIVE BACKS                           |                    |       |
| Burke Busta                               | Turkey Valley      | Sr.   |
| Kaden Kobliska                            | Riceville          | Sr.   |
| SECOND TEAM                               |                    |       |
| Ben Balew                                 | Don Bosco          | Jr.   |
| Zach Belew                                | Don Bosco          | Jr.   |
| Jack Adams                                | Riceville          | Jr.   |
| Chance Christiansen                       | Riceville          | Soph. |
| Reagan Richardson                         | Riceville          | Fr.   |
| Andrew Kolsrud                            | Kee High           | Sr.   |
| Logan Busta                               | Turkey Valley      | Soph. |
| J.D. Kruse                                | Turkey Valley      | Soph. |
| Caleb Kurtenbach                          | Turkey Valley      | Sr.   |
| Russell Nieman                            | Turkey Valley      | Sr.   |
| Adam Scott                                | West Central       | Sr.   |
| Nolan Cushion                             | West Central       | Sr.   |
| Jed Tyler                                 | West Central       | Sr.   |
| Edde Gonzalez                             | West Central       | Sr.   |
| Jeremiah Marquette                        | Waterloo Christian | Sr.   |
| Kambridge Wainscott                       | Waterloo Christian | Sr.   |
| Gaven Benter                              | Waterloo Christian | Soph. |
| Kale Doeppke                              | Central Elkader    | Sr.   |
| Braxton Bormann                           | Central Elkader    | Soph. |
| Mark Hertrampf                            | Central Elkader    | Sr.   |
| OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:             |                    |       |
| Kaiser Bovy, Don Bosco, Soph.             |                    |       |
| DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:             |                    |       |
| Marco Avila, Riceville, Jr.               |                    |       |
| COACH OF THE YEAR: Colby Yoder, Don Bosco |                    |       |

# Cahoy: Teammates, coaches are huge part of her success

## ALL-STATE: FROM 16

wanted it, I had to go get it. It wasn’t going to get handed to me,” said Cahoy. Geerts said the talent pool to select from this year in Class 3A was substantial to pin down all-state squads. That made it difficult to determine who would be one of the eight first-teamers – which were comprised by all but one player that competed in last week’s state tournament in Coralville a few weeks ago. “Marissa had a tremendous career at NHHS. I am on the selection committee and it is tough – 3A is tough. It took us two hours to figure out four teams. I was happy with the second team for her,” said Geerts. New Hampton came tantalizing close to returning to the state tourney this year for the first time since 2018. The Chickasaws engineered a remarkable 2023 campaign, which included a 31-6 record. NH was stopped short of a state berth by perennial-power Dubuque Wahlert in the regional finals. “Making history with back-to-back conference season and tournament titles, was just as amazing as a state title in my eyes. There’s no one else in Chickasaw history who can claim this title!” exclaimed Cahoy. Cahoy was a big reason why the Chickasaws produced one of the best seasons in program history. “Marissa has worked hard putting countless hours into volleyball. She has achieved several milestones, including working herself into a six-ro-

tation player. She has built great leadership throughout the years,” said Geerts. Cahoy recorded her 1,000th kill toward the tail end of the season. She led the Chickasaws in digs (260) and aces (44). Cahoy racked up 318 kills her senior year at NHHS. Cahoy gave a shout out to those that mattered the most in her illustrious career. “This year was easily the best year yet. Being able to play with my seniors was all I could have asked for,” said Cahoy. “If it wasn’t for our entire team putting in the time, I would not have been able to accomplish what I did, nor would we have accomplished what we did. Success creds go to my entire team and coaches.” Cahoy recently competed in the prestigious IGCA Senior All-Star Classic in Johnson this past Saturday. There were four teams – Bulldogs, Panthers, Cyclones and Hawkeyes. Cahoy played on the Bulldog squad coached by Jackie Clubb – Clear Creek-Amana’s head coach. “She also was our first athlete to be selected to the Senior All-Star team. She was one of 32 seniors who were selected across all five classes. The selection was made by position, so she is in the top eight middle hitters in the state who were nominated,” said Geerts. Cahoy was also thankful for the backing she received from Chickasaw fans. “I will never forget the Chickasaw support we received at our regional matches. It was such a great feeling knowing they were there for us,” said Cahoy.

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| Geerts Plumbing                                                     | 17   | 15   |                                                                                                  |
| Rochford Insurance                                                  | 14   | 18   |                                                                                                  |
| Mid-Tech                                                            | 13   | 19   |                                                                                                  |
| NOV. 8 RESULTS                                                      |      |      |                                                                                                  |
| Hugeback-Johnson 3, Muscari LLC 1                                   |      |      |                                                                                                  |
| Geerts Plumbing 2, D&K 2                                            |      |      |                                                                                                  |
| Vern Laures Auto 3, Rochford Insurance 1                            |      |      |                                                                                                  |
| Mid-Tech Services 4, Dummy 0                                        |      |      |                                                                                                  |
| LEADERS                                                             |      |      |                                                                                                  |
| <b>High individual games:</b> Diane Nehl 235, 193, Rita Geerts 214. |      |      |                                                                                                  |
| <b>High individual series:</b> Nehl 610, Geerts 575, Kristy         |      |      |                                                                                                  |

| MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)   |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| LuAnn Lechtenberg 67         |  |
| MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES) |  |
| Karen Denner 55              |  |

Karen Schmitt, Secretary

## Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 5 Nov. 6

|                | W  | L  |
|----------------|----|----|
| Rascals        | 29 | 16 |
| Dak's Tap 1    | 26 | 19 |
| Big Willie's   | 26 | 19 |
| HereZ 2 U      | 25 | 20 |
| Brite Spot     | 25 | 20 |
| VFW            | 24 | 21 |
| Butch's 2      | 21 | 24 |
| Butch's 1      | 21 | 24 |
| Bowlaway Lanes | 21 | 24 |
| Dak's Tap 2    | 19 | 26 |
| Hide-A-Way     | 19 | 29 |
| The Office     | 14 | 31 |

## RESULTS

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dak's Tap 1 5, Butch's 2 4 | Butch's 1 6, The Office 3   |
| VFW 6, Hide-A-Way 3        | Bowlaway Lanes 5,           |
| HereZ 2 U 4                | Brite Spot 7, Dak's Tap 2 2 |
| Big Willie's 6, Rascals 3  | <b>THREE-GAME WINNERS</b>   |
| Butch's 1: Butch & Craig   | VFW: Clint & Bob            |
| Brite Spot: Russell & DJ   |                             |

## Sports Briefs

### Girls wrestling, basketball teams kick off winter season

It may not feel like it outside, but winter is upon us ... or at least the winter sports season is. The New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling team opened the season on Tuesday when the Chickasaws traveled to Elkader for a quadrangular that included the host Warriors, Charles City and Alburnett, and NH/TV will travel to Independence Saturday morning for a tournament. Meanwhile, the Chickasaws' girls basketball season will open the season on Monday with a non-conference game at Riceville,

while the Turkey Valley girls basketball team will play its opener on Tuesday, when the Trojans host Kee High in an Upper Iowa Conference game.

### Wartburg football team opens Division III playoffs on Saturday

Fresh off a 10-0 regular season, the Wartburg football team that is coached by New Hampton native Chris Winter will open play in the Division III national playoffs on Saturday with a home game against Illinois College. Kickoff for Saturday's game at Walston-Hoover Stadium in Waverly is set for noon.

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1948 (75 years ago)

• Jeanne Marie Schilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Schilling of New Hampton has been appointed to the staff for the 1949 Old Gold student yearbook at the Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. Miss Schilling, a freshman, is also a member of the College Eye, student newspaper, the Foreign Language Club, and the Newman Club, Catholic young people's organization.

• On Sale at Ferkin's Super Market: Pure Ground Beef, 49 cents per Lb.; Fresh Oysters, Pint, 69 cents; Pork Chops, 59 cents per Lb.; Head Lettuce, 19 cents; Rooster Coffee, 3 Lb. bag, \$1.15; Grapefruit, 10 for 39 cents; Oranges, 2 Dozen, 59 cents; Carnation Milk, Tall Can, 2 for 29 cents and Fresh Creamery Butter, 64 cents per Lb.

1973 (50 years ago)

• Downtown New Hampton won't be taking on its customary Holiday Season glitter this year. A Chamber of Commerce spokesman said the overhead and curb-side decorations in the downtown area and along Linn Avenue would be put up again, but they will not be illuminated, in line with the federal and state energy crisis recommendations.

It was also announced the Chamber plans to forego its annually sponsored residential outside lighting contest, and recommends ornamental lighting be curtailed in line with the nation-wide drive to curtail the use of energy.

• A Lawler business which dates back 35 years, closed Sunday and its owner, B.J. "Ben" Nulty is beginning a long deserved retirement. Nulty's Grocery, located in Lawler's main intersection, has been operated by Nulty since he purchased the business in 1938 from J.E. Landon. And other than discontinuing the soda fountain, the

store interior has changed very little in those 35 years.

A native of the Lawler area, Nulty had farmed before going into the grocery business. And now, with the store closed and the stock sold to Jerry Meyer, Nulty is planning just to relax in his retirement.

1998 (25 years ago)

• There will once again be an annual community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, at 12 noon at the New Hampton Community Center. Dinner will consist of turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, potatoes, gravy, rolls and pumpkin pie.

The dinner at the community center began several years ago and it not intended just for those who cannot afford a meal, it is for everyone. There is no charge for the meal, only a voluntary contribution.

• There is a familiar sight in the area, Jim and Julie Eckenrod, who farm south of New Hampton, have run out of bin room and are storing their corn on the ground. The pile contains approximately 25,000 bushels of the current crop. Checking with Farmer's Cooperative, they have two piles of corn at the Nashua plant and one pile in New Hampton, even though they had expanded their facilities. The crop is huge this year but farmers are still storing a large share of last year's crop.

2013 (10 years ago)

• Seven days after the last vote was cast, Nashua finally had a winner for its City Council two-year term. No one filed candidate papers for the unexpired term that was created by a combination of factors. On Election Day, both Cody Bilharz and Bob Mehman received 23 write-in votes for the two-year term. Under Iowa law, if a tie occurs, the winner will be drawn by lot by the canvassing board, which was the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors.

On Tuesday morning, two papers with the names were placed in a hat. Supervisor Tim Zoll drew Mehman's name. The term will begin on Jan. 1.

• It was a tough ending to a brilliant season for the Chickasaw football team. With just two full-time starters on offense and five on defense, New Hampton was picked to finish anywhere between third and fifth in Class 2A, District 4. But the Chickasaws ran the table in the regular season, ending it with a convincing win over Union, then upsetting Waukon, which was ranked No. 1 in the state. New Hampton then rolled to playoff wins over Center Point-Urbana and Cascade to set up the rematch with Waukon.

The Chickasaws lost to Waukon 36-0 in the Class 2A quarterfinal state playoff game and ended the season 11-1.

2018 (5 years ago)

• Participants in the "Most Valuable Beard" contest are clean shaven and ready to "grow for a cause." They are taking part in a fundraiser during "no-shave November" to help Mercy Medical Center-New Hampton's campaign to bring a 3D mammography unit to the hospital. The hospital announced the start of its "Detect It, Treat It, Defeat It" campaign. First Citizens Bank's Denise Webster organized the "MVB" program.

• There were nine Chickasaws who earned all-class 2A, District 3 first-team honors.

New Hampton's first-team players included offensive lineman Noah Fenske, running back Tristan Sweitzer, tight end Tanner Lane, defensive lineman Dillon Roberson, linebackers Keegan Kane and Carter Ferrie, defensive back Mason Cleveland, kicker Austin Hemann and "utility" player Evan Rosonke. Fenske was also named the district's lineman of the year.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Tootsie Rolls go for good causes

Knights of Columbus member Richard Grote presents checks to Special Olympics and ARC of Chickasaw County representative Eleanore Martin (above) and Comprehensive Systems Linda Martin (below), and the funds were raised by the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll sale that occurred earlier this fall.



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## India, the quiet giant, offers opportunity for Iowa soy

By KRISS NELSON  
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Earlier this year, India surpassed China as the world's most populous country, reaching more than 1.4 billion people. And the country is only showing signs of growth. China's population, meanwhile, is declining.

"China is in significant demographic decline, which they will not be coming out of anytime soon," says Frank Kelly, founder and managing partner of Fulcrum Macro Advisors. By the year 2100, China's population could be as small as 500 million.

Although China will remain a critical market for U.S. exports, including soy, Kelly believes little attention has been paid to the "quiet giant" of the globe, India.

Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) President-elect Brent Swart thinks market diversification when he hears about growth in a country, especially one that's not a significant soybean buyer.

According to Trade Data Monitor, India imported more than 160,000 metric tons of soy products (primarily soybean oil) from the U.S. in 2022. China meanwhile, was the U.S.'s largest export destination, importing nearly 30 million tons of soy products (primarily whole soybeans) from the U.S.

"It's exciting to be able to diversify our exports by having the potential to bring our product into a developing country like India," says Swart, who grows soybeans and corn near Spencer in Clay County.

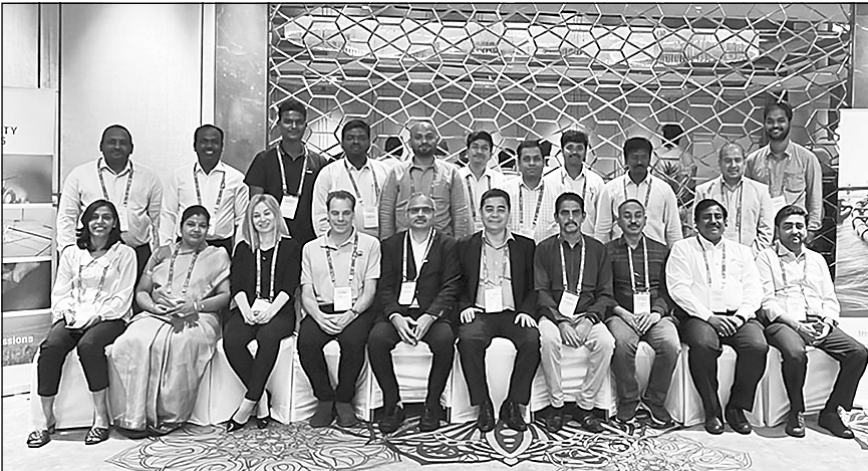
**A reliable soy supplier**

India is the world's largest vegetable oil importer — with 75% of its sunflower seed oil coming from Ukraine. Sourcing a majority of their oil from a country engaged in war is risky, Kelly notes.

"I don't know what India's appetite is for soybeans, but going to where the market is safe and secure, like the United States, you would think, is going to be a huge factor moving forward," says Kelly.

The U.S. has credibility in being a reliable supplier in recent years, says Mac Marshall, vice president of market intelligence for the United Soybean Board.

"During the 2021-22 marketing year, when there were disruptions to the global supply of vegetable oils, India turned to the United States for a couple of large spot orders of soybean oil," says Marshall. "When other sup-



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American soy farmers pose for a photo during a meeting held in India late last month.

plies became less available, the U.S. became a reliable and critical customer."

When soybean meal became less available to India in 2021, the U.S. again stepped up with available shipments.

"When you combine this reliability with the potential of the market from an animal productivity standpoint, there are opportunities," Marshall notes.

**Growing protein markets**

More people to feed means more demand for protein, Swart notes. "That presents a lot of opportunities for us as soybean farmers," he says.

How much demand for soy? It depends on the growth in various markets, including the animal sector and its need for soy-based feed.

"Anytime we talk about markets where there is population growth and economic potential, we talk about increased protein consumption and what that means for soy, which is a critical piece for making animal protein," says Marshall.

India is one of the largest shrimp producers, and has a rapidly expanding aquaculture industry.

"The aquaculture industry is a growing sector that is going to demand increasing amounts of soybean meal in the years to come for many reasons," says Marshall. "Not only will they be seeking a high protein, high-quality soybean meal, but fish meal is perpetually getting harder to source, so soybean meal plays an important role in that aquaculture space."

Soybean meal could also find its place in the terrestrial animal market.

Although there are cultural limita-

tions to India's protein consumption, poultry is increasingly becoming a part of the diet. Still below the world poultry consumption per capita, India's poultry consumption has increased by nearly 40% in the last decade.

"These markets take time to develop, but the metrics around the trajectory we see on poultry consumption are encouraging in the future," says Marshall.

A quarter of the world's dairy cows are in India. Although the country's dairy growers face challenges in efficiency, and their milk production pales in comparison to the United States, the inclusion of soybeans in dairy rations could heighten demand for U.S. soy. Research funded by the soybean checkoff is looking at the use of full-fat, high oleic soybeans in dairy rations and the potential to improve milk production.

"Here is a value-added channel we have for high oleic soybeans, and a market with a key trading partner that has underproduction of milk on a per-animal basis," Marshall says. "There could be an opportunity there."

**Market headwinds**

Kirk Leeds, chief executive officer for ISA, isn't as optimistic about the India market. He's seen the poverty while on a trade mission to India. He's aware of the challenges as they relate to food security, consumer perceptions of food and feed production technologies, and the restrictions in place as they relate to trade.

"I wish I could be more optimistic about India, but it is not going to be a large market anytime soon," says Leeds, who has worked with and for soybean farmers at ISA for more than

30 years. "However, that doesn't mean we shouldn't work to seize opportunities to export U.S. soybeans to India when they arise. They are in desperate need of increasing the protein in their diets."

In September 2023, India, the largest world exporter of rice, began restricting rice exports to tame domestic prices.

"The people of India are worried about their agriculture and having to feed themselves. They are hoarding," says Kelly, the founder at Fulcrum, the political and regulatory risk advisory firm in Washington, D.C. "A lot of this goes to the Ukraine War with the Black Sea Grain Initiative being broken by Russians actively attacking Ukraine grain shipments."

Work continues in India and globally in sharing the attributes of using genetically modified technologies in food and feed production, Marshall says.

ISA Senior Director of Market Development Grant Kimberley shares Leeds' sentiment on India.

"There may be small windows of exports, but in order for U.S. soy sales to grow in India, the country must continue to relax their regulations and trade barriers, which could happen if they experience more food shortages," says Kimberley, adding he is more optimistic about trade opportunities in other areas of South Asia including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

"As more customers experience the attributes of U.S. soy meal, the hope is other markets will look more to the U.S. as a critical provider in the years to come," Marshall says.

**Is progress being made?**

India is working on reducing trade restrictions and developing deeper relationships with the United States, Australia, Europe and Japan.

"There have been more free market agreements, more sales and building tremendous relationships between the United States and India," says Kelly. Although India faces challenges to its infrastructure and markets, the country is rapidly evolving with the development of a large middle class, Kelly says.

With the potential of increased availability of U.S. soybean meal, now is the time to look at more global markets, including India.

"There is potential for economic growth on the heels of a very large population in India," says Marshall. "As we think about the increasing

### Opportunities for U.S. soy in India

**AQUACULTURE**

In the world of aquaculture, India is one of the top five largest producers of feed. While U.S. soy is currently not used in making aquafeed, the opportunities are endless. USSEC has consistently worked on capacity-building and knowledge sharing through events like regional animal production courses, In-Pond Raceway System workshops, on-site and in-classroom training, and more.

**FEED INDUSTRY**

In 2021, Indian poultry farmers were at a crossroads where they needed to feed the birds, but the feed cost was too high. The demand for feed outpaced local production. Soybean meal prices rallied to nearly \$1,203 per metric ton at the benchmark location of Indore. The poultry, shrimp and feed milling industry, especially in the south, were compelled to petition the government for relief. Their petition pleas were answered with India allowing the importation of genetically modified soybean (GM) meal on August 24, 2021, for the first time in its history. This was a significant milestone for U.S. soy, and India imported around 800,000 metric tons of GM soybean meal, allowing new market access to U.S. soy.

**EDIBLE OIL**

Whether it's frying samosas or cooking dosas, food is an important part of Indian culture. Hence, it is no surprise that India is the second largest consumer and largest vegetable oil importer globally. Edible oil is also the sixth most significant import in India. It is estimated that by 2026, India's need for edible oil will be 26-27 million metric tons (mmt). While India historically has imported soybean oil from Argentina and Brazil, in 2022, the droughts in South America led the Indians to turn to U.S. soy. India imported a record 180,000 metric tons of U.S. soybean oil.

demand for soy meal from the poultry and aquaculture space, there could be a great opportunity for customers in India to enjoy U.S. origin soy meal."

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Sobolik also said farming practices have changed over the years in that fields have better internal drainage and plants have better rooting capability. He pointed out that area growers took advantage of an earlier planting window this spring, which gave corn and soybeans a fighting chance to battle the drought.

"The earlier maturities, I think, helped carry this year's crop," he said. "Guys are getting planted earlier when they can, helping pollination, and even though we kept saying it, it turned out they didn't need the last rainfall because for a lot of guys, it never came."

Sobolik has been around farming for decades, and he remembers droughts like those that occurred in 1988 and 2012, and he said if anyone doubts genetics, he has a rebuttal.

"I talked with one farmer who took 12 bushels of corn an acre out of a field during a drought years ago," he said. "This year, he was in the 170s. That's mind-blowing to see how far we've come."

**IF THERE WAS** a positive to the drought, at least for farmers, it was the fact that drying costs this past fall were minimal.

"There was a lot of corn that did not get dried at all," Sobolik said. "The guys who took their corn to the ethanol plant, they could take it with 18 or 19 percent and they'd take it."

For many area growers, though, it was a frustrating, worrisome growing season, especially when they saw their



Bob Fenske/Tribune

**A farmer takes out a bean field in Chickasaw County last month, when Mother Nature finally gave area growers a gift by providing almost perfect harvest weather.**

neighbors get rainfall and their fields didn't get a drop.

"Around New Hampton, especially east of New Hampton, was pretty good," Sobolik said, "but then you get over by Nashua, and it was like someone forgot to turn the tap on. ... It was true this year. It might rain here and a half-mile away, there would be nothing."

According to the National Weather Service's La Crosse, Wisconsin, office, the reporting station at New Hampton has recorded 26.56 inches of rain in 2023 while Nashua has seen just 19.62 inches of precipitation this year, which is just 55 percent of the normal rainfall the city receives through the first 13 days of

November.

Either way, though, late fall and early spring rains are important as the U.S. Drought Monitor's latest report shows that all of Chickasaw, Howard, Fayette and Bremer counties are still experiencing "extreme drought" conditions.

"We're definitely depleted, I don't think anyone's going to disagree with that," Sobolik said. "I do think more moisture late this fall and early next spring is going to be critical."

And rain is better than snow, Sobolik said.

"I'm not saying a snowy winter doesn't help a little but once the ground freezes, most of the moisture runs off

and doesn't soak into the ground."

But the Five Star agronomist is also quick to point out that things can change in a hurry as he hearkened back to the severe drought that affected the area throughout 2012.

"And then 2013 came and we had one of the wettest springs we've ever had and were scrambling to get fields planted," he said. "It can change on a dime, and every single farmer will tell you that."

He paused for a moment and chuckled before turning serious again.

"You know, I think after this year, Mother Nature owes us a stress-free 2024," he said.

"All in all we had a decent 2023, but man, it was nerve-wracking the whole way through, that much is for sure."

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# OVERCOMING A CHALLENGING SEASON

## DESPITE PROLONGED EXTREME DROUGHT, AREA FARMERS BRING IN DECENT CORN, SOYBEAN YIELDS

**BY BOB FENSKE**  
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Bob Sobolik will be the first to admit that as reports of corn and soybean yields came into his office at Five Star Cooperative this fall, he was surprised.

In a good way, too. "I would definitely say it was better than expected, in some places, way better," said Sobolik, an agronomist at the New Hampton-based farmer-owned cooperative that has 18 locations in 14 counties throughout northern Iowa. "The way things looked like in late August and early September, farmers were worried and they



had reasons to be nervous."

But now that the harvest is virtually complete, those fretting farmers can take a deep sigh of relief.

Sure, 2023 wasn't one of those bin-busting, record years, but all in all, considering the drought that plagued farmers the entire growing season, it turned out to be a solid year for most of the men and women who make their living in the myriad of corn and soybean fields.

Sobolik estimated that the average yields in the area were between the "upper 40s and low 50s" for soybeans and the "upper 190s to low 200s" for corn.

Considering those same fields endured the "Drought of 2023," those are numbers that farmers could live with this fall.

"I think with a cooler, earlier start to the planting season

Despite the drought (below) that has afflicted Iowa for much of 2023, farmers (above) were still able to bring in a decent crop of corn and soybeans this year.

and the dryer, earlier start to the growing season," Sobolik said, "that was a key. ... The crop started well this year, the plants were able to establish deep roots and really tap into

that subsurface moisture. And it was able to hang in there a lot longer."

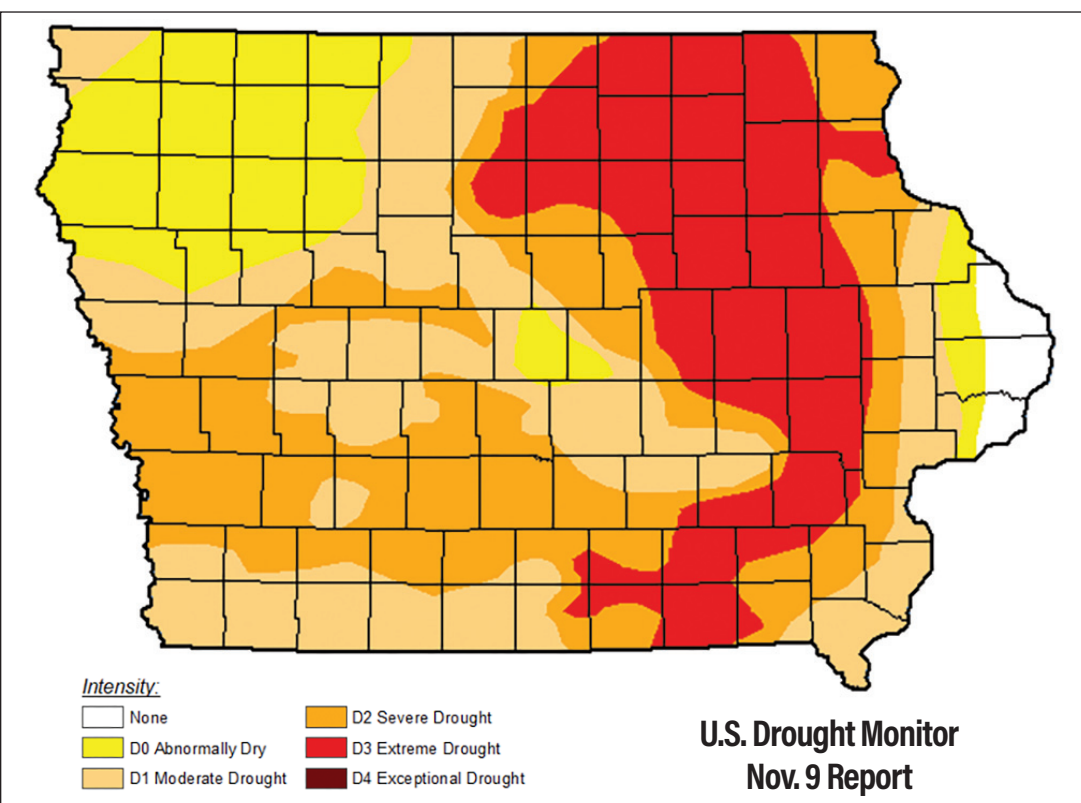
For sure, there were pockets that suffered, especially fields with lighter, sandier soils, but all in all, 2023 wasn't the nightmare that some growers feared during a summer when the skies were mostly blue and

little, if any rain, fell.

**AGRONOMISTS LIKE** Sobolik and Terry Basol, who works for ISU Extension and is based at the Northeast Iowa Research Farm near Nashua, say the differences between this drought and past ones are many.

"The genetics that we have today," Basol said earlier this fall, "are absolutely amazing. The seeds we're putting into the ground can withstand a lot more than the ones we planted when I was a kid or even 10, 15 years ago."

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# NH/TV boys wrestling coach ‘not a fan’ of weight class changes

From 106 to 138, nothing changes, but Paulus says he was hoping there wouldn’t be quite the spread for wrestling’s ‘bigger weights’

By BOB FENSKE  
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One thing is for sure when it comes to New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling: Braden McShane, who placed third at the Class 2A state tournament a year ago, is not going back to Des Moines as a 220-pounder this winter. That’s because the weight no longer exists when it comes to high school wrestling; in fact, once you get past

138, all the weight divisions in wrestling are changing.

“They do it every 10 years or so, and really, to me, it causes more hiccups than it’s worth,” NH/TV coach Matt Paulus said Sunday, the day before his Chickasaws’ boys team held their first practice of the 2023-24 season. “Granted, there’s not a lot that I can do about it so it is what it is.”

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

announced the new weight classes this past spring and gave states three options to use for the 2023-24 season. One has 12 weight classes, another has 13 while the third has 14.

Iowa kept the 14 weight classes it has been using for decades, and the new weights, at least at the beginning, look very familiar as the six-weight classes between 106 and 138 remain the same. But the eight remaining weight classes, save for the 285-pound

limit for heavyweights, are different from what wrestling fans are used to seeing and include weight classes at 144, 150, 157, 165, 175, 190 and 215.

Paulus said the national federation uses a variety of demographic data to come up with the weight classes, but he questioned the fact that the “bigger weights” are so spread out.

“You get to 165, and you’re going 175, 190, 215, those are big jumps,” he said, “I was hoping we’d get some

of the classes to shift up a bit because we got a decent number of big kids. It would have been nice to get more of them in the lineup.”

The Chickasaws open the season on Tuesday, Nov. 28, when they host South Winneshiek, Central Elkader and Clear Lake at Turkey Valley.

“We’re excited to get over there and let our Turkey Valley kids wrestle at their own school for a meet,” Paulus said.

# Chickasaws’ Cahoy all-state again

New Hampton standout is named to coaches’ Class 3A second team

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
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Marissa Cahoy will be the first one to tell you she didn’t know what kind of volleyball player she would become when she was playing the sport back in middle school.

Then she got a phone call and an athletic undertaking she was playing just for fun turned into serious business.

Cahoy, with the help of her New Hampton coaches and teammates, was named to the all-state squad for the third-consecutive season to put a cap to a stellar career for one of the most talented Chickasaws to ever put on a volleyball uniform.

Cahoy earned a second-team Class 3A all-state distinction via the postseason awards that were recently handed out by the Iowa Girls Coaches Association.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton senior Marissa Cahoy finds the hole in the Waverly-Shell Rock defense to come up with a kill during a Northeast Iowa Conference match this season.

Cahoy clearly recalls a lightbulb moment around five

years ago that set her on a path toward volleyball greatness.

“In middle school, I didn’t know what I was capable of. I remember not being sure if it was “my thing.” Around that same time, I remember going to a UNI volleyball camp with all of my (now senior) teammates. It was more for fun at that age, but to also get better if it happened,” said Cahoy. “About a week after that camp, I had a club coach out of Cedar Falls reaching out to me. I had never heard of the coach or the club so I asked around. It turned out in the volleyball world, Six Pack Volleyball Club was an opportunity you don’t turn down. ...and that’s where the love started.”

Cahoy – a six-foot, six-rotation middle/outside hitter who helped New Hampton secure back-to-back Northeast Iowa Conference regular season and postseason titles – gave a ton of credit to those that helped her along her journey to be the best she could possibly be.

“Dedication, commitment and great coaches, teammates/ friends who help push you and keep you in check are 100 percent key in being successful, along with supportive parents!” said Cahoy. “I’ve been fortunate enough to have great players standing with me on every court I’ve played on and my parents and siblings are always there to celebrate the wins and pick me up from the losses.”

Playing volleyball 10 months out of the year sure didn’t hurt Cahoy’s chances to mold herself into a jumping jack near the net that was tough to stop. She was selected to the third team all-state squad her junior year and was named honorable-mention all-state her sophomore year. Cahoy has been named all-NE-IC all four years she played varsity for head coach Jess Geerts.

“Being chosen for any all-state team is a tremendous honor. I remember my sophomore year being chosen for the honorable-mention all-state team and I was happy, but I wanted more. I knew it wouldn’t come easy so I kept pushing myself more every year. If I

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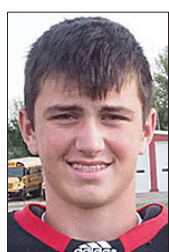
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# Trojans cap season with eight named to all-district teams

Turkey Valley’s Schmitt, Busta lead way by being named to district’s top squad

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The Turkey Valley Trojans had just five seniors on its roster this fall.

Four out of those five were awarded with all-district distinction – one of the key reasons Mark Scott’s football squad qualified for the playoffs yet again in 2023.

Trojan seniors Oliver Schmitt and Burke Busta were awarded with a spot on the 8-Man District 3 first team – while seniors Russell Nieman and Caleb Kurtenbach played their way on to the second team.

Rounding out the second team selections for TV were sophomores Logan Busta and J.D. Kruse.

Sophomore Hunter Kruse and freshman Jordan Kriener were tabbed for the honorable mention team.

Schmitt once again demonstrated he’s one of the best 8-man players in the state of Iowa on both sides of the ball as he led 8-Man at one point near the end of the season in all-purpose yards (2,001) at his running back position. But it

was Schmitt’s talent and tenacity at linebacker that placed on the first team defensive unit in his district.

He racked up 82 tackles and six sacks in his final year as a Trojan. He also came up with two fumbles recoveries and an interception.

Schmitt was the ultimate playmaker on offense and special teams for TV as he rushed for 1,124 yards and scored a whopping 18 touchdowns on the ground for Scott’s offensive unit. Schmitt caught 16 passes for 197 yards and hauled in five receiving scores. He also passed for 164 yards and two touchdowns.

Schmitt was fourth overall in kickoff return yards (532) in 8-Man play and returned punts for 138 yards, with an almost 20-yard-per-return average. He was TV’s kicker and punter as well.

“Oliver was a great leader for the team. He worked hard to be the best football player he could be,” said Scott.

Burke Busta was a go-to weapon on offense for TV at running back and was placed on the first team at his linebacker slot.

He had a nose for the ball as he recorded 72.5 tackles and recorded one sack. He rushed for 423 yards and scored six touchdowns on the ground.

Busta was also a factor in the receiving department as he caught 10 balls for 158 yards and a score.

“Burke did a great job of helping the many underclassmen we played be better players,” Scott added.

Nieman pulled double-duty this fall, as he also competed on the all-cross country team at a high level as well.

Nieman was a fierce competitor for the Trojans as he registered 42 tackles, three sacks and one fumble recovery at his defensive end position. He was also a valuable lineman up front for Scott that helped lead TV’s run game and protect Busta at quarterback.

“Russell was our pulling guard, often switching sides to be where the team needed him to be for us to be better,” said Scott.

Scott said Kurtenbach was perhaps the most improved player in the senior class. He reeled in 11 passes for 185 yards and five scores.

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