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School start date remains up in the air

New Hampton School Board approves two 2024-25 calendars, certifies next year's budget

By Bob Fenske
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New Hampton Community Schools Superintendent Jay Jurrens is still hopeful that students can head back to class and start the 2024-25 academic year on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

But to do that, he needs the Iowa Legislature's help.

"And I don't know if we're going to get it," Jurrens said Tuesday, a day after the New Hampton School Board approved a pair of school calendars for next year. "The Legislature is close to done but they're debating a bill now that would give us some flexibility."

Under current state law, schools in Iowa can't bring students back to class until Aug. 23, but lawmakers throughout the session have toyed with the idea of loosening that restriction by allowing schools to hold their first day of classes on the Tuesday after the Iowa State Fair ends.

Jurrens told board members Monday night he's "rooting" for a change in the law, especially this year because Aug. 23 falls on a Friday.

"I don't think anyone's a big fan of starting a school year on a Friday," Jurrens said, "and you can count me in that group."

But he's not also betting the proverbial farm that the Legislature will approve the bill moving the allowed start date to the Tuesday after the fair.

"It would help a lot," he said. "There's a lot of issues with our calendar that starts on Aug. 23, and that would solve a lot of the problems."

He pointed out, for example, that there would be a higher likelihood that the school year would end after Memorial Day, especially if there are more snow days needed than in recent years.

"That's something we try to avoid if we can help it," he said, "but basically, we're going to have to do our best with whatever the Legislature gives us ... or doesn't give us."

Board members also on Monday held their second and



Photo courtesy of Matt Manson

New Hampton High School Choir's Skyler Bugenhagen performs a solo for School Board Monday, during the student achievement and recognition portion of the meeting.

final public hearing on the 2024-25 budget and tax levy.

The public hearing passed without comment and board members approved a budget that includes a tax-asking from district property owners that will increase from \$5.91 million this year to \$6.25 million for the fiscal year that begins July 1, an increase of 5.9 percent.

Jurrens has often pointed out that school tax-askings and school tax levy rates are largely formula driven.

Also at Monday's meeting:

- Board members approved naming Stefanie Thronsdon as the district's "literacy leader," a position the board created last month to help the district not only be ready for new literacy

training but also the number of literacy goals and requirements the district and its teachers must meet.

- Board members also agreed to share a math teacher with Turkey Valley for two periods a day. Jurrens told the board that with current Activities Director Scott Freirichs returning to the Math Department full time next year there is excess time for a position to be shared. Turkey Valley has agreed to pay three-eighths of the position.

- And the School Board approved, pending meeting all the requirements, a graduation list of 85 seniors and three foreign-exchange students. Commencement is set for Sunday, May 19.



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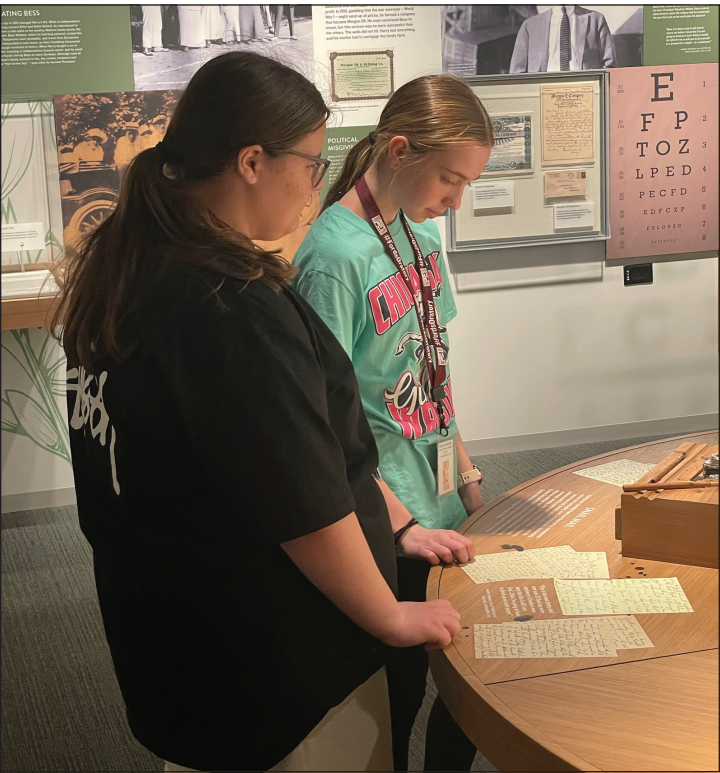
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Photos courtesy of Jason Rude
New Hampton Middle School students Brooklyn Bohaty and Addison Neville (above) look over documents at the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum and then join fellow eighth-graders Riley Berns and Carson Laures (right), along with instructor Jason Rude, on stage where they performed speeches at a Ford's Theater National Oratory Fellowship regional event.



'Awesome young adults' enjoy regional oratory event

BY BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton Middle School social studies teacher Jason Rude returned from Kansas City recently impressed.

Yes, the regional event sponsored by Ford's Theater National Oratory Fellowship was outstanding, as was the event location — the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum.

But what was really inspiring to Rude was the, as he put it, "four awesome young adults" — i.e., four New Hampton eighth-graders — that accompanied him to Kansas City.

"Truthfully, I felt like the New Hampton group set the example for how to conduct themselves at an event like this," Rude said. "It's the soft skills. Being on time, acting appropriately for the place you are occupying, being quiet and respectful of others who are speaking, and engaging with the others on a human and respectful level."

So take a bow Riley Berns, Brooklyn Bohaty, Carson Laures and Addison Neville, you did well — very well.

Over two days earlier this month, the quartet took party in an event that not only included delivering speeches but also gave them a chance to work on a simulation activity and meet students from different parts of the Midwest.

The students were selected to take the

trip after Rude and language arts instructor Patricia ten Hoeve conducted their annual cross-curricular program in which eighth-graders research, write and deliver speeches on topics that are important to them.

All four admitted giving speeches in Kansas City was much easier than delivering their speeches to their peers.

"It was a lot easier — and I mean a lot easier — giving my speech in front of people I don't know," Neville said. "I was a little nervous right before I gave my speech, but once I got up there, everything went well."

"Trust me," Laures said, "I wasn't as nervous as I was to give it in town. That's hard. Both in class and even at [Oratory Night] with all the parents and stuff, that was hard. This was easy compared to that."

But the students also enjoyed having a chance to explore the Truman Presidential Library and Museum.

"That was definitely the best part for me," Bohaty said. "Being able to explore the museum and seeing all the cool things they had there."

Berns said during the simulation, students were in Truman's cabinet and trying to get food and supplies by air after the Soviet Union shut down all access to West Berlin in 1948. That meant students had a chance to read official documents and papers from the Truman Era.

But ask him about his favorite part of the

trip and he couldn't help but laugh.

Kansas City, of course, is the home to world famous BBQ, and according to Rude, the "mecca of KC BBQ is Joe's ... so we went."

The food at Joe's is outstanding, but it honestly looks like a gas station.

"The best part of the trip was easily the BBQ," Berns said. "When we pulled up to a gas station, I had questions but let's just say those questions were answered."

Rude, though, said he was seriously impressed with how his students "bought into" the simulation activity.

"I think they, and probably most people, figured this trip would be just some talking, a little more talking, and finally, some talking," he said. "What the students found out is that oratory skills are used for things far beyond giving speeches."

In some ways, the cross-curricular activity that led to Kansas City is designed to help students break out of their shells and to allow them to more easily express themselves.

It works.

Just ask Bohaty.

"Standing up in front of people has always been hard for me," she said, "but when it means something to you, when you have said your speech so many times, it makes it much easier. I still don't know if I like it, but I'm glad I can do it and oratory really helped me with that."

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Abundant love

We take comfort that Jesus was willing to suffer pain and die for us

The word shepherd brings an image to my mind of a male figure with a weather-beaten face, dressed in coarse homespun clothing, with a wooden staff in one hand as he leads a flock of sheep out to pasture.

Readings in scripture introduced the image of the shepherd as the one who call the sheep by name so they would follow him and protect his sheep from all harm.

Protection of the people around them brings to mind the cartoons of old – especially a couple that were popular when I was young. Specifically, Mighty Mouse and Popeye, the Sailor Man.

Mighty Mouse could be considered a precursor to Superman because of his cape and ability to fly in to “save the day”!

Popeye, of course, was protective of Olive Oil, who was bullied by Brutus. He was best known for having super-human strength after ingesting a can of spinach which caused him the ability to beat Brutus, usually with a mean uppercut.

Jesus, in the tenth chapter of John calls himself the good shepherd ... what makes him “good”? He lays down his life for the sheep in devotion for the sheep.

By laying down his

life Jesus manifested his love for the people. Jesus cares for and has deep concern for his sheep.

Unlike a hired hand, Jesus does what needs to be done by setting boundaries and limits, and makes the sheep do what they are supposed to do. Jesus knows his sheep and they know him.

This relationship between Jesus and his sheep is important to keep the flock together.

Having the ability to gather the sheep for nourishment and protection is a key aspect of a good shepherd’s job.

It certainly is com-



Pastor Sue Cira serves Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church in rural Lawler.

forting to know that if a good shepherd is willing to suffer pain and die for the sake of smelly sheep, imagine the love that Jesus, our good shepherd, has for us. Truly an abundant amount, indeed!



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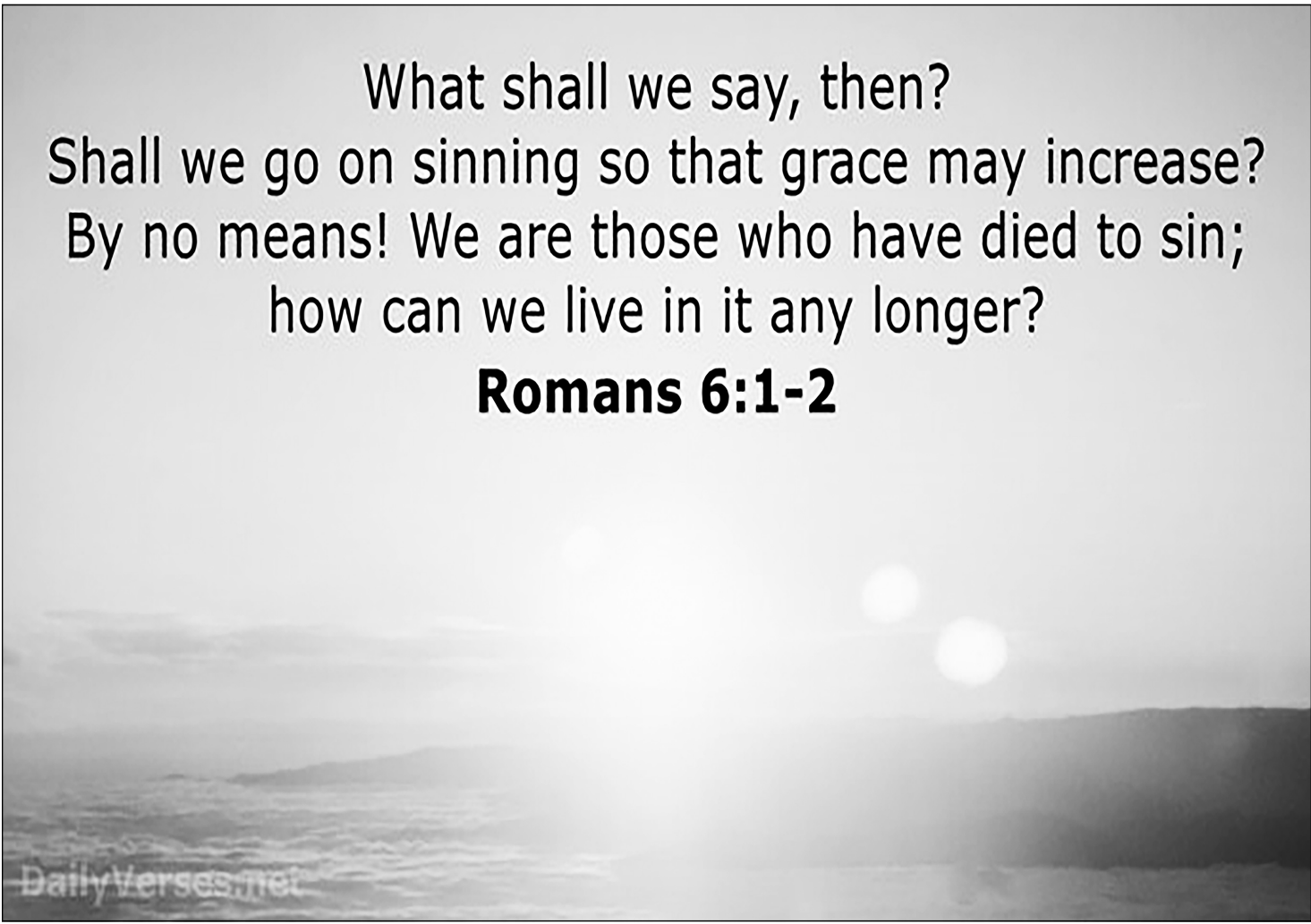
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Romans 6:1-2



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Monday	76	47	--
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Forecast

Thursday: Showers likely early; gradual clearing late with a high of 54 and a low of 34.

Friday: Mostly sunny but windy with a high of 49 and low of 30.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and still cool with a high of 48 and low of 29.

Sunday: Sunny and warmer with a high of 56 and low of 35.

Extended forecast: Partly cloudy to start the work week with slight chances of rain; highs in the 60s, lows in the 40s.

Meetings

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

History

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- In 2012, Dick Clark, the TV personality and producer best known for hosting "American Bandstand," an influential music-and-dance show that aired nationally from 1957 to 1989 and helped bring rock 'n' roll into the mainstream in the late 1950s, dies of a heart attack at age 82 in Santa Monica, California.
- In 2014, 16 Nepali mountaineering guides, most of them ethnic Sherpas, are killed by an avalanche on Mt. Everest, making it the deadliest day in history on the world's tallest mountain.

Birthdays

- Former Major League Baseball star Miguel Cabrera turns 41.
- American socialite Kourtney Kardashian turns 45.
- Late-night talk show host Conan O'Brien turns 61.
- Canadian comedic actor Rick Moranis turns 71.
- Former NBA basketball star Tiny Archibald turns 76.
- American film actor James Woods turns 77.

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Donald George Benz, 83

Donald George Benz, age 83 of Lawler, died Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

Funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Fry and the Rev. Dan Christiansen presiding.

Private family interment will take place at a later date.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church.

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

Don, born on Aug. 18, 1940, in New Hampton, Iowa, was the son of Milton and Dorothy (Rose) Benz. He was raised alongside his siblings in the Lawler area, where he attended Lawler High School and graduated with the Class of 1958.

Following his graduation, Don dutifully served his country, entering the U.S. Army. Upon his return, he resumed his passion for farming, a lifelong endeavor he cherished deeply.

In the course of his farming pursuits, Don met the love of his life, Judy Dinsdale, through his sister. They exchanged vows on June 9, 1963, in Traer, marking the beginning of a beautiful journey together. Their union was blessed with two daughters, who brought immeasurable joy and fulfillment to their lives.

Despite the demands of farming, Don also dedicated himself to other professions, including roles at John Deere in Waterloo and Sara Lee in New Hampton. He maintained a steadfast commitment to both his career and his farm, a testament to his unwavering work ethic and determination.

Don's true passion lay in the fields, where he worked tirelessly alongside his wife, forming a formidable partnership that extended beyond the farm. Together, they nurtured their land and cultivated a legacy of hard work and perseverance.



Don Benz

Beyond his professional endeavors, Don found immense joy in attending his grandchildren's school events ... ALL their events ... fostering cherished memories with each milestone! Even after his own family had graduated, Don continued to support Turkey Valley, exempting his deep-rooted commitment to his community.

Don had a knack for making friends wherever he went. He relished in engaging conversations and cherished the camaraderie he found over cups of coffee with friends, taking a brief break from his bustling days.

Donald George Benz leaves behind a legacy of love, dedication, and kindness that will continue to resonate within the hearts of those who knew him. He will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by his family, friends, and the community he so faithfully served.

Don is survived by his wife Judy of Lawler; two daughters, Lana (Ernie) Schmitt of Waucoma, and Rhonda (Dave) Drilling of Waucoma; five grandchildren, Eric Schmitt of Caledonia, Minnesota, Jordan (Nate) Lentz of Peoria, Illinois, Brian (Teresa) Schmitt of Lawler, Isaiah Drilling of Waucoma, and Olivia Drilling of Waucoma; three great-grandchildren, Leo Schmitt and Waylon and Charlie Lentz; and one sister, Lucille (Paul) Hereid of New Hampton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Claire (Mona Loy) Benz.

Steven Rae Banser, 65

Steven Rae Banser, age 65 and formerly of Nashua, died Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at his home surrounded by family in Buffalo, Minnesota.

Services are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Briefs

Not So Newlywed Game set for tonight at Pub at the Pinicon

The New Hampton Rotary Club will hold its annual Not So Newlywed Game this evening (Thursday) at the Pub at the Pinicon.

The event featuring the famed television "couple vs. couple" game will start at 6:30 p.m., and tickets are \$30 and available at the door.

New Hampton High School to present spring play this weekend

The New Hampton High School Drama Department is putting the finishing touches on its annual spring play, and the curtain will go up on "North Woods Nonsense" by Andrew Ross this Friday and Saturday evening.

The play has a cast of 26, a crew of three and is directed by Maggie Konecne.

"North Woods Nonsense" is a fast-paced comedy that takes place at an Inn in the woods of Northern Maine. Between a congressman who wants to flood the Grand Canyon and a handyman who has written a story about Bigfoot kidnapping a resident, the inn is seeing more guests than they are used to. Will they find Bigfoot? Will the congressman succeed?

Show times are 7 p.m. both Friday and Saturday at the New Hampton Elementary Auditorium and tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

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Paul J. Pleggenkuhle, Paul Pleggenkuhle and Lavonne Pleggenkuhle to Rick Plaggenkuhle and Tony Pleggenkuhle; W20' S1340' E1/2 SE 15-94-12 NW SE 15-94-12.

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Ralph Michael Martin to Martin R. Brennen; COMM NW COR W16-53/80AC L12 NW1/4 EX NW SE 17-94-14.

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Naomi Hruska EST and Michael Hruska EX to Adam Michael Kleespies; PARCEL 2023-45 W1/2 04-96-11.

Robert F. Kramer to Robert E. Highley and Patricia A. Highley; L67 E1/2 NW 07-95-12 S22' L68 E1/2 NW 07-95-12.

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Ann Frances Conway, 86

Ann Frances Conway, age 86 of Danbury, Wisconsin, passed away at United Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, on Sunday, April 7, 2024, with family at her side, after a brief fight with cancer.

Ann was born to Leo and Margaret (Hackman) Reihle on April 1, 1938, in New Hampton. She grew up in Lawler with her sisters and brother. She graduated from Lawler High School and worked at the Bank of Lawler.

In 1963, she moved to Iowa City to work at the University of Iowa Treasurer's Office. While she was in Iowa City, she met Edward Conway. Ann and Ed were married at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Lawler on May 2, 1964. They began their married life together in New Hampton and had four children.

While raising their children, Ann was active in the community. She worked as an activities director at Health Care Manor for a few years and was a member of the Rosary Society at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

In 2020, Ann and Ed sold their home in New Hampton and moved permanently to their cabin on Ham Lake in Danbury, Wisconsin.

Family and faith were very important to Ann. She was a



Mary Jane (Thronkson) Markee, 81

Mary Jane (Thronkson) Markee, age 81 of Lawler, died Sunday April 7, 2024, at Linn Haven Rehab and Healthcare in New Hampton.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Friday, April 12, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Friends greeted the family from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Interment was in the Immanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Lawler, at a later date.

Mary Jane (Thronkson) Markee was born Aug. 4, 1942, in Lawler, the daughter of Clarence and Eva (Galthney) Thronkson.

Mary Jane was a lifelong resident whose vibrant spirit and friendly demeanor left a lasting impression on all who knew her.

Mary Jane received her education in her hometown of Lawler, where she also spent her earlier years contributing to the local economy through working on the farm and performing various odd jobs for her neighbors.

Throughout her life, Mary Jane pursued a variety of inter-



Bernice Marie Harrington, 92

Bernice Marie Harrington, age 92 of Waverly, passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab in New Hampton.

Bernice was born on Aug. 5, 1931, in Floyd County near Greene, the daughter of Bernard and Elizabeth (Osier) Frascht. Bernice was baptized and confirmed at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Charles City. She attended country school near her home.

On Sept. 6, 1949, Bernice was united in marriage to Francis Leo Harrington at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Nashua. The couple farmed south of Plainfield until November 1993, when they retired from farming and moved into Waverly. Francis died on Dec. 27, 1998, and Bernice continued to live in their home.

Bernice was a longtime member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly, where she was active with the C.C.W. She was also active with the Greater Plainfield Community Club.

Bernice was a loving companion to Francis and a wonderful mother to her three daughters, making sure they had their hair permed before every school picture. She enjoyed dressing up and being in the Plainfield parade.

Her family will miss her popcorn balls every holiday. Raising 300 chickens every summer and butchering them for area folks was great bonding time for her and her daughters.

Bernice is survived by her three daughters, Donna (David) Geerts of New Hampton, Nancy (Riley) Uglum of New Hampton, and Lynette (Roger) Vohsman of Nashua; five grandchildren, Daniel Leichtman, Jennifer (Adam) Schillie, David (Jean) Leichtman, Julie (special friend, Bryan Struchen) Vohsman and Andrea (McKay)



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Jensen, Tim (Heather) Conway and Sara (Ken) Pratt; her siblings, Linda Schaefer and Jeff (Sherri) Reihle; brother-in-law Adrian Kuennen, and brother-in-law Dennis Stolz.

She loved and adored her grandchildren — Laura Gruhlke, Jeff Gruhlke, Jonah (Miranda) Conway, Caleb Conway, Nina Pratt, Sam Pratt and Charlie Pratt — and her great-granddaughter Lyla Million and another due in August.

Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Margaret Reihle; her sisters, Carol (Ron) Griffith, Ellen Kuennen and Laura Stolz; infant daughter Julie; and son-in-law Scott Jensen.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Hampton.

The funeral mass will begin at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jim Goerend presiding.

Interment will be at New Hampton Cemetery immediately following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to either the New Hampton Public Library or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are with the Bierman, Benson & Langehough Funeral Home — www.northfieldfuneral.com.

Financial literacy: It’s important for everyone

April is National Financial Literacy Month — a good reminder that all of us can benefit from boosting our financial knowledge.

But what is financial literacy? There’s no one single definition, but the term certainly covers these areas:

- Saving – Most of us would probably agree that saving money is important, but actually doing it can be challenging given all the expenses of modern living. Still, techniques are available that everyone can follow, such as having money automatically moved each month from a checking or savings account to a financial account that’s not used for daily expenses.
 - Budgeting – Budgeting isn’t necessarily a fun activity — but it’s an important one. And it’s easier than ever these days, given the variety of budgeting tools available online. By tracking your spending every month and organizing it into categories, you may be able to find areas where you can cut back, such as on streaming services you rarely use.
 - Borrowing – Virtually all of us carry some type of debt at various times in our lives. But it’s important to manage your debt load so it doesn’t become too burdensome. One way of achieving this goal is to use “good” debts wisely — such as a low-rate mortgage on your home — and avoid “bad” debts — such as high-rate credit cards used for unnecessary purchases.
 - Investing – As you go through life, you’ll likely have a variety of financial goals, such as making a down payment on a house, sending your children to college and attaining a comfortable retirement lifestyle. And to achieve these goals, you’ll need to invest for them.
- That’s why it’s important to learn about different types of investments and how to develop an investment strategy that’s appropriate for your objectives, risk tolerance and time horizon.
- We aren’t born with these skills — we have to learn them.



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Unfortunately, as valuable as they are, they aren’t widely taught to young people. In fact, according to a 2023 Edward Jones study conducted with Morning Consult, only 20% of respondents reported receiving financial education in school. This situation may be changing, though, as many states are now requiring or recommending personal finance education before high school graduation.

For now, though, if you have younger children, try to teach them money management skills. You will likely find that they enjoy learning about these matters. You can make it fun for them in different ways, too. For example, to teach them about investing, why not buy them a share or two of stock of a company with which they’re familiar? Charting a stock’s progress and learning something of the factors affecting its price can help children build a foundation in investing, which will be valuable when they reach the age when they can invest for themselves.

But financial education isn’t just for kids. If you feel that you are lacking somewhat in any of the key financial management areas mentioned above, you can always educate yourself by reading or talking to people knowledgeable in these subjects. You also might find it valuable to work with a financial professional — someone who will take a holistic approach to your finances and make appropriate suggestions.

National Financial Literacy Month will end on April 30, but the benefits of financial literacy can last a lifetime.

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Council OK’s budget, discusses building and trail

By Bob Fenske
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Although the resignation of Police Chief Tim Pederson dominated Monday’s City Council, it was far from the only item on the council agenda Monday night as city leaders approved New Hampton’s 2024-25 budget and tax levy, discussed the ongoing saga of a deteriorating Main Street building and an update on the TRIBE Trail.

Start with the budget and levy as the council held the second of two public hearings concerning the revenue and expenditures for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

Just one resident, Jeremy McGrath, spoke at the hearing, and City Clerk Karen Clemens explained the complicated process that is city budgeting and levying.

New Hampton’s levy will increase from \$12.15329 per \$1,000 valuation to \$13.81706 per \$1,000 valuation next year, an increase of 13.7 percent, but city officials have pointed out that if a home’s value did not increase from last year, the city property tax bill will decrease because the state rollback has changed dramatically.

In the end, council members approved the budget that does come with a tax-asking of \$2,078,098, an increase of 12.4 percent from the \$1,849,097 the city expects to receive from property taxes during the

current fiscal year.

Council members also discussed what to do with the building at 15 W. Main St., a discussion that has been ongoing since December 2021.

City officials say the north wall on the building has not been repaired or restored despite the city issuing a “notice to abate” in March 2022.

City Attorney Todd Prichard told council members that “we’ve got to get his attention,” referring to the building’s owner, Josh Mack, who has told city officials that he is having difficulty finding a contractor for the project but with tenants occupying the old New Horizons-Chamber office, the city appears to be getting impatient with the delays on fixing the building.

“On one end we could front the money and fix it ourselves and assess it back and continue with letters and these are the steps that we’re going to take,” said Prichard.

Councilwoman Mindy Humpal made a motion to have the city hire a certified inspector and recoup the money through property taxes. Councilwoman Katie Fisher seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Also on Monday, New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman visited with the council, calling it a “FYI update” on concerns the TRIBE Trail

Committee has about the crossing the trail will make on South Linn Avenue once the third and final phase of the trail is constructed later this year.

“People aren’t used to a trail there. It’s 35-miles-an-hour. It’s a concern. We just want to get in front of it before we open,” said Hackman. “We don’t think it’s realistic to go to 25 again and then back to 35,” said Hackman. “We don’t think changing the speed limit is necessarily the answer.”

Hackman said she had talked with Chuck Stanton, who put in the cross walk near New Hampton High School, “and that we are proposing to do something like that. We’ve got a professional traffic safety coming in to look at that.”

She said the crossword could potentially include signage and flashing lights and have a push-button on both the west and east sides of the trail that users could then push and then the lights “would be activated for say 30 seconds or whatever we feel is ample time for a family to get across the highway,” said Hackman.

Hackman emphasized that she was just bringing the council information.

“We know that there’s a lot of talk out there, a lot of concern, so we just want to put it out there that we are working on a solution,” said Hackman, who added that the committee is also working on DOT grant to provide some funding.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Lester Glaser of Country Carpentry works recently on framing the new living quarters at the Chickasaw County EMS building.

Supervisors get EMS remodel update, discuss debt collection for service

By Bob Fenske
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors received a construction update on the new living quarters being put in the Chickasaw County EMS building on Monday, and knock on wood, the construction manager said the project is off to a good start.

Chuck Stanton said, among other things, the rough framing is done, work on plumbing and HVAC is going on right now, and the electrical is up next.

“I don’t even want to say this,” Stanton said, “but we’re quite a ways ahead of schedule but anything can change, as we all know, with a construction project.”

Since the county-owned ambulance service began in January 2023, crews have been housed in rental quarters — first a house on South Walnut Avenue and now in an apart-

ment in the complex across the street from Fareway.

Supervisors earlier this year approved spending a little more than \$175,000 and having Stanton lead the crew of mostly local contractors putting in bedrooms, a bathroom and an office for EMS Director Joel Knutson, who currently has a temporary office at the Community Services Building.

Board members also moved ahead with having an outside company, TSA, serve as a debt collector for the service.

County Attorney David Laudner told supervisors that he had no issues with writing so-called “demand letters” to those who haven’t paid their outstanding ambulance bills, but he cautioned supervisors that those letters are the “easy part” when it comes to collect-

ing debts.

“The hard part is what happens when they get the demand letter and they call Joel’s office or my office and they say, ‘Hey we’re settle for a 1,000 on a \$3,000 debt.’ Who decides whether we take that or what the number should be?”

Laudner used several other examples of questions that could arise if the county did debt collections in house, and added that to him, it would be “far simpler just to say it’s all TSA’s responsibility. They collect what they can and they keep a portion of what they [receive].

“I know it’s going to cost the county some money, but it’s going to cost us some money going the opposite direction, too, if you’re going to have maybe Joel’s staff or Joel himself or me or my staff chasing

down debtors.”

Board members then voted to approve hiring TSA for the service’s debt collection.

Also on Monday, board members acknowledged the hiring of Bob Hackman Construction to provide updates to the security and safety of the law enforcement building.

Sheriff Ryan Shawver said currently those who enter the Sheriff’s Office have access to both his office and the upstairs offices that his deputies use, and that Hackman’s work will keep visitors to the office in a smaller lobby until an employee can get to the lobby.

The work is expected to cost around \$3,200 and supervisors acknowledged that the money would be funded through the county’s Custodial Department’s budget.

Briefs

Kindness Square grand opening tentatively set for June 5

New Hampton’s newest playground — the all-inclusive, handicapped playground located in Runion Park — will tentatively have its grand opening and dedication on Wednesday, June 5.

Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman said details are currently being worked out and that more information about the event will be forthcoming.

Hackman also wanted to remind residents that her department’s summer brochure that includes all sorts of programs is now out and registration is underway. She added that pool passes will be discounted through Thursday, May 16.

Unique circus in Nashua May 4

A different kind of circus will put on two one-hour shows at the Nashua-Plainfield High School gymnasium next month.

The Big 4 Chamber of Commerce and the Nashua Community Foundation will welcome “Circus Pop! The Giant BUBBLE SHOW” for two shows — one at 2 p.m.; the other at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. The one-man show that features giant 20-foot bubbles, contortion, fog bubbles, bubbles in bubbles, Houdini’s chain escape, and even a kid in a soap bubble!

Tickets are available online at giantbubbleshow.com for \$6 (ages 3-12), \$9 (seniors, ages 65 and up) and \$12 (ages 13 to 64). Tickets at the door, if still available, will be \$8, \$10 and \$14.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It’s a longer drive to and from Chuck Town

Construction workers begin dismantling the bridge over the Winters Lake Overflow on Highway 18 near the Ionia “turn-off.” The Iowa Department of Transportation says the detour will remain in place until this fall to facilitate the bridge project. DOT officials are also reminding motorists that moving violations in construction zones — which includes detours — can be doubled.

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talk

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Talk about **when** you were last tested and suggest getting tested together.

Talk to your healthcare provider about your sex life and ask **what STI tests** you should be getting and **how often**.

test

Get tested! It’s the only way to **know for sure** if you have an STI or HIV.

Many STIs **don’t cause any symptoms**, so you could have one and not know.

If you’re not comfortable asking your regular provider for an STI or HIV test, find a clinic that provides confidential testing that is free or low cost.

treat

All STIs, including HIV, are **treatable**. If you test positive for an STI, work with your healthcare provider to get the right treatment.

Ask about partner services to get your partner tested and treated.

If you test positive for HIV, your healthcare provider or testing location will help connect you to treatment and resources!

ISTOP HIV IOWA





Members of the New Hampton City Council listen during Monday’s meeting as several residents speak about the future of Police Chief Tim Pederson.

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Longest-tenured officer to be New Hampton’s interim chief

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customer service area of the store or store staff, Pederson retained possession of the money and left the store.”

A short time later, the person who had left the cash at the store realized that cash had been left behind and contacted law enforcement officers, who then contacted Pederson, who returned to the area and turned the money over to the officer so it could be returned to the owner.

“While the city of New Hampton is undoubtedly disappointed by Chief Pederson’s actions, we have been very pleased with his performance and the direction he has taken the police department,” the statement said. “Chief Pederson will be missed by the entire New Hampton community. Chief Pederson will suffer a harsh consequence for his decision almost no other person would experience. However law enforcement is held to a higher standard and Chief Pederson recognized this and accepted responsibility and the consequences for his actions.”

Monday’s closed session and the resignation of Pederson came after four New Hampton residents, including three former or current law enforcement officers, spoke out in favor of the New Hampton police chief who began work in the city a year ago this Friday.

Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver told council members that his office and the police department have a good working relationship.

“Our departments mesh well,” said Shawver. “I feel he’s been a great asset to the city and to the law enforcement in this

Statement from the city of New Hampton regarding police chief’s resignation

EDITOR’S NOTE: *This is the complete statement released by the city of New Hampton Tuesday afternoon, a day after Police Chief Tim Pederson resigned.*

Following a closed session at the regular New Hampton City Council meeting, Mayor Steve Geerts accepted the resignation of New Hampton Police Chief Tim Pederson.

Chief Pederson submitted his resignation because of conduct which was determined to bring reproach upon the City, and which did not MEET the expectations of Pederson’s position as the Chief of Police.

On March 29th, 2024, while shopping Pederson noticed \$40.00 cash remaining in a self-checkout lane. Rather than turning the money into the customer service area of the store or store staff, Pederson retained possession of the money and left the store.

A short time later, the owner realized after leaving the store, they had forgotten to collect the cash from the self-checkout and contacted law enforcement. Pederson was then contacted by law enforcement and made aware the owner of the money had contacted the store regarding the forgotten money. Pederson immediately returned to the area and turned the money over to the officer handling the call for service so it could be returned to its rightful owner.

While the City of New Hampton is undoubtedly disappointed by Chief Pederson’s actions, we have been very pleased with his performance and the direction he has taken the police department.

Chief Pederson will be missed by the entire New Hampton community. Chief Pederson will suffer a harsh consequence for his decision almost no other person would experience. However law enforcement is held to a higher standard and Chief Pederson recognized this and accepted responsibility and the consequences for his actions.

county.”

Former New Hampton Police Chief Mike Anderson and former Chickasaw County Sheriff Todd Miller echoed Shawver’s comments.

Miller, who now works as a paraeducator at New Hampton Community Schools, said he sees Pederson on an almost daily basis.

“I enjoy Tim’s camaraderie. I see him at the school. I work at the school as a para,” said

Miller. “As far as I understand, Tim’s a dedicated person and he talks with the kids. He gets along well with them.”

“I know that we have rules and regulations more now,” Anderson said, “[and] I feel Tim’s an excellent choice for the chief of police. I hope we all feel that way.”

Former Chickasaw Ambulance Service owner Jeremy McGrath also backed Pederson, saying that “I just

want to say, minus the rumblings going on, whatever, I myself have heard nothing but good things about the job that Chief Pederson is doing in our community.”

Before the council went into closed session, Geerts told the crowd of more than three dozen that “the area of concern and the reason for the closed session tonight is not related to the on-duty conduct or other city employees.”

Several council members shed tears immediately after Geerts made his statement.

Pederson was named police chief in April 2023 after serving for 18 years with the Harlan Police Department, spending the final two years as the department’s sergeant. Before becoming a law enforcement officer, Pederson worked for Hy-Vee, where he worked in grocery stores in Windom, Minnesota; Mankato, Minnesota; Webster City; and Harlan.

After the April 1 meeting when the council not only suspended Pederson but also ordered him to “create a development plan” the council also said “this will be purged from Tim’s record” after one year without any further incidents.

Pederson, at the time, said he did not want to comment on that situation but indicated that he was looking forward to continuing his work as police chief.

The new interim chief, Eagan, is the longest-tenured officer with the New Hampton Police Department.

He has worked as a patrol officer for the city since December 2008, and Geerts indicated that while serving as interim chief, Eagan will be paid the hourly rate the same hourly rate as Pederson.

County must certify its budget, levy by April 30

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board members for not looking at ending fund balances sooner in the budgeting process. Higher-than-expected fund balances were part of the reason the board reduced its original GS max levy request.

“Shouldn’t that have been done earlier, before this first public hearing,” Knoll said. “That should have been done at the re-estimates. ... I assume you look at those budgets every single month where they’re at, like all the department heads do.”

Knoll said her family’s personal tax bill — not including “new construction” on the property — will increase by \$400, or more than 24 percent next year.

“Some of the people are not going to be able to afford that,” she said. “We have to think about those people, too. ... I don’t think the taxpayers will mind if it goes up a little bit, but this is quite a bit of a jump.”

Former Supervisor Arnie Boge, who served on the board for 24 years before retiring in 2010, asked Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski to read his “protest” letter during the public hearing.

Boge, as he did at the max levy public hearing, asked the county to reduce the proposed tax increase by at least 75 percent, saying “low taxes make for happy votes.”

Boge wrote that he understood that “your job is not an easy one” but he also cautioned supervisors that raising ending fund balances will only “kick the can down the road to next year. ... There are many property taxpayers who are on fixed incomes. CRP, Social Security and farm rental incomes don’t keep up with your growth.”

Hackman said there were a variety of factors that have led the county “to be where we are at.”

He said there was a “huge budget amendment back in July for body cameras and car cameras. I think that cost \$225,000 out of the ending fund balance that was not budgeted for.”

He added that there were pay raises approved during the budget year, increased property and liability insurance costs, the decision supervisors made to have the county pay some of the costs of family health insurance policies and the cost of running county buildings has become more expensive.

He said that “building expenses never go down ... I think we have one or two, maybe one, too many buildings owned by the county.”

“And the thing we always forget is that we can get the Bypass Basin given to us by the DOT, we can get farmland donated to us, but who’s going to maintain it under the county Conservation Department? Wages are not cheap, gasoline

is not cheap, tractors are not cheap.”

He said he still wants the county to consider having employees take on a little more of their own health insurance premium costs — again suggesting that employees with single plans should pay 5 percent of their premium costs and lower the county contribution for family health plans from 75 percent to 70 percent.

“I brought that back up maybe we should tap the brakes on the family health insurance,” Supervisor Matt Kuhn said, “and Jake, you said we couldn’t do that to our employees ... I don’t know how now we can lower that.”

Hackman, though, said the county could do it now “because you would do it [at the beginning of] the fiscal year [during] open enrollment.”

Although board members decided to hold off on approving the overall county budget and tax levy at Monday’s meeting, they did approve the Iowa DOT Secondary Roads budget and the county’s DOT five-year program for the county.

They did so because those two documents, under state law, had to be submitted by Monday, and County Engineer Roman Lensing said if by chance the supervisors tweaked his budget, he would be able to file an amendment to the DOT.

Before adjourning, supervisors did discuss the projected ending fund balances for the 2024-25 budget year that include 26 percent of expected expenditures for GB/GS and 20 percent for RSB.

Hackman asked supervisors “do we need it?”

Cerwinski, though, pointed out that the ending fund balance will have to be used to pay property and liability insurance costs, plus get the county through the first three months of the next fiscal year until property taxes are collected.

“You’ve got a million dollars, but the first check you’re going to write is \$600,000,” Cerwinski said, “and then you have to get until September. I know it’s a lot more than we’ve had in the past, but things cost a lot more.”

Supervisor Steve Breitbach said he felt “we’ve backed it down quite a ways,” and he also pointed out that, “if I’m doing my figuring right, we’ll have the second lowest tax rate” among seven Northeast Iowa counties.

Board members will in all likelihood vote on the proposed budget and tax levy this coming Monday, but if a wrinkle develops, they will still have time to act on the budget either late next week or early the following week.

That’s because under state law, counties have until April 30 to certify their budgets with the state.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of April 14 1949 (75 years ago)

• The youth activities are staging an Easter Egg Hunt at East Park on Saturday, April 16.

It will begin at 9 a.m. and all children twelve years and younger are invited to attend. The children will be divided into three age groups for prizes. A total of \$25 in cash and merchandise will be given away. Those in charge of the hunt will be John Porter, C.D. Phillips and Francis Uglum.

• On Sale at Ferkin’s Super Valu: Hams, 57 cents per Lb.; Eggs, 39 cents per Dozen;

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2023 CHICKASAW COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING COMMITTEE 4th Meeting

Chickasaw County’s Emergency Management Agency is holding their 4th committee meeting to update the 2019 Chickasaw County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 23rd at 6PM in the Meeting Room of the Chickasaw County Community Building located at 260 E. Prospect Street, New Hampton, IA. The public is invited to attend and observe the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is: (a) review drafts of hazard mitigation plans for each jurisdiction, and; (b) ensure previous or new County jurisdictions that participate in these meetings are in good standing and eligible for disaster mitigation grant programs.

For information about meeting details, contact the meeting coordinator, Leon Begay, (319) 235-0311, or lbegay@incog.org.

Oranges, 39 cents per Dozen; Ritz Crackers, 31 cents per Box; Wheaties, 21 cents per 12 oz. pkg.; Quaker Oats, 31 cents per 3 Lb. Box; Velveeta, 2 Lb. Box, 69 cents; Miracle Whip, 59 cents; Tide, 29 cents per large box; Northern Tissue, 3 rolls for 24 cents.

1974 (50 years ago)

• The American Legion 1974 Girls State will be held June 9 to 15 on the University of Northern Iowa campus, Cedar Falls.

Named as delegate to Girls State by American Legion Fae Stine Unit 38 of New Hampton is Joy Willadsen, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Willadsen of New Hampton. Alternate to Girls State is Jean Hill, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill.

• Ray Lunemann of New Hampton has been honored as Supersweet Feeds’ plant manager of the year. Earlier this year, he and his wife, Donna, were awarded a four-day, all-expense paid trip to Acapulco, Mexico, for his outstanding performance as plant

manager.

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1999 (25 years ago)

• Joel Rochford of New Hampton is a member of Wartburg College’s 1999 men’s track team. Rochford, who throws shot put for the Knights, recently received All American Division III status in the National Indoor Trials at Ohio Northern University and has 54 feet one-half inches as his best throw. He has one more year of eligibility at Wartburg, where he also plays football. Rochford is the son of Jerry and Jean Rochford.

• The Iowa Hawkeye senior players will play a team of All-Stars at New Hampton High School this Sunday as part of the team’s Farewell Tour. This year’s Iowa team became the first in 11 years to advance to the Sweet Sixteen.

The seven Hawkeyes on the tour include Jess Settles, Kent McCausland, J.R. Koch, Sam Okey, Jason Bauer, Bryce

Peterson and B.J. Terones. The New Hampton All-Stars are coached by John Winter and the players include, Craig Volk, Roger Maupin, Jason Winter, Brian Heying, Carew Kallshek, Rich Kriener, John Croatt and Lenny Drewelow. The event is sponsored by the St. Joseph’s Booster Club.

2014 (10 years ago)

• Mercy Medical Center-New Hampton is creating a health coach position. Jessica Flanscha hopes the position she stepped into in January will help create a healthier community.

Coaches can help patients overcome health issues or more importantly help prevent health issues to begin with. Flanscha is part of a growing field in the medical world.

• After winning her heat in the 800 at the 2014 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field National Championships, New Hampton native Taylor Moore became an All-American in track as she finished third in the finals during the event in March.

The meet was held at the Bob Devaney Center Track in Lincoln, Neb.

2019 (5 years ago)

• The New Hampton girls golf team not only won their varsity meet and the JV meet, but set an individual school record and a coaching milestone with the big win over Waverly-Shell Rock. Winning the meet was Chickasaw junior Allison Nuss.

In each of her first two years Nuss set an 18-hole record, with a 76 as a freshman and a 75 in her sophomore year. She did it again this year with a 74. The win also gave New Hampton coach Eric Olson his 200th career victory.

• The Carnegie Cultural Center hosted a reception for Denny Ungs and Stacey Kunce, to honor the siblings exhibit “Drawing with Fire.” Pyrography is the art of decorating wood or leather by burning a design on the surface with a heated metallic point.

The Ungs’ siblings grew up in Fredericksburg and still call the small town home.

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Everybody Hurts event set for next Friday at Mikkelson

EVERYBODY HURTS: FROM 1

but it is so important."

Heying started the non-profit after her daughter, Brittney, died from suicide at the age of 23 in the summer of 2020. The following April — on what would have been Brittney's 24th birthday — the first 5K Run, Walk or Ride was held.

This year's event — which will be held a week from Friday on April 26 — holds the key for the organization. Without it, Everybody Hurts would not have been able to accomplish all it has done since that first walk, run or ride was held at Mikkelson Park.

"We are very grateful to all the sponsors and volunteers," her mother said, "who put in many hours of their time to make this possible so that we can do the things, provide the services and scholarships, we do."

The April 26 event will begin with check-in at 4:30 p.m., and the opening ceremony is set for 5:45 p.m., with the 5K race set to hit the streets of New Hampton at 6 p.m.

As in the past, the event will include a free-will donation meal and a silent auction, both of which will be held from 4:30 to 7:15 p.m.

Following the race, Cindy Tank-Murphy will deliver a keynote address.

"She lost her father LeRoy to suicide and has also helped



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Here's hoping the weather for this year's Everybody Hurts 5K Run, Walk or Ride is a bit drier than a year ago.

her daughter navigate her own mental health," Heying said. "She is passionate about mental health and helping people."

"We would love to see the community come out and support this event," Heying said. "We want to continue to provide the services, the trainings, the speakers and the scholarships, and to do that, we need our community to be behind us."

She said that if weather becomes an issue on April 26, the event will be moved to the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E. Spring St.

Everybody Hurts officials

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES APRIL 11, 2024

The Board convened on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 10:00 AM with Members Breitbach, Hackman and Czerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Members Suckow and Kuhn absent. Chairperson Czerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Donna Geerts as Board Secretary, Custodian Dave Gorman, Stanton Electric-Chuck Stanton, and New Hampton Municipal Light Plant-Travis Schumacher.

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

No public comment. Custodian Gorman reported it is an emergency situation to fix the power lines coming into the courthouse. Attorney Laudner reviewed the purchase and procurement policy for Chickasaw County and stated the Board of Supervi-

sors can declare an emergency situation and may authorize emergency purchases in excess of \$10,000. Stanton presented an estimate of repairs.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to declare the power source into the courthouse is an emergency situation to the county and to award a bid to Stanton Electric not to exceed \$35,000 and to have Stanton Electric order the products and proceed with construction. Roll call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Czerwinske. Absent-Suckow, Kuhn. Motion carried.

No future agenda items.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:24 AM. Roll call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Czerwinske. Absent-Suckow, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Scott Czerwinske, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Donna Geerts,
Secretary to the Board

No. 23881
2/18/24 2/19/24

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR chickasaw COUNTY (juvenile division) IN THE INTEREST OF C.E.X., Child. CASE NO. JVIJ000915 ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO RESPONDENT, ARNOLDO XAJIOT, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF CHILD, C.E.X., BORN ON THE 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013 IN WEST UNION, IOWA AND ANY OR ALL PUTATIVE FATHERS OF CHILD, C.E.X.:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of court for Chickasaw County, a petition in case number JVIJ000915, which prays for a termination of your parent-child relationship to a child born on the 4th day of December, 2013 in West Union, Iowa. Said petition is naming you as a defendant/respondent in this action, which petition prays(1) the Court set a hearing upon proper notice and opportunity, terminate your paternal rights; that the Court appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the child's interest and for any other relief the Court deems appropriate. The name and address of the attorney for the petitioner is Kevin E. Schoeberl, 126 N. Elm St., PO Box 89, Cresco, Iowa 52136. The attorney's phone number is 563-547-3329; facsimile number is 563-547-2578. For further details, contact the clerk's office.

You must serve a motion or answer

on or before (2) 10:00am on May 6, 2024, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Chickasaw County, at the courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are notified there will be a hearing on the petition to terminate parental rights before Iowa district court for Chickasaw county at the courthouse located at 8E Prospect St., New Hampton, Iowa 50659 on the 6th day of May 2024 at 10:00 am.

You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at 319-833-3282. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942) IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS

No. 23855
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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES April 8, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Czerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Czerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Skeleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Custodian Dave Gorman, Ahlers Cooney Attorney Ann Smisek (phone)

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for April 8, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from April 1, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the Quarterly Reports ending March 31, 2024 for Auditor, EMS, Recorder, Sheriff and Veteran Affairs. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve Plum Creek Golf Course Association Class C Retail Alcohol License for a term of eight months. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussion with Ahlers Cooney Attorney Ann Smisek by phone about having a Chickasaw County Health Care Spousal Exclusion Affidavit.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the service quote by 3E Electrical Engineering & Equipment for \$3,093.50 to go through Heritage generator and to authorize chair signature on a one-year service contract for \$485.00. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No. 23880
4/18/24 4/19/24

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton. Board members present were Dahl, Hendricks, Anderson and Babcock. Cantu was absent. General Manager Brian Quirk, Attorney Trevor Hurd, and City Clerk Karen Clemens and were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:36 p.m. Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Dahl; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 11, 2024, be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks; seconded by Babcock; that claims in the amount of \$ 51,411.65, be approved as presented. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

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

General Manager Report:
1. Nearing 1,000 accounts; Goal for 2024 is 1,000.
2. Vance is attending IAMU Telecom School and is on the discussion panel

3. Cedar Falls Utilities is planning on upgrading NHMU head-on equipment; will be utilizing an online

app; approximate cost of equipment upgrade is \$46,000

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Babcock; that the meeting adjourn at 5:48 p.m. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk

GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair-TELECOMMUNICATIONS

APRIL 8, 2024 5:15 P.M.

New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill

\$768.08

Aureon, Transport Service \$2,685.00

Waverly Utilities, Transport \$899.95

Cedar Falls Utilities, Wholesale Bandwidth

\$1,110.00

Madison National Life Ins, Term Life, AD&D, Supplemental Life ..

\$73.85

Black Hills Energy, Gas Service \$215.19

USA Television, Video Programming, ..

\$150.00

US Cellular, iPad Service & Device Payment.....

\$65.57

Payroll Account, Salaries March

\$21,460.47

BIG Network, Digital Base, Total Base, BTN.....

\$343.64

Butler Bremer Communications, Voice & Internet

\$680.78

Calix, Inc., Cloud Support

\$760.23

CardConnect, Monthly Fee ... \$1,083.50

Cedar Falls Utilities, March Labor, Rack Rental.....

\$1,223.45

Eide Bailly, LLP, Agreement Microsoft 365

\$74.50

FARR Technologies, System Integration & Network Monitoring ...

\$2,114.50

Five Star Coop, Gas

\$58.93

Graybar, Labels, Pigtail, Fiber Drops ...

\$1,597.91

Hacker Nelson & Co., CPAs, Audit for FY 22/23

\$7,969.00

Innovative Systems, Monthly Fee.....

\$4,245.23

IAMU, Broadband Member Dues 24/25

\$1,875.00

Iowa One Call, Email.....

\$27.90

Jendro, Refuse Pickup.....

\$90.00

M.T.S., Inc., Window Washing

\$34.24

National Cable TV Coop, Mounting Brackets, Connectors

\$417.26

New Hampton Tribune, Progress Section Ad.....

\$178.00

NIMECA, Disability Insurance

\$82.56

Rapid Printers, Office World, Print Cartridges.....

\$109.65

Schueth Ace Hardware, Surge Protectors, Office Supplies, PVC, Bracket

\$598.99

Showtime Networks, Inc., Showtime Package

\$17.02

Terry-Durin Co, Flasheshotter ...

\$401.25

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED

\$51,411.65

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE MARCH 11, 2024

AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance \$48.12

Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp

\$90.00

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\$90.00

EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes

\$1,730.23

EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes

\$1,728.41

Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withholding Tax

\$566.01

Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS

\$2,526.95

Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance

\$3,239.83

TOTAL PAYROLL

\$10,019.55

No. 23868
4/18/24

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ELECTRIC UTILITY - COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY APRIL 8, 2024 5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday April 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Dahl, Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock. Cantu was absent. General Manager Brian Quirk, Attorney Trevor Hurd and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

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

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

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Babcock; That the minutes of the March 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That claims in the amount of \$508,805.01, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

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

City Clerk Karen Clemens informed the board that the IRS is requesting an Examination of the 2019 \$9,996,826.55 Electric Revenue Capital Loan Notes: all the documentation leading up to the sale of the Notes, all the funds expended and numerous other items. Coincidentally, the Arbitrage Report was just completed for the 2019 Electric Revenue Capital Loan Notes and has information included in the report that can be shared with the IRS to answer some of their questions. Clemens has discussed this with Bond Attorney Steve Nadel, with Ahlers & Conney and he is assisting with the preparation of all the documentation.

General Managers Report:

1. Staff is testing meters and continuing with engine maintenance and demolition of old infrastructure

2. Staff put up graduating senior banners on poles

3. Continuing discussions with Caterpillar regarding engine repairs

4. Quirk was approached by

MDK, Inc to dispose of Lt Plants scrap metal

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; that the meeting adjourn at 5:35 pm. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk

GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair

LIGHT PLANT APRIL 8, 2024

5:00 P.M.

MidAmerican Energy, March WS-4 Payment.....

\$53,000.00

NIMECA, Power Bill, CTS Improvement.....

\$336,243.75

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills .129,73

Christy Pamper Palace, Refund Utility Account Deposit.....

\$7.60

Carlos Zambrano, Refund Utility Account Deposit

\$45.69

New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill

\$88.42

Madison National Life Ins, Term Life & AD&D, Supplemental Life ..

\$98.88

NIMECA, Property Tax.....

\$4,394.00

Visa, Tools, Oil, Degreaser, PPE, Supplies

\$1,496.72

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$145.60

Rapid Printers, Utility Billings .263,21

US Cellular, iPad Service

\$39.48

Kylee Lickiss, Refund Utility Account Deposit

\$7.42

Dixie Steffes, Refund Utility Account Deposit

\$13.53

Black Hills Energy, Engine Fuel

\$2,506.68

NIMECA, Consulting- Attach H Support

\$348.77

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$138.89

Nick Buechler, Refund Utility Account Deposit

\$3.98

New Horizons - Chamber, Payments on Utility Bills.....

\$499.34

Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement.....

\$1,547.89

Berens- Tate Consulting Group, Arbitrage Rebate Report Electric Rev Bonds

\$3,000.00

Bond Transfer, Monthly Transfer

\$90,000.00

City Laundering Co., Industrial Laundering Services

\$140.31

Continental Research Corporation, Shop Towels, Headlamps

\$1,014.27

DGR, SCADA, Stolz Substation, Misc Projects

\$18,328.73

Five Star Cooperative, Gas

\$819.29

Fletcher-Reinhardt Company, Meter Seals

\$1,957.53

Hacker Nelson & Co., CPAs, FY 22/23

Audit

\$9,100.00

Hometown TV & Appliance, Monitor

\$259.00

IAMU, Electric Member Dues 24-25

\$8,659.00

Iowa One Call, One Calls

\$6.10

Mercy Medical Center New Hampton, Employee Physicals, Hearing Screening.....

\$426.00

MidAmerican Energy, April WS-4 Payment

\$59,000.00

MITKO, Fittings for Skid Loader

\$253.43

NAPA Auto Parts, Oil, Meter Cover Repairs

\$863.36

New Hampton Electric, Inc., Replace Meter Socket

\$160.50

New Hampton Municipal Utilities, Phone Service.....

\$132.22

New Hampton Municipal Utilities, Joint Expense Reimbursement. \$2,610.93

CHARLES CITY CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

1008 ELLIS DRIVE *SATURDAY ONLY! 8 to 5* craft supplies, women's XL clothing, encased bookshelves, antique compacts, original art, cleaning supplies, and misc TREASURE *Be first! Park on street PLEASE* No Driveway access* Condo unit 6 Thank you!

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400 15TH AVENUE Charles City Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 8-4. Women's clothes new with tags small to XXL. Summer clothes, all sizes. Boys clothes 0-12 months, girl clothes 3T and 4T. DVD's, board games, m&m collection, jewelry, purses, scentsys, nike shoes, cocktail dresses, CD's, Men's shirts Med to XXL.

404 6TH AVE Wednesday - Saturday 9am to 5pm. Weather permitting. Tools, grill and campfire items, kitchen items, home/car cleaning supplies, painting supplies, AA/AAA batteries, Disney banks, socks, hats, packing tape, letter boards, ear buds, misting diffuser, disinfecting wipes, house/deck wash, dog playpens, restraints, lounge and toys, carpet/floor cleaners, fishing items and much more.

501 16TH AVE Charles City. Friday 9-6 (4/19) and Saturday 9-4 (4/20). Estate Sale. Washer and Dryer, tools, kitchen items, Holiday items and much miscellaneous .

CHARLES CITY CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

502 CLARK STREET Columbus Club. Treasure Trove Sale. One Day Only Saturday, April 20th. \$5 admission fee for the Early Bird Time 7-8am. Free admission between 8am-2pm. Something for everyone. Free will donation and suggested price tables. All proceeds benefit IC School and Church.

808 9TH STREET Friday 1:00 to 5:00, Saturday 9:00 to 1:00. Infant (mostly girls) through adult clothes, toys, books, reptile container and habitat, accessories, shoes, dog collars and harnesses, stuffed animals, carseats, check out the Charles City For Sale page on Facebook for pictures, prices, and more info.

813 NORTH MAIN ST by chicken plant, same location in old Oliver Tap green building. LIONS CLUB SPRING BOOKSALE. Hours 9am to 3pm Thursday - Saturday. 40,000+ books for sale. Also a silent auction for complete set (93 books) by Danielle Steel, hardcover jacketed, PRISTINE! Retail value estimated \$2,500.

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GARAGE SALES

GARAGE SALE 902 Ash Drive New Hampton April 24 7-6, April 25 7-6, and April 26 7-1. Hoping for great weather but if not the heat will be on. Lots of Name brand clothing: children, young women, woman's, and men's. Harley women's and men's clothing. Tons of shoes, hunting boots, and men's helmets. Household, home decor, bedding, and furniture. Life size outdoor snowman and blow up Santa Clause. Books and handbags. Come hungry, we will have a hot dog stand. Seery, Hageaway, Grober, Cleaveland, and McGrath

GARAGE SALE Wednesday, April 24th 7am to 5pm. Thursday, April 25th 7am to 6pm. Friday, April 26th 7am to 2pm. Name brand clothing, many items new with tags. UA, ZYIA, Nike, Buckle, Silver, GAP, Old Navy. Jewelry, toys, kitchen items, shoes. McGrath Residence 923 Ash Drive, New Hampton. Multiple sales on Ash Drive.

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City Clerk's office
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Chickasaws find some success at home coed meet

NH BOYS TRACK: FROM 14

“I liked Adam’s run in the 100, and really he gave us a great effort in all three of his races,” Jenkins said. “I know people will look at that 100 time (12.07), but the wind was still really blowing right into his face that race. It was solid, real solid.”

The New Hampton coach also had high praise for Serie, who missed more than a week of practice and meets earlier this month with an illness. The junior ran a 53-second 400 split in the sprint medley, took third in the 200 and anchored the 4x400.

“He’s still getting his shape back,” Jenkins said, “but with Beau, you know you’re going to get all he has every time he steps on the track. We need that 400 time to come down, but as windy as it was during that race, I’ll take that time.”

Jenkins was also pleased with the fact that New Hampton “double scored” in the 400 (Carpenter and Maloy) and in both the shot put and the discus (Braden c and Marshall Zeien).

Thursday’s home meet was also the closest New Hampton has come to fielding a full team. Injuries and illnesses have sapped the Chickasaws for much of the outdoor season, but on Thursday, they welcomed back Caden Rochford, who hadn’t competed in more than two weeks after dealing with both a knee injury and a bout with influenza.

“It’s going to take a little time to get that shape into his legs,” Jenkins said, “but it was nice to have him back. We’ve had so many people in and out of the lineup, it was nice to play with as much of a full deck as we can.”

Jenkins added that he expects McShane, who has run just one race this spring, to return to the track this week.

Mostly, though, the Chickasaw coach is hoping the coed meet will give his team some momentum heading into the second half of the season. New Hampton is scheduled to take a small portion of its squad to Denver on Thursday before ending the week in Waukon on Friday.

“It was good for our guys to have some success, to get some medals,” he said of the home coed meet. “When you’re as young and as inexperienced as we are, that’s where you start and then you build



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Ethan Praska runs a leg of the 4x800 at the Chickasaws’ annual coed meet that was held last week.

off of that.”

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New Hampton was among a number of teams that “beat” Tuesday’s severe weather as Charles City moved its coed meet up a day, but the Chickasaws, who were missing several athletes who were attending the state FFA convention, struggled to get much traction.

The Chickasaws finished fourth in the six-team meet with 49 points.

McShane took second in the shot put to post New Hampton’s best finish, and Jenkins said he was pleased with the performances of Serie and Bryce Flugum in the sprint events.

The Chickasaw coach also had high praise for freshman Braden Manson who ran the first 3,200 of his life and finished sixth with a solid time of 11:49.22.

“Since he hadn’t run it, I put a time down of 12 and he said, ‘There’s no way I can run that’ but Braden’s one of those guys who’s always going to give you all he has,” Jenkins said. “That was a really nice run and definitely something we can build on.”

NH HAMPTON COED TEAM SCORES

Waukon 164, Sumner-Fred 122, NFV 92, New Hampton 90, Nashua-P 84, Turkey Valley 22.

NH HAMPTON RESULTS

Sprint medley - 2. Kinnick Wisner, Dylan Maloy, Adam Ewert, Beau Serie 1:43.60.
4x800 - 3. Caden Rochford, Braden Manson, Ethan Praska, Cade Carpenter 9:37.39.
100 - 1. Adam Ewert 12.07, 12. Dylon Schmitt 13.82.
Distance medley - 4. Jay Pickar, Bryce Flugum, Wisner, Weston Praska 4:19.0.
400 - 2. Carpenter 56.16, 4. Maloy 57.04.
4x200 - 4. Kale Venem, Dakota Martzahn, Ashton Pitz, Elliott Eiler 1:45.82.

New Hampton girls go low in home win over Decorah

GIRLS GOLF: FROM 14

school history after regional qualifying is complete next month?

The answer is pretty good.

New Hampton shot a season-low 170 at home versus Decorah last week Thursday. Olson and his perennial-power squads have not shot that low since a 161 was carded in a meet over five years ago when New Hampton won its first and only state title back in 2019. That score came against Oelwein in a dual at the NHGCC on May 2, 2019. New Hampton also shot a 170 that remarkable season at the Mason City Country Club versus Mason City and Clear Lake.

That 161 accumulated by New Hampton in 2019 is the school record for a low-round on a nine-hole course. New Hampton senior Kinsli Dahl added to that incredible 170 by shooting a career-low, one-over-par 37 against the Vikings, which earned her medalist honors.

“She was really comfortable. It was just clicking for her,” said Olson.

New Hampton topped Decorah – 170 to 209.

Against Tripoli and Don Bosco last Friday at Maple Hills Country Club – which featured fast greens and 25-mile-an-hour winds – Dahl encountered a hiccup with an uncharacteris-

tically high round of 50.

“You have days like that – things don’t go right. She wasn’t hitting the ball quite the way she was yesterday. The speed of the greens got in some people’s heads – not just hers,” said Olson.

Olson had this to say about his team’s performance where there didn’t seem to be a cloud in the sky on a sunny day in Tripoli, but that didn’t mean his squad played up to its capabilities, either.

“We don’t replicate this at home because our greens are slower. It’s tough when you’re trying to make those adjustments,” said Olson. “It was tough conditions – scoring’s going to be a little higher. You always have a day or two where the weather just didn’t work in your favor or the course doesn’t work in your favor. You just gotta move on.”

Last week Tuesday at Willow Run Country Club in Denver, New Hampton bested the Cyclones, 182 to 209.

New Hampton junior Lauren Nuss was overall medalist with a 43. She shot that same 43 on Monday versus Crestwood.

Maycen Hackman, a junior, was medalist runner-up at Tripoli with a 48.

Chickasaw sophomore Alivia Geerts’ low round in the last four meets came at Denver as she fired a 45.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Kira Tenge watches her ball after she hits it out of the rough during a meet in Tripoli last week.

New Hampton hosts an invite today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. versus Oelwein and Waukon. The varsity will play 18 holes and Olson said junior varsity golfers will more than likely get in nine holes.

NH HAMPTON 182, DENVER 209
Medalist - Lauren Nuss, New Hampton 43.

New Hampton scores - Alivia Geerts 45, Kinsli Dahl 45, Maycen Hackman 49, Katie Brincks 60, Kira Tenge 61.

NH HAMPTON 170, DECORAH 209

Medalist - Kinsli Dahl, New Hampton 37.

New Hampton scores - Dahl 37, Nuss 40, Hackman 46, Geerts 47, Tenge 54, Brincks 60.

TRIPOLI TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORES

New Hampton 194, Don Bosco 229, Tripoli (no team score).
Medalist - Nuss, New Hampton 44.
New Hampton scores - Nuss 44, Hackman 48, Dahl 50, Geerts 52, Brenna Flattum 55, Tenge 57, Brincks 60.

NH HAMPTON 187, CRESTWOOD 208

Medalist - Nuss, New Hampton 43.
New Hampton scores - Nuss 43, Dahl 45, Geerts 49, Hackman 52, Flattum 50, Tenge 51.

JV scores - Brincks 56.

Schmitt’s goals are to get better and get stronger

SCHMITT: FROM 1

About a month later, things got worse. That lump became tender to the touch and he found more bumps over his body. There was also a lymph node that was inflamed underneath his left arm.

“I could barely move my left arm,” said Schmitt.

Dylen and his family took action and he got checked out by local doctors. That meant there was a referral in the second week of March to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital in Iowa City.

That hospital has received worldwide recognition over the last few years after attendees of home Hawkeye football games at Kinnick Stadium wave to the children staying there just across the street. That homage to the young patients that are looking down at Kinnick while the fans wave back has transformed into one of the best traditions in college football.

UI Stead Family Children’s Hospital is ranked as the No. 1 children’s hospital in Iowa and No. 11 in the Midwest region.

So, needless to say, Schmitt knew he would be in good hands – no matter what the outcome of the tests that the doctors at the pediatric acute care hospital were about to administer.

“I went down March 8 and got a biopsy done on my neck,” said Schmitt.

The news he received was less than pleasant.

The result of the tests was a six-letter word no one wants to hear – CANCER.

To be more precise, his cancer is called anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL) – a rare and serious type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma that occurs when white blood cells (T cells) grow out of control.

Speaking before his race was run on Thursday, Schmitt was matter of fact and maybe a little scared. That’s totally understandable, given his circumstance. But his demeanor was also one of an individual that may not know what the future holds – but they’re brave nonetheless, with a determined resolve.

That’s why he wanted to run – to let people know he was okay, at least for the time being. As NH boys track head coach Scott Jenkins probably said best – he just wanted to feel like the old Dylen, before the cancer attacked his body.

“It’s pretty obvious he’s a great competitor, and he wants to be a great teammate also. It matters to him how he completes, and he also wants to set a good example. I also think that at the end of the day, he’s just a kid who wants to have a chance to be around his teammates and run with them...it probably helps him feel “normal,” if that’s possible,” said Jenkins.

This was Schmitt’s first race of the season and it may be his last this spring – depending on how his treatments go. He was diagnosed with ALCL on Wednesday, March 13.

He did his first round of chemo about three weeks ago and he’s got five more left. He came back to school in the last week of March and started training with the track team in preparation for a chance to run in an actual meet.

“I haven’t competed yet. This is my first track meet. I’ve practiced for the past two weeks. I feel like I can run. I feel good. I feel healthy, because I don’t know if I’ll be able to run in any other meets,” said Schmitt. “So this one, with it being home, this one really means a lot.”

The courage in Schmitt’s eyes was clearly evident. It’s one of the reasons he chose to put on his Chickasaw uniform and run like there’s no tomorrow after his doctors cleared him to do so earlier in the month.

“It’s pretty good survival rate, but it’s a pretty rare cancer. It’s a pretty aggressive cancer. So they diagnosed me at stage three. They figured that’s probably stage two in most other cancers, just because of how

aggressive it is,” said Schmitt.

Running in heat 1 out of lane 8 – Schmitt finished second from the bottom overall in 12th place with a time of 13.82. His Chickasaw teammate – junior Adam Ewert – would go on to snare the blue ribbon in that sprint event as he won heat two with a clip of 12.07.

But almost all in attendance could have cared less what the stopwatch said or where Dylen finished – except maybe Schmitt himself. Most were just happy to see him fly down the track and push toward the finish line.

“I’m grateful for everybody, thankful for everybody,” said Schmitt. “I wish I could have ran a little better, but I’m glad I was able to run.”

If there’s one thing for certain – Schmitt will have a legion of people supporting him in an effort to wipe out the cancer, heal and get back out on the oval. Heck, basketball season in the winter will be here before you know it – but of course Dylen and his friends can’t wait for this spring to roll into summer, then into fall.

Support – of any kind – especially when dealing with cancer is almost always beneficial. Money can help, but words of encouragement are often priceless when shared with an individual that is taking on a disease such as cancer.

That’s why the NH boys basketball team and Heather Rauch joined hands to help out where they can. They held a fundraiser recently that created T-shirts titled “Schmitty Strong.” The NH track teams – girls and boys – also sent Schmitt goodie baskets and get-well cards as well. Jenkins is planning a get-together later this season where the track team can hang out and support Dylen. The Chickasaws will get something to eat, share in some laughs and partake in the camaraderie that makes team sports extra special – especially when there are tight bonds that unite one another.

Schmitt thought the T-shirts were pretty cool, but the swag wasn’t available quite just yet by the time NH’s first home invite had rolled around.

“That’s pretty nice of them,” said Schmitt. “We had wanted to wear the shirts to this meet, but they’re not ready yet.”

A free-will donation was also held at last Thursday’s home meet.

After Dylen ran his race Thursday, he heard fans in the stands yell his name from the bleachers. He stopped to look as family members reminded him that a trip back to Iowa City was still on the itinerary. That meant last week Friday’s second scheduled treatment would be here before you know it. So he hopped in the car and headed on down the highway – his path not yet clear, still muddled in the uncertainty of a winding road that will surely be filled with mountains to climb and valleys to cross.

That’s the sad reality of cancer. It seems to never quit in its quest to overtake an individual. That’s why those that are fighting it or have fought it – have to be doubly determined to stay on top of it, to not let it win.

That’s a tough battle for anyone – even a strong and steadfast young adult such as Dylen.

“I’ve just been trying to get better – get stronger,” exclaimed Schmitt.

Survivors of cancer will tell you, it’s not one race run that will defeat cancer – but many.

Schmitt wasn’t supposed to run this last race, but he prepared himself both mentally and physically to produce a moment that inspired many that witnessed his heroic effort to start, then finish a race.

It may not be his last race this year, either – at least that’s what Jenkins is hoping. The Chickasaw coach said Schmitt is planning on running a home meet again on Monday, April 29.

“We’re keeping our fingers crossed that he can do it!” said Jenkins.

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A pair of Turkey Valley freshmen compete in the 4x800 relay at the Nashua-Plainfield Co-Ed Invite last week Tuesday as Trojan Jayden Rausch grabs the baton from Hugo Busta.

Trojans kick start season at N-P Co-Ed

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley Trojans got the ball rolling this spring with their first outdoor track meet of the season last week Tuesday at the Nashua-Plainfield Co-Ed meet.

The Trojans then competed at the New Hampton Co-Ed on Thursday to conclude the week.

A slew of underclassmen and a few seniors for Mark Scott's Trojans hit high marks out on the oval during the first week competition.

Burke Busta, a senior, placed third in the open 400 in a time of 55.68 at Nashua. J.D. Kruse, a sophomore, was fifth in that event in 58.39.

Russell Nieman, a senior, finished fourth in the mile run (1,600) in a time of 5:19. Nieman ran the opening leg of the 4x800, which finished fourth as well in Nashua with the squad of Hugo Busta, Jayden Rausch and Avery Franzen. The foursome's time was 9:51.

Sophomore Trojan Dairean Keyes shot out of the blocks first in the sprint medley

and helped lead TV to a fourth-place finish (1:45) with team members Logan Busta, Kruse and Burke Busta.

Rausch, a freshman, ran to a fourth-place finish in the two-mile run (3,200) in 11:54 over in New Hampton.

Kruse sprinted down the track for a fourth-place result in the 100 dash in 12.63.

TV's meet at Crestwood was canceled and the Trojans will run next tonight (Thursday) at Kee High.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CO-ED TEAM SCORES
Central Springs 165, Nashua-Plainfield 102, Janesville 88, Northwood-Kensett 64, Dunkerton 59, Clarksville 52, Turkey Valley 27, Riceville 25.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS
100 - 8. Kaden Schmidt 12.89, 10. Isaiah Wheeler 13.35.
200 - 6. J.D. Kruse 25.66, 8. Burke Busta 26.43.
400 - 3. Busta 55.68, 5. Kruse 58.39.
800 - 6. Hugo Busta 2:23.25, 10. Avery Franzen 2:30.35.
1,600 - 4. Russell Nieman 5:19.35, 6. Jayden Rausch 5:30.11.
4x100 - 8. Logan Busta, H. Busta, Franzen, Wheeler 52.06, 13. Hunter Kruse, Gavin Berst, Traejin Keel, Wyatt Maklenburg 1:03.69.
4x200 - 6. Dairean Keyes, L. Busta, Kaden Schmidt, Nieman 1:43.21, 13. Wheeler, H. Kruse,

Keel, Rausch 2:03.98.
4x400 - 5. B. Busta, Schmidt, J.D. Kruse, Keyes 3:55.32.
4x800 - 4. Nieman, H. Busta, Rausch, Franzen 9:51.18.
Sprint medley - 4. Keyes, L. Busta, J.D. Kruse, Burke Busta 1:45.61.
Shot put - 13. H. Kruse 28, 14. Keel 25-11.
Discus - 12. Berst 73-7, 13. Maklenburg 62-9.

NEW HAMPTON CO-ED TEAM SCORES
Waukon 164, Sumner-Fredericksburg 122, North Fayette Valley 92, New Hampton 90, Nashua-Plainfield 84, Turkey Valley 22.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS
Sprint medley - 6. Wheeler, Schmidt, Nieman, J.D. Kruse 1:48.48.
3,200 - 4. Rausch 11:54.63.
100 - 4. J.D. Kruse 12.63, 9. Schmidt 13.24.
Distance medley - 5. Keyes, Wheeler, Rausch, L. Busta 4:37.84.
400 - 6. Nieman 59.19.
800 - 5. Nieman 2:25.9, 6. H. Busta 2:26.42.
200 - 5. J.D. Kruse 26.03, 7. Schmidt 26.4.
400 hurdles - 7. Keyes 1:14.49.
4x100 (Throwers) - 4. Keel, H. Kruse, Berst, Nieman 1:00.43.
4x100 - 6. Schmidt, J.D. Kruse, Wheeler, Keyes 50.19.
High jump - 4. H. Busta 5.
Discus - 18. Berst 67-1, H. Kruse (SCR).
Shot put - 14. Keel 24-8.5, 15. Berst 23-7.5.

Turkey Valley picks up plenty of experience with meets in Nashua, New Hampton

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley girls track team is off and running – and throwing.

While the Trojans and co-coaches Sarah Bakula and Dalton Hackman don't have any athletes that have competed in the high jump and long jump as of yet – they do have a squad that can compete near the front of the pack in several events.

The Trojans competed last week Tuesday at the Nashua-Plainfield Co-Ed Invite as well as the New Hampton Co-Ed on Thursday and at the NH Invite back in Chickasaw County on Monday.

Turkey Valley sports a small squad this spring, so you probably won't see the Trojans place all that high atop the team standings, but there are several TV runners that are making their mark early on.

Bella Stika, just a freshman, placed runner-up to defending state champ – Kadence Huck of Nashua-Plainfield – in the open 800 in a time of 2:39 in Nashua. Stika was also second in the open 400 at Nashua in a time of 1:05. Stika was a member of the sprint medley squad in Nashua that placed third in 2:02 alongside Ryann Schmitt, Kinsey Reicks, Nieman, Stika 56.69.

4x200 - 8. Schmitt, Reicks, Weber, Kuennen 2:08.14.
Sprint medley - 3. Schmitt, Reicks, Stika, Nieman 2:02.93.
Shot put - 9. Raelen Manderfield 26-9, 15. Ellaney Bodensteiner 25-2.5.
Discus - 11. Manderfield 68-9, 12. Bodensteiner 67-7.

NEW HAMPTON CO-ED TEAM SCORES
Crestwood 136, New Hampton 120, Waukon 101, Sumner-Fredericksburg 85, Nashua-Plainfield 58, North Fayette Valley 41, Turkey Valley 23, Tripoli 17.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS
Sprint medley - 4. Schmitt, Reicks, Stika, Nieman 2:03.14.
100 - 11. Weber 15.64, 16. Kuennen 17.02.
Distance medley - 3. Schmitt, Reicks, Nieman, Stika 4:48.53.
400 - 3. Layni Schuchhardt 1:11.36.
4x200 - 8. Schmitt, Weber, Emersyn Hoffer, Kuennen 2:11.88.
800 - 4. Schuchhardt 2:52.04.

Stika, Schuchhardt, Reicks and Nieman ran to a second-place finish in the 4x800 at the NH Invite on Monday in a time of 11:48. The 4x200 relay of Schmitt, Reicks, Nieman and Stika placed third in the 4x200 with a clip of 2:00.96.

Thronsdon, a sophomore, placed fifth in the discus (84-5) and eighth in the shot put (25-8) on Monday.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD CO-ED TEAM SCORES
Northwood-Kensett 103, Central Springs 99, Nashua-Plainfield 88, Dunkerton 61, Janesville 58, Riceville 44, Tripoli 41, Clarksville 38, Turkey Valley 36.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS
100 - 10. Halle Weber 15.92, 16. Ava Kuennen 17.77.
200 - 4. Hazel Nieman 29.16, 13. Weber 32.78.
400 - 2. Bella Stika 1:05.59, 3. Nieman 1:05.93.
800 - 2. Stika 2:39.8.
4x100 - 4. Ryann Schmitt, Kinsey Reicks, Nieman, Stika 56.69.
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TV freshman Bella Stika (2) breaks from the starting line in the 800 run right next to the defending Class 1A state champ in the event – Husky junior Kadence Huck – at the N-P Co-Ed in Nashua last week Tuesday.

200 - 13. Weber 32.99.
4x100 - 5. Schmitt, Reicks, Nieman, Stika 56.04.
4x400 - 6. Nieman, Reicks, Schuchhardt, Stika 4:55.44.
Discus - 17. Bodensteiner 72-1, 18. Manderfield 71-5.
Shot put - 15. Manderfield 26-11.5, 17. Bodensteiner 26-6.5.

NEW HAMPTON INVITE TEAM SCORES
Wapsie Valley 145, New Hampton 125, Independence 76, Nashua-Plainfield 70, Osage 70, Central Elkader 49, Turkey Valley 31, MFL MarMac 10.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS
Sprint medley - 7. Schmitt, Weber,

Reicks, Jenna Thronsdon 2:11.02.
4x800 - 2. Stika, Schuchhardt, Reicks, Nieman 11:48.07.
100 - 6. Schmitt 14.28, 13. Weber 15.2.
400 - 7. Schuchhardt 1:14.64.
4x200 - 3. Schmitt, Reicks, Nieman, Stika 2:00.96.
200 - 6. Schmitt 30.78, 14. Hoffer 33.51.
400 hurdles - 5. Nieman 1:22.93.
1,500 - 3. Stika 5:40.8, 6. Schuchhardt 6:28.88.
4x400 - 4. Nieman, Reicks, Thronsdon, Stika 4:47.11.
Discus - 5. Thronsdon 84-5, 10. Bodensteiner 73-7.
Shot put - 8. Thronsdon 25-8, 10. Bodensteiner 24-2.

Chickasaw boys will finally get a home meet this Friday

Boys Golf: From 14

Kriener talked about the experience that his team possesses. The Chickasaws are comprised of seniors Jack Shawver (45), Carter Newbrough (46) and Kam Josephson (48). NH junior Adam Ewert also shot a 45.

"It's nice to be on the team with a bunch of seniors," said Kriener. "It gives you a lot more experience. It's definitely a lot more pressure when you're playing with guys that are a lot better than you and in a bigger arena."

While Kriener was being diplomatic and humble about his golf game – he enjoys the camaraderie with his upperclassmen teammates.

"We've been hanging out with the seniors for quite awhile now. We know them pretty good. We're good buddies," said Kriener.

Kriener said he bogeyed three holes, something he says he can fix by just focusing more on each shot and not the ensuing one.

"When I think ahead of myself, I play really bad golf. I kind of did that today," said Kriener.

Shekleton, who recently qualified for the state wrestling tournament last winter at 150 pounds, can grip it and rip it.

"Jax's strength is power. He bangs it. He hits it far," said Coach Ewert.

Shekleton commended his older teammates as well and also hinted as to what is a valuable key to low scores out on the links.

"Keeping level-headed – not getting too mad when a shot goes bad or the wind takes your ball, especially today," said Shekleton.

"Listening to the seniors and learning from their experiences – I think that helps a lot. We have some great leaders."

New Hampton accumulated a team total of 168 against Clear Lake (154), which won the dual by 14 strokes.

"The talent's there – they just gotta get it together here," said Doc Ewert. "You gotta remember – this is our third meet."

NH's meet at home versus MFL MarMac on Tuesday was canceled because of inclement weather. The Chickasaws will be back at home on Friday against Crestwood.

CLEAR LAKE 154, NEW HAMPTON 168
Medalist - Taylor Plagge, Clear Lake 36.
New Hampton scores - Jack Shawver 42, Adam Ewert 43, Kam Josephson 44, Carter Newbrough 43, Charlie Kriener 40, Jax Shekleton 49.

TRIPOLI TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORES
New Hampton 177, Don Bosco 187, Tripoli 187.
Medalist - Cale Halverson, Tripoli 37.
New Hampton scores - Kriener 43, Shekleton 44, Shawver 45, Ewert 45, Newbrough 46, Josephson 48.

Track postseason fast approaching

NH Girls Track: From 14

from its 4x400 team of Ries, Hackman, Nosbisch and Pesek.

But what was especially gratifying to Lares was "the nice surprises we're starting to see."

Freshman Capri Lester, for example, ran a split of 65 seconds on her 400 legs of the distance medley.

"We talk about the glue that holds our team together, and it's those kind of kids that we can move around to a lot of different relays to free up some of our kids," Lares said. "It gives us a lot more opportunities to try different events when you have kids like Capri. Kinslee Rings is willing to try anything, for example. I mean she long jumped and ended up getting fourth place, she had another PR in the shot put and she has been a tremendous 800 runner for us.

Kids like that are creating possibilities for us."

And that's important because the postseason is fast approaching.

Two weeks from tonight, the Northeast Iowa Conference meet will be held in Charles City, and a week later, New Hampton travels to a Class 2A state qualifying meet.

"We've run a lot of meets and right now, yes, we're a little banged up," Lares said. "We've run a lot lately, but we'll get rested up and really look to try to build some really good momentum going into the qualifier because that's where we obviously want to be at our best."

But halfway through the outdoor season, the Chickasaws feel like they're right where they need to be.

"We're a really close team. We all get along really well and we all want to do good for each other and good for the coaches," Ries said. "We all just push each other to be the best we can and we give our all every meet. The more conditioned we get, the better we get."

OSAGE INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES
Crestwood 144.5, Charles City 138, St. Ansgar 85, Osage 75, New Hampton 71.5, North Butler 60, Mason City Newman 10, Rockford 4.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS
100 - 6. Ava Leichtman 14.52, 7. Addison Trower 14.56.
200 - 7. Kadence Rings 28.80, 8. Kailynn Gebel 29.87.
400 - 5. Gebel 1:09.98, 8. Leichtman 1:16.97.
800 - 3. Sophie Glaser 2:40.61, 11. Madalyn Van Wey 2:59.41.
1,500 - 9. Natalie Nosbisch 6:11.70.
3,000 - 4. Glaser 11:55.65.
100 hurdles - 9. Trower 19.30, 10. Capri Lester 19.32.
400 hurdles - 4. Lester 1:18.38, 7. Sydney Lares 1:20.53.
4x100 - Trower, Camryn Smith, Leichtman, Madison Shawver, did not finish.
4x200 - 1. Kinsley Hackman, Megan Pickar, Taylor Ries, Hailee Pesek 1:53.72.
4x400 - 1. Ries, Ki. Hackman, Pickar, Pesek 4:13.54.
4x800 - 2. Ries, Kinslee Rings, Nosbisch, Pickar 10:28.32.
Sprint medley - 1. Shawver, Pickar, Ki. Hackman, Pesek 1:58.11.
Distance medley - 4. Jenna Heeren, Shawver, Smith, Lares 5:02.91.
Shuttle hurdle - 6. Lester, Ka. Rings, Cora Schwickerath, Trower 1:18.45.
High jump - 5. Braelyn Rosonke 4-6, Ki. Rings 4-4.
Long jump - 8. Kayme Hackman 12-5, 10. Leichtman 11-9.
Shot put - 3. Madison Schaufenbuel 33-2, 4. Claire Geerts 33-2.
Discus - 7. Schaufenbuel 93-0, 10. Geerts 80-11.

JUNIOR VARSITY RESULTS
100 - 2. Ka. Hackman 14.77, 3. Zoey Kellogg 14.79.
200 - 2. Rylie Vsetecka 31.59, 3. Maici Weber 31.91.
4x100 - 2. Heeren, Z. Kellogg, Vsetecka, Ka. Rings 58.50.
4x200 - 1. Ka. Hackman, Z. Kellogg, Ka. Rings, Rosonke 2:02.03.
Sprint medley - 3. Heeren, Schwickerath, Weber, Van Wey 2:14.41.
Shot put - 1. Ki. Rings 29-6.25, 5. Elena Federspiel 24-3.
Discus - 2. Rosonke 71-4, 4. Amiya Kellogg 64-2.

NEW HAMPTON COED TEAM SCORES
Crestwood 136, New Hampton 120, Waukon 101, Sumner-Fredericksburg 85, Nashua-Plainfield 58, North Fayette Valley 41, Turkey Valley 21, Tripoli 17.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS
Sprint medley - 2. Ki. Hackman, Shawver, Ries, Pesek 1:57.20.
4x800 - 1. Glaser, Ki. Rings, Nosbisch, Pickar 10:52.54.
Shuttle hurdle - 4. Lester, Ka. Rings, Lares, Trower 1:19.07.
100 - 1. Pesek 13.69, 4. Leichtman 14.32.
Distance medley - 1. Shawver, Smith, Gebel, Ries 4:40.03.
400 - 2. Ki. Hackman 1:05.87.
4x200 - 4. Heeren, Lester, Ki. Rings, Smith 1:58.43.
100 hurdles - 6. Trower 18.88, 8. Lares 19.35.
800 - 2. Pickar 2:37.39, 6. Van Wey 3:02.86.
200 - 1. Pesek 27.93, 7. Leichtman 30.30.
400 hurdles - 1. Ries 1:09.59.
1,500 - 4. Glaser 5:41.55.
4x100 JV - 1. Ka. Hackman, Leichtman, Trower, Ka. Rings 56.56.
4x100 - 1. Ki. Hackman, Pickar, Shawver, Pesek 54.07.
4x400 - 2. Ki. Hackman, Lares, Nosbisch, Ki. Rings 4:29.16.
High jump - 5. Rosonke 4-4.
Long jump - 7. Leichtman 13-1.5, 9. Ka. Hackman 12-6.25.
Discus - 3. Schaufenbuel 93-6, 14. Geerts 74-7, 19. Rosonke 71-2.
Shot put - 4. Schaufenbuel 33-5, 9. Geerts 30-2.5, 12. Ki. Rings 28-8.25.

NEW HAMPTON INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES
Wapsie Valley 145, New Hampton 125, Independence 76, Nashua-Plainfield 70, Osage 70, Central Elkader 49, Turkey Valley 35, MFL MarMac 10.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS
Sprint medley - 3. Shawver, Ki. Hackman, Ries, Pesek 1:56.34.
3,000 - 2. Glaser 12:49.96, 4x800 - 1. Ries, Ki. Rings, Nosbisch, Pickar 11:15.60.
Shuttle hurdle relay - 3. Lares, Lester, Ka. Rings, Trower 1:18.05.
100 - 3. Pesek 13.51, 5. Shawver 14.18.
Distance medley - 3. Leichtman, Smith, Lester, Glaser 4:53.50.
400 - 3. Nosbisch 1:06.68.
4x200 - Hackman, Pickar, Ries, Pesek 1:52.68.
100 hurdles - 7. Lares 18.84, 10. Trower 19.20.
800 - 2. Ki. Rings 2:45.54.
200 - 5. Heeren 30.73, 9. Leichtman 31.69.
400 hurdles - 3. Lares 1:18.21, 4. Lester 1:21.08.
1,500 - 2. Pickar 5:35.36.
4x100 - 2. Leichtman, Ki. Hackman, Shawver, Trower 53.94.
4x400 - 1. Ries, Ki. Hackman, Nosbisch, Pesek 4:15.24.
Long jump - 4. Ki. Rings 12-10.75, 7. Leichtman 10-11.75.
High jump - 3. Rosonke 4-2.
Discus - 6. Geerts 82-10, 13. Lares 62-6.
Shot put - 2. Geerts 33-9, 5. Ki. Rings 31-0.

JV RESULTS
Sprint medley - 1. Heeren, Schwickerath, Weber, Vsetecka 2:19.43.
100 - 1. Trower 14.47, 2. Z. Kellogg 14.55.
4x200 - 1. Ka. Hackman, Z. Kellogg, Rosonke, Vsetecka 2:02.38.
100 hurdles - 5. Schwickerath 21.42.
200 - 1. Rosonke 30.64.
4x100 weight person - 1. 1:01.25.
4x100 - 2. Trower, Z. Kellogg, Vsetecka, Ka. Hackman 56.61.
Long jump - 1. Z. Kellogg 11-7.75, 2. Ka. Hackman 11-1.
Discus - 1. Rosonke 76-5, A. Kellogg 72-0, 8. Bodensteiner 5-3.
Shot put - 3. Federspiel 24-11, 7. Bodensteiner 22-2.5, 8. A. Kellogg 22-2.



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New Hampton's Kinsley Hackman competes in the 400 at last week's home meet.

McShane signs with UNI as preferred walk-on

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Athletes like Braden McShane come around only so often for high school programs across the state of Iowa.

For the New Hampton Chickasaws – he'll without question go down as one of the better student athletes to grace the hallways at NHHS. McShane – with his family, coaches, friends and teammates by his side – made a big decision last week Tuesday to sign on the dotted line and play for the University of Northern Iowa football program.

"These past four years have been a good ride. I'm looking forward to what the future holds," said McShane, a senior.

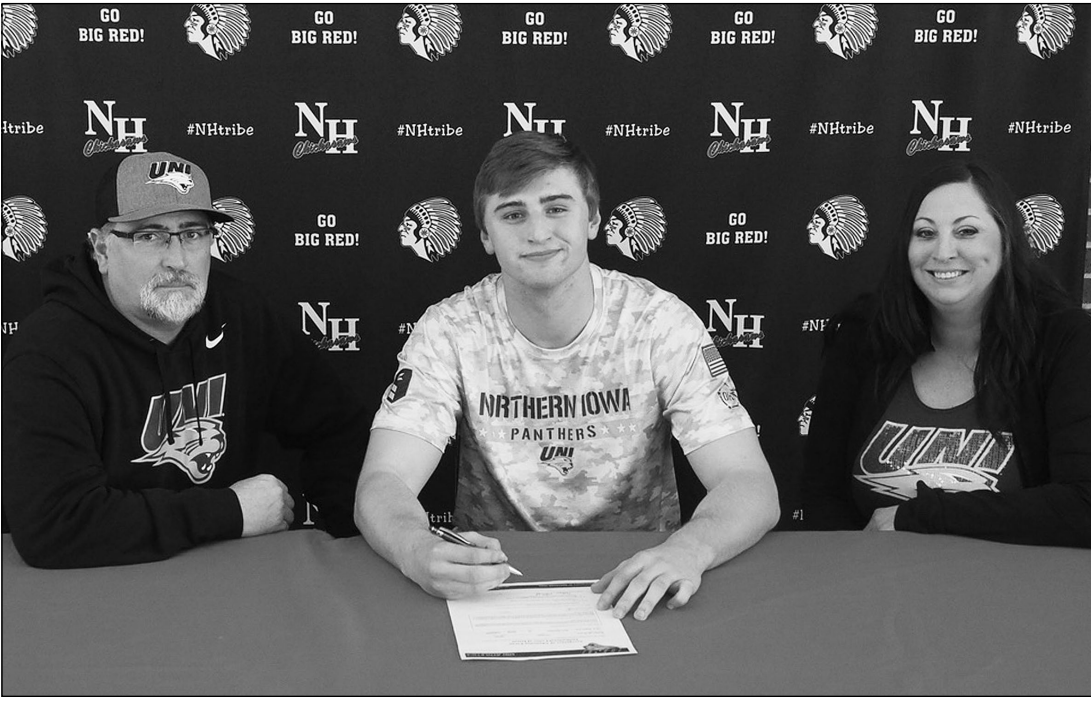
What those past four years have seen materialize is a four-sport star for the Chickasaws in football, wrestling, baseball and track that had a dream and vision early on in his athletic career to one day make his mark.

Mission accomplished. "I was talking to Coach "Mac" as an eighth grader. I told him I wanted to be the best athlete to come out of New Hampton – ever," said McShane. "He said to me, 'you gotta lot of work to do.' I'm just glad I can be put in that conversation."

While McShane still has some unfinished business yet to take care of this spring in track and later this summer for Coach "Mac" – aka Cory McDonald – in baseball, he's eager to snap on a purple and gold Panther helmet and get to work for longtime UNI head coach Mark Farley.

"He liked that I was a four-sport athlete – obviously good on the football field and good at wrestling, too," said McShane about what Farley saw in him. "It's a historic program at the FCS level."

McShane will be a preferred walk-on at UNI and plans to play linebacker – a position he managed to rack up 131.5 career total tackles to go along with 20 tackles for loss as a three-year starter. McShane was also a force to be reckoned with at running back and is the all-time leading



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Braden McShane, New Hampton's all-time leading rusher (3,976 yards) and touchdown holder (53) signed last week Tuesday to play football for the University of Northern Iowa. With him are his father (left) Tony McShane and mother Theresa Douglas.

rusher at New Hampton with 3,976 yards. He accumulated a school record 53 touchdowns.

"Braden has been a really good athlete for us in four sports for four years, as well as a good student in the classroom. He's been a leader. He's a great competitor. He's been in the weight room more than anybody else I can think of in the last four years and he's done a lot of things the right way," said head Chickasaw football coach and New Hampton Athletic Director Scott Frerichs. "We're really excited for Braden and we wish him luck. We'll be following him."

McShane battled injuries his senior season out on the gridiron and that altered his recruitment path in the eyes of some programs that were interested in his ability to make plays on the

defensive side of the football.

After a monster junior season in which he was the top rusher in Class 2A (1,733 rushing yards) and a first-team all-state selection at running back, a hamstring injury saw McShane miss a few games his senior year out on the football field. He still managed 995 yards rushing to go along with 15 touchdowns and 36 tackles (7.5 TFL) at linebacker.

McShane visited Iowa and Iowa State spring football practices and made game day visits where other potential recruits attended games before he made his decision to attend college down in Cedar Falls.

"It was kind of a tough process for me," said McShane. "I was offered by UNI as a junior and

obviously dealt with a lot of injuries and stuff like that. That slowed down my recruiting a lot, but I'm just grateful for the opportunity at UNI to play football there. UNI is home right now."

McShane reflected on a four-year run that was matched by very few on the elite prep level of the gridiron –specifically defense, where he'll look to make critical stops for the Panthers and slow down offenses.

"To be linebacker, you gotta be smart. You gotta know how to read offenses – be strong, fast, agile," said McShane. "You have to be an overall good athlete to play linebacker."

McShane was quick to point out the tremendous help and tutelage he received along the way to hone in his talent and skill at all the various sports he excelled at.

"They've all been crucial to my development – in the weight room, on the field and helping me become a better athlete overall," said McShane.

McShane left his mark in the sport of football and wrestling.

He became the 42nd Chickasaw to claim a state individual title in New Hampton's storied grappling program. McShane struck gold with his state crown secured at 215 pounds after a 5-4 decision over South Tama's Gavin Bridgewater this past winter. Prior to his state championship, he finished third at 220 pounds and fourth in the 182-pound weight division in his other trips to state. He accumulated over 150 career wins in the sport and went 43-1 his senior season.

McShane broke Chickasaw legend Curt Heideman's 1992 NH career rushing mark of 3,775 yards and 51 touchdowns last fall.

McShane is also a standout out on the baseball diamond and was a key player as a freshman on McDonald's 2021 New Hampton squad that reached the state tournament in Carroll.

The pitcher/outfielder ran on New Hampton's distance medley and 4x400 relays as a sophomore at the 2022 state track meet in Des Moines as well.

McShane plans to major in business at UNI. He is the son of Tony McShane and Theresa Douglas of New Hampton.

Venem wins shoot-off with Humpal to win Turkey Valley-SF Invite

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Ashton Venem had himself a week out on the trap range last week.

The Chickasaw senior, along with a whole host of New Hampton trapshooters, hit their marks in the past three meets as the regular season has picked up steam for Jay Matthews' talented bunch.

Venem out-shot his teammate, NH soph Chase Humpal, in a shoot-off on Saturday at the Turkey Valley-SF Invite. Each finished their rounds with 48s, but Venem would be the victor on this day as he nailed 22 targets to Humpal's 19 in the shoot-off.

NH Red won the weekend tournament with a team score of 228 – seven clays better than NH Black's 221.

But NH Black would claim a victory at a home dual with Charles City/ Nashua-Plainfield last week Tuesday with a score of 231. N-P was second with a 228, while NH Red was third (226).

Ethan Swehla, another senior for New Hampton, was red-hot out on the range with smoking 49. Venem brought in another 48, as did senior Hunter Humpal, freshman Jackson Kellogg and senior Nick Brincks.

NH senior Tori Bearman fired a 46. At last Friday's meet at the Sportsman's Club Boyd in Fredericksburg in a meet dubbed "Friday Night Lights," NH Black

reigned supreme once more with 224. But this time NH Red was up for the challenge as one of New Hampton's top squads tied NH Black with a 224 for top team honors.

Venem fired another 48, while Swehla, Hunter Humpal and senior Trinity Schwickerath also came up with 48s.

Bearman shot a 45 and sophomore Jennifer Schwickerath was the third-best girls shooter last Friday with a 43.

New Hampton's scheduled meet at Nashua on Tuesday was cancelled because of rain. New Hampton is scheduled to take on Cedar Falls tonight (Thursday) at home.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9 TOP-THREE SQUADS
NH Black 231, Nashua-Plainfield 228, NH Red 226.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Ethan Swehla (NH) 49, Ashton Venem (NH) 48, Hunter Humpal (NH) 48, Jackson Kellogg (NH) 48, Micaiah Groothuis (NP) 48, Nick Brincks (NH) 48, Colin Wilson (NH) 47.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Morgan McMurchy (CC) 48, Tori Bearman (NH) 46, Ali Blickenderfer (CC) 45.

NEW HAMPTON SQUAD RESULTS

NH Black (231) - Humpal, 48, Jonathan Condon 46, Swehla 49, Wyatt Schwickerath 40, Kellogg 48.

NH Red (226) - Venem 48, Isaak Schwickerath 44, Trinity Schwickerath 44, Brincks 48, Aaron Holschlag 42.

NH White (215) - Chase Humpal 39, Ben Douglas 42, Wilson 47, Nolan Swehla 42, Devon Snyder 45.

NH Gold (211) - Bearman 46, Aleah Eichenberger 39, Karla Pickar 43, Rhiannon Ellingson 42, Emmett Kuehner 41.



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New Hampton senior Ashton Venem keeps his eyes on a target at home a home meet earlier this year in Fredericksburg.

NH Silver (173) - Ty Bearman 41, Caleb Utley 44, Jake Schwickerath 44, Grace Maloy 44.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12 TOP-THREE BOYS

NH Black 224, NH Red 224, Charles City 1 220.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Venem (NH) 48, Cole Cross (CC) 48, E. Swehla 48, H. Humpal 48, T. Schwickrath 48.

Cole Jones (CC) 47, Wyatt Schradle (CC) 47, Harley Hinz (CC) 45, J.R. O'Neill (NP) 45, Brincks (NH) 45.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Blickenderfer (CC) 48, Taylor Quade (CC) 45, To. Bearman (NH) 45, Eichenberger (NH) 43.

NEW HAMPTON SQUAD RESULTS

NH Black (224) – H. Humpal 48, Condon 42, E. Swehla 48, W. Schwickerath 42,

Kellogg 44.

NH Red (224) - Venem 48, I. Schwickerath 43, T. Schwickerath 48, Brincks 45, Holschlag 40.

NH Gold (203) - To. Bearman 45, Eichenberger 43, Pickar 35, Carson Burke 40, Kuehner 40.

NH White (195) - C. Humpal 40, Douglas 37, Wilson 40, N. Swehla 38, Snyder 40.

NH Silver (186) - Ty Bearman 39, Cargin Robinson 35, Utley 38, J. Schwickerath 41, Maloy 33.

NH Platinum (136) - Benson Burke 29, Ellingson 40, Danielle Ellingson 35, Jennifer Eichenberger 32.

SATURDAY TV-SF INVITE TOP-THREE SQUADS

NH Red 228, NH Black 221, TV Red 216.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Venem (NH) 48-22, C. Humpal (NH) 48-19, Carter Burkhardt (CC) 47, Cross (CC) 47, Jones (CC) 47, Brincks (NH) 47, (Eight tied with 46).

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Cadyn Huber (TV) 45, Hayley Burke (OEL) 44, Theresa Hanson (TV) 44, Alexis Elsbernd (TV) 43, Quade (CC) 43.

NEW HAMPTON SQUADS

NH Red (228) - Venem 48, I. Schwickerath 43, T. Schwickerath 46, Brincks 47, Holschlag 44.

NH Black (221) - H. Humpal 46, Condon 43, E. Swehla 46, W. Schwickerath 40, Kellogg 46.

NH White (207) - C. Humpal 48, Douglas 39, Wilson 37, N. Swehla 40, Snyder 43.

NH Gold (193) - To. Bearman 42, A. Eichenberger 41, Pickar 39, C. Burke 29, Kuehner 42.

NH Silver (169) - Ty Bearman 39, Robinson 46, J. Schwickerath 42, Maloy 42.

NH Platinum (121) - B. Burke 33, R. Ellingson 39, D. Ellingson 30, J. Eichenberger 19.

TV golfers start out season well with win over West Central

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Turkey Valley (179) defeated West Central (202) by 23 strokes in the season opener at Big Rock Country Club in Fayette last week Thursday.

Trojan freshman Nicholas Bernhard was the overall meet medalist with a 43 and the stellar shooting continued throughout much of TV's lineup as almost all of John Reicks' squad shot in the 40s.

If not for one bad hole for Bernhard, Reicks said he would have lowered his score into the 30s in what was his varsity debut.

"It was a cold, blustery afternoon but the Trojans were able to dispatch a much-improved Blue Devil team to start off the season on a winning note," said Reicks.

TV freshman Brady Blong (44) and seniors Caleb Kurtenbach (45) and Oliver Schmitt (48) rounded out the 40 rounds that the Trojans were able to produce.

The TV boys also took on North Fayette Valley on Monday at Pleasant Valley Sporting Club in Clermont on Monday. NFV downed TV, 173 to 189.

Kurtenbach took home medalist honors with a 40 on the par-36 course. Schmitt lowered his score to a 43 and the next-best golfer for TV was Logan Busta's 52.

"Caleb went eagle-par-birdie over his last three holes to win by two strokes to overcome a disastrous nine on hole number-four," said Reicks.

Blake Everitt of NFV was medalist runner-up with a 42.



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Turkey Valley's Caleb Kurtenbach tees off in a meet last year held at Jackson Heights Golf Course.

The TV girls defeated West Central – 230 to 246. NFV topped TV on the girls side, 205 to 225.

Morgan Vsetecka, a junior, nabbed medalist honors at Big Rock CC with a 51. That round was a career low for the Trojan.

"Morgan was red-hot with her iron play as she

navigated the tricky front nine at Big Rock with finesse and grit," said Reicks.

Trojan sophomore Annika Bodensteiner fired a "double-nickel (55).

"Annika, meanwhile, was just one stroke away from finishing as the meet runner-up and fin-

ished one shot behind Faith Streinbronn of WC," Reicks added.

Bodensteiner came back and fired a 51 on Monday to earn the medalist runner-up slot, followed by Vsetecka's 54.

Turkey Valley's meet on Tuesday at Silvercrest Golf & Country Club between Decorah and South Winneshiek was cancelled because of rain showers.

TV tees off in the home opener at Jackson Heights Golf Course today (Thursday) in a dual versus South Winneshiek.

TURKEY VALLEY GIRLS 230, WEST CENTRAL 246

Medalist - Morgan Vsetecka, Turkey Valley 51.

Turkey Valley scores - Vsetecka 51, Mariah Thronsdon 61, Annika Bodensteiner 55, Karstyn Lukes 62, Sofia Rivera 65, Brooklyn Kuennen 62.

JV scores - Delaney Busta 65, Emma Brincks 66, Kendall Kuennen 74.

TURKEY VALLEY BOYS 179, WEST CENTRAL 202.

Medalist - Nicholas Bernhard, Turkey Valley 43.

Turkey Valley scores - Bernhard 43, Oliver Schmitt 48, Caleb Kurtenbach 45, Brady Blong 44, Braylen Byrne 47, Logan Busta 52.

JV scores - Bode Balk 59, Calen Franzen 52, Wyatt Maklenburg 62, Colton Kurtenbach 58, Tucker Reicks 65.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 205, TURKEY VALLEY GIRLS 225

Medalist - Taryn Moser, North Fayette Valley 50.

Turkey Valley scores - Vsetecka 54, Bodensteiner 51, Thronsdon 61, Lukes 71, Busta 58.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 173, TURKEY VALLEY BOYS 189

Medalist - Ca. Kurtenbach, Turkey Valley 40.

Turkey Valley scores - Ca. Kurtenbach 40, Schmitt 43, Byrne 54, Balk 60, Busta 52, Franzen 57.

JV scores - Maklenburg 58, Co. Kurtenbach 58, Lucas Jackson 50, Reicks 52, Schmitt 64.

NH Red 228, NH Black 221, TV Red 216.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Ashton Venem (NH) 48-22, Chase Humpal (NH) 48-19, Carter Burkhardt (CC) 47, Cole Cross (CC) 47, Cole Jones (CC) 47, Nick Brincks (NH) 47, (Eight tied with 46).

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Cadyn Huber (TV) 45, Hayley Burke (OEL) 44, Theresa Hanson (TV) 44, Alexis Elsbernd (TV) 43, Taylor Quade (CC) 43.

TURKEY VALLEY SQUADS

TV Red (216) - Cadyn Huber 45, Graham Schmitt 46, Landon Huber 41, Ethan Orvis 41, Alexis Elsbernd 43.

TV Black (202) - Theresa Hanson 44, Avery Franzen 34, Jonah Orvis 44, Hunter Nelson 42, Hunter Kruse 38.

TV Orange (195) - William Diers 46, Jonathan Redfern 32, Wade Petersen 40, Tristan Pullman 40, Boden Toussaint 37.

TV White (145) - Caden Tiedt 41, Lincoln Holtz 39, Jadeyn Mueterthies 25, Kaden Dierks 40.

Turkey Valley Red finishes third at home invite over weekend

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The Turkey Valley Red trapshooting squad finished in third place at the TV-SF Invite this past Saturday with a team tally of 216.

New Hampton Red (228) won the meet, while New Hampton Black (221)

finished runner-up.

TV senior Cadyn Huber was the top shot for the Trojans as she won the girls side of the competition with a 45. Theresa Hanson, a freshman, wound up second overall with a 44. She tied Hayley Burke of Oelwein.

Graham Schmitt, a freshman, wound up with a 46, as did Trojan

junior William Diers. Turkey Valley junior Jonah accumulated a score of 44 out of 50 potential targets.

TV also held its Turkey Valley Memorial Shoot on Sunday.

The Trojans next scheduled meet will take place this Saturday at the NH Invite at 9 a.m.

SATURDAY TV-SF INVITE TOP-THREE SQUADS

Chickasaw boys just miss goal, but coach finds plenty of positives at home coed meet

Ewert leads New Hampton medal haul with victory in the 100-meter dash

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Scott Jenkins was hoping for a top-three finish at the New Hampton Coed Invitational this past Thursday, and although the Chickasaws came up two stinking points from accomplishing that goal, their coach was still smiling. “I’m pretty happy because, for the most part, we accomplished what we wanted to,” Jenkins said. “We scored in pretty much every event we competed in and that was a big goal. We doubled up in a few events. And we competed, for the most part, pretty well. On a night like that, I was less worried about times and wanted to see

our kids keep battling.” Waukon won the wind-swept meet with 164 points, 42 more than second-place Sumner-Fredericksburg, while North Fayette Valley edged New Hampton for third, 92-90. New Hampton had just one win — Adam Ewert claimed the 100-meter dash title — but the Chickasaws came up with a trio of runner-up finishes as Kinnick Wisner to Dylan Maloy to Ewert to Beau Serie took second in the sprint medley, freshman Cade Carpenter was second in the 400 and the 4x100 team of Wisner, Maloy, Jay Pickar and Ewert also finished second.

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New Hampton’s Adam Ewert runs to a victory in the 100-meter dash during the New Hampton Coed Invitational that was held this past weekend.

Variety is serving New Hampton very well

Chickasaw girls coach’s philosophy producing solid results, some ‘nice surprises’ on the track

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They say variety is the spice of life, but New Hampton girls track coach Jeanette Laures will also tell you variety also builds strong track teams.

Her runners aren’t going to argue with her.

“She’s good at adding variety for us,” New Hampton junior Taylor Ries said. “She doesn’t make us all run the same thing all the time, which is pretty nice. She ran in college, so she understands what it’s like. She’s a good person, good coach. She makes it fun.”

And the Chickasaws had plenty of fun in what turned into a busy seven-day stretch as they won three relays at a meet in Osage last Tuesday and then finished a strong second in their home coed meet last Thursday before taking runner-up honors at its home invitational on Monday.

Few, if any Chickasaws, run the exact program in back-to-back meets early in the season, and this year is no exception. Laures wants her track athletes to experience a variety of races.

“That’s been my philosophy and coach [Brian] Schmitt’s philosophy since Day 1 ... for a lot of different reasons,” she said Monday night. “You can get bored running the same thing, and it’s a good training tool to move your races around so if I want to be a better 200 runner, I should run 400s so I can finish better. Plus, I think it adds value to everyone on the team.”

New Hampton claimed titles in the sprint medley, 4x200 and 4x400 relays in Osage, although it was the latter that provided the biggest splash as Ries to Kinsley Hackman to Megan Pickar to Hailee Pesek completed the four laps in 4:13.54, which as of Tuesday was the fifth fastest time recorded in Class 2A this spring.

“What really impressed me is we ran that all by ourselves,” Laures said. “The girls really showed some heart in that because running a 4:13 being pushed is hard; doing it when you’re running all by yourself is even harder.”

Two nights later, New Hampton won five races and earned a slew of medals but the Chickasaws didn’t quite have enough to overtake Crestwood’s prowess in the field events and had to settle for a runner-up finish.



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Taylor Ries (above) anchors New Hampton’s winning distance medley relay while senior Addison Trower (right) competes in the shuttle hurdle relay at last Thursday’s home meet.

Sophie Glaser to Kinslee Rings to Natalie Nosbisch to Megan Pickar produced a win in the 4x800, Pesek won both the 100 and 200, Ries claimed a 400 hurdles win and Hackman to Pickar to Shawver to Pesek won the 4x100.

On Monday, it was Wapsie Valley that denied the host Chickasaws a team title, but New Hampton did gets wins from its 4x800 team of Ries, Rings, Nosbisch and Pickar and

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Chickasaws pick up road soccer sweep

New Hampton girls slip past Clayton Ridge 2-1 before boys roll to an 8-1 win

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The New Hampton soccer teams had a week to stew over a painful trip to Clear Lake, and that was bad news for Clayton Ridge on Friday night as the Chickasaws made the long drive to Garnavillo with a sweep on the pitch.

The girls opened the night with a 2-1 victory while the boys bounced back from a 10-0 trouncing at the hand of Clear Lake with a dominating 8-1 victory.

“It was a really good night for New Hampton soccer,” boys coach Jeff Monteith said, “and I think what we liked the most about it was just how both teams were really solidly behind each other. The girls could hear us, and our boys definitely heard the girls.”

Start with the Chickasaw girls, who

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New Hampton golf coach Eric Olson talks with Alivia Geerts (left) and Maycen Hackman as they make their way up a fairway during a meet last week in Tripoli.



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New Hampton’s Charlie Kriener watches his ball roll toward the hole during a meet at Tripoli last week.

Chickasaw boys get first wins at Tripoli

Freshman Kriener is medalist runner-up as New Hampton gets victory in road triangular

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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And two freshmen shall lead them?

That was exactly the case for the New Hampton boys golf team at Maple Hills Country Club over in Tripoli on Friday.

Chickasaw ninth-graders Jax Shekleton and Charlie Kriener led the charge for New Hampton in a triangular versus the host Panthers of Tripoli and Don Bosco.

Kriener — fresh off of his team-leading 40 at Veterans Memorial Golf Course in Clear Lake last week Tuesday — carded a 43 at Maple Hills for medalist runner-up honors.

New Hampton won the meet with a score of 177 — 10 strokes better than Tripoli and Don Bosco’s 187.

Shekleton — the somewhat rare combo of wrestler/golfer — notched a 44, which ended up being the second-best score for NH on the par 36 course that is

as flat as they come. While that non-hilly landscape may make it seem like it would be an easy course to tame, the fast greens and 25 mile-an-hour wind that ravaged tee and iron shots was a true reality check for some linksters out there on a day that was almost devoid of clouds.

“It’s as fast as you’ll see,” said NH coach Doc Ewert about the greens. “Compared to our course — our kids had a little trouble adjusting.”

Golfers soaked in the sun on a beautiful spring day, which saw Cale Halverson of Tripoli nab medalist honors with a one-over-par 37 on the nine-hole course just east of town.

But that wind, it was tough to overcome.

“That affects it a little bit, too,” said Ewert, who mentioned the same greenskeeper that manages Tripoli’s course also takes care of Jesup and Denver’s putting surfaces.

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Chickasaw girls remain unbeaten

New Hampton girls golf team post its best nine-hole score in five years

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The New Hampton girls golf team is halfway home — at least in the regular season portion of its 2024 slate of meets.

Now it’s time to take a bit of a breather.

The Chickasaws and head coach Eric Olson — ranked third according to the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association (IHSGCA) — moved to 8-0 on the season on Monday with a 187-208 dual triumph over Crestwood on Monday at the New Hampton Golf & Country Club (NHGCC).

It’s been a busy start to the season as that meet against the Cadets put in the books the sixth meet of the year already. That means right at half of NH’s 12 regular season meets are complete.

“That’s a lot,” said Olson, who is hoping to guide New Hampton to its seventh-consecutive state berth in his time as leader of the Chickasaw golf program later this spring.

Just how talented is Olson’s bunch — who is hoping to play in its eighth state tournament in

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Spring HOME IMPROVEMENT



Make it a relaxing bathroom

Homeowners want to view their homes as a respite from all that goes on outside their doors.

Indeed, turning a home into a residents-only retreat can ensure everyone looks forward to walking through the front door at the end of the day.

One of the more popular ways to turn a home into one's own personal retreat is to upgrade the bathroom.

A renovated bathroom can completely transform how individuals feel about their homes.

The following are some features to consider when remodeling a bathroom with relaxation in mind.

Open shower

An open shower is a visually stunning addition to any bathroom. Such showers give a bathroom a more open look, thanks in part to the fact that these modern features do not feature a door or require the use of a shower curtain.

The result is a clean look that many

people associate with a luxury hotel. When speaking with a contractor about an open shower install, homeowners can ask about a half-wall to safeguard against water splashing out of the shower.

In addition, a heat lamp can help ensure residents stay warm until they're ready to leave the bathroom.

Heated features

Additional features to keep everyone calm and warm can be considered when upgrading the bathroom.

Radiant flooring can ensure everyone's toes remain toasty, and the installation of such a feature can eliminate the need for floor mats and bath mats that some homeowners may not like.

Commit further to the heat theme with a heated towel rack, which is another feature associated with luxury hotels that can be just as enjoyable at home.

Soaking tub

An open shower creates an instant feeling of luxury, but few things are more sug-

gestive of relaxation than a soaking tub.

A long day at school or the office or a day when winter winds are howling outside is made much better with a good a soak.

The National Kitchen & Bath Association notes that luxury bathrooms featuring soaking tubs are wildly popular, and that vaunted status is undoubtedly due to the relaxing benefits of a good soak.

Skylight

Even if the goal of a luxury bathroom is to leave the outside world outside, allowing some natural light inside is a great way to add a little extra calm to the room.

Floor-to-ceiling windows may seem appealing in brochures or ads, but such features do not create the sense of privacy many people prefer in their bathrooms.

One or two skylights can create that sense of privacy and still allow for natural light to enter the room, making this an option that provides the best of both worlds.

Don't forget about possibility of giving garage a new look

Garages may rank below kitchens and bathrooms in the home renovation pecking order, but these unsung heroes of dwellings deserve their day in the sun.

It's easy for garages to become convenient, if crowded and disorganized, storage spaces, but scores of homeowners are embracing the idea that renovated garages can serve a more functional purpose.

Prior to beginning a garage renovation, homeowners can consider a host of factors that will guide the direction of the project and ultimately produce a more functional space.



• Appeal: Though many homeowners understandably want to ensure their homes are amenable to their own lifestyles without worrying about the effects a given project might have on resale value, it's best that they do not completely ignore the latter variable.

Now that more people work from home, some may see a garage converted into a home office space as more functional. Homeowners can speak with a local real estate agent to learn more about local buyers' preferences before beginning a garage renovation project.

• Function of the space: It's important to consider why you want to renovate the garage. Is it to build a designated home office space? A fully outfitted home gym? A home theater? An extra bedroom? An in-laws suite?

Each of these options are popular reasons to renovate a garage, and each may require a different approach during the project. The desired function also may affect the cost, so it's best to identify precisely what the room will be used for post-renovation.

• The existing space: When mulling a garage renovation, contact a local garage conversion expert to audit the space. Such a professional can assess the existing space and determine what will need to be done beyond the design of the room. Will additional electrical outlets need to be installed? Will the room require additional ventilation? Will a new doorway need to be created to allow for easier access?

• Storage: The home renovation experts at Angi estimate that the average garage remodel costs around \$18,000. That's considerably less than a home addition project, which can easily exceed six figures. So a garage remodel might be more budget-friendly than a room addition. However, homeowners should consider what's currently in their garages and where those items will end up if the room is repurposed. If it's primarily lawn care items and kids' toys, a new shed with ample storage space might work.

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Create that storage space you need in your kitchen

If home is where the heart is, then the kitchen is where that heart spends most of its time. Kitchens are where family and friends tend to congregate during holiday celebrations, and many a homework assignment has been completed at a kitchen island while parents prepare dinner.

The popularity of kitchens is reflected in the attention these rooms get from renovation-minded homeowners. Data from the National Association of Home Builders indicates kitchens are the most popular room to remodel. Upgrading kitchen storage is a popular renovation project, and it's also one that has practical appeal. Adding more storage in the kitchen gives the room a more organized feel, which can make preparing meals more enjoyable and create space when hosting and guests inevitably congregate around an island. With those benefits in mind, would-be organizers can consider these strategies to create more storage space in the kitchen.

- **Take stock of the spice rack.** Creating more storage space does not necessarily have to involve tools like screwdrivers, hammers and nails. Spice racks can easily become overcrowded as amateur cooks expand their culinary repertoire. A crowded spice rack inevitably spills out onto the surrounding countertop. Take stock of the spice rack and discard any spices or seasonings you haven't used in a while. This can create a more organized look and free up extra counter space.

- **Make a digital cookbook.** If your go-to recipes are filling a binder or two, those binders are almost certainly taking up precious storage space. Scan printed recipes and covert your physical recipe collection into a digital cookbook you store on a tablet.

- **Install roll-out shelving in the pantry.** Roll-out shelving puts the entire pantry to use. Without such shelving, items are destined to be relegated to that nether region known as the back of the pantry. Some items never emerge from this area, as cooks forget they're there and then purchase duplicates, which inevitably contributes to storage issues. Roll-out shelving ensures all items in the pantry can be found and greatly reduces the likelihood that cooks will have lots of duplicate items taking up precious kitchen space.

- **Remove single-use gadgets from the kitchen.** Much like spices and seasonings vital to the preparation of specialty meals have a tendency to be used just once, kitchen gadgets that lack versatility have a way of gathering dust and taking up storage space. Whether it's a popcorn maker or a seldom-used but space-needy wok, store single-use gadgets in the garage or another area of the house.



Add a few bucks to that selling price

The adage "there's a lid for every pot" suggests that, even in relation to the real estate market, there's bound to be a buyer for every home on the market.

Price is a significant variable in the minds of potential buyers, but there are additional factors that can affect the impression people get of a given home.

Certain home features can tip the scales in favor of sellers. In fact, various renovations can help sell homes more readily.

And these renovations need not cost a fortune. Putting a home on the market can be stressful, but these renovations may help it sell fast.

- **A fresh coat of paint:** Although painting is relatively inexpensive and a job that some do-it-yourselfers can tackle, it's not a task relished by many.

Painting is messy, it takes time, and requires moving furniture. In fact, prepping a room for painting often is the toughest component of any painting

job. But fresh coats of paint can create a strong first impression. Choose a neutral color and get painting.

- **Jennie Norris,** chairwoman for the International Association of Home Staging Professionals, says gray is a "safe" color that has been trending in recent years.

- **Minor bathroom remodel:** Remove dated wall coverings, replace fixtures, consider re-glazing or replacing an old tub, and swap old shower doors for fast fixes in a bathroom.

If there's more room in the budget, replacing a tub, tile surround, floor, toilet, sink, vanity, and fixtures can cost roughly \$10,500, says HGTV. You'll recoup an average of \$10,700 at resale, making a minor bathroom remodel a potentially worthy investment.

- **Redone kitchen:** The kitchen tends to be the hub of a home. This room gets the most usage and attention of any space, and it's a great place to focus your remodeling attention.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry estimates that homeowners can recover up to 52 percent of the cost of a kitchen upgrade upon

selling a home. Buyers want a functional and updated kitchen. Trending features include drawer-style microwaves and dishwashers, commercial ranges, hidden outlets, and even wine refrigerators.

- **Updated heating and cooling system:** Better Homes and Gardens reports that homeowners may be able to recoup 85 percent of the cost of new HVAC systems when they sell their homes.

Heating, cooling and ventilation components are vital to maintain. You don't want buyers to be taken aback by an older system, and many millennial buyers are not willing to overlook old mechanical systems.

- **Fresh landscaping:** A home's exterior is the first thing buyers will see. If they pull up to a home with eye-catching landscaping and outdoor areas that are attractive yet functional, they're more likely to be intrigued.

Often buyers will equate a home that features an impressive exterior with upkeep inside as well. The American Nursery Landscape Association says the average homeowner may spend \$3,500 for landscaping.

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Create a peaceful feel in your home

Homes are often characterized as sanctuaries for their residents. A calm place to come home to after a busy day at work or school is often just what people need to unwind.

Certain design components can help individuals turn their homes into relaxing respites from the daily grind. With that goal in mind, individuals can consider these ideas to create a peaceful feel inside their homes.

Paint with neutral colors

Wall colors can define the mood in a given room, and neutral colors have long been linked to a calming effect. Subtle shades like beige, taupe and light gray are known to create a relaxed vibe in a room, so these colors can be a go-to choice.

Some people consider neutral colors a tad boring, so individuals concerned by that impression can limit neutral colors to rooms designated as sanctuaries, like a reading room, a spa bathroom or a bedroom.

Employ natural light

Natural light also can help to establish a serene setting at home. Large windows that let daylight in can improve anyone's mood.



A 2022 study from researchers at the University of Chile in Santiago found that the more natural light that entered a home, the happier people said they felt. Study authors even noted that the largest uptick in well-being was found among participants who lived in homes in which windows cov-

ered at least 40 percent of the dwelling's wall space.

Opening blinds or curtains and, if possible, installing larger windows in a home can help to establish the relaxing, happy vibe individuals are aiming for.

Utilize plants to set a peaceful tone

The United Kingdom-based Royal Horticultural Society notes that research has found that indoor plants can benefit psychological well-being. The RHS notes that improved mood and reduced stress levels are two benefits that indoor plants can provide. A good mood and less stress can help individuals establish the peaceful feel they're aiming for at home.

Keep devices out of bedrooms

Watching television while lying in bed, scanning a smart-

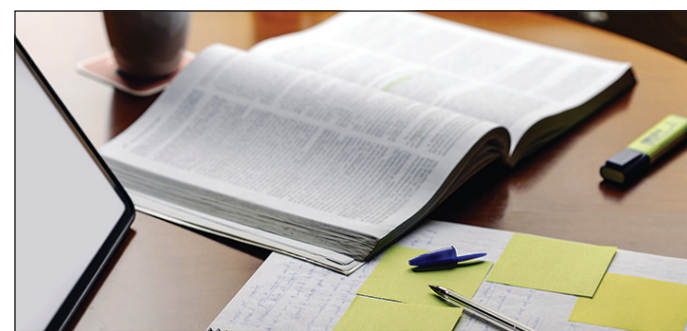
phone before turning off a nightstand light and retiring for the night, or reading an e-reader instead of a print book at night can transform a bedroom from a serene setting into one that's overrun with stimuli.

According to the Sleep Foundation, technology stimulates the mind, which can make it harder to fall asleep.

In addition, blue light emitted by devices disrupts the natural production of melatonin, a hormone that makes it easier to fall asleep.

That can negate any efforts individuals have undertaken to make their bedrooms as peaceful as possible.

Designate bedrooms in the house as technology-free zones to ensure the peaceful vibe continues uninterrupted until everyone goes to bed.



Help your kids, create an ideal study space

Study skills are integral to academic success. Such abilities help students learn more efficiently and effectively, which can lead to better grades on assignments and tests. Developing strong study habits can prepare students for future success in life, as dedication to studying can be mirrored in habits related to job performance.

The desire to study is one component of being involved in the task. However, setting up an environment conducive to studying is another part of this important equation. Students looking to study longer and better may want to re-evaluate study environments at home. Here are some ways to implement positive changes.

• **Isolate from interruptions.** The first step to setting up a study location is to pick a spot away from the hustle and bustle of the household. While a separate room or home office can be helpful, an out-of-the way nook or similar spot can be just as effective.

• **Keep only pertinent materials nearby.** It may be tempting to check your phone or watch videos or television if those devices are close to the study area. Make it stark and outfitted with only what's necessary for the study session.

• **Focus on good lighting.** To avoid eye strain and avoid difficulty focusing, make sure the study area has adequate lighting. Lighting behind you will help illuminate the pages of textbooks and additional reading materials.

• **Aim for ergonomics and comfort.** You'll want to be comfortable while studying, but not so much that you're falling asleep. Choose a chair that is supportive and keeps you seated in a neutral position.

• **Store supplies nearby.** Having to constantly get up and grab supplies increases the risk of distractions adversely affecting your study time. A zippered pouch or a tote bag that contains all of your study materials can be kept within reach.

• **Keep a clock in view.** A clock should not deter you from studying. Setting deadlines and time constraints on study time can encourage focus.

• **Utilize noise effectively.** Some people need absolute quiet to study. Others appreciate some white noise or music to sharpen their focus. Identify what works for you and incorporate that into your study area.

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Tips to help everyone bring their gardens back to life

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that pays a host of significant dividends. Many people love gardening because it allows them to spend time outdoors, and that simple pleasure is indeed a notable benefit of working in a garden.

But the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture notes that gardening provides a host of additional benefits, including helping people get sufficient levels of exercise, reduce

stress and improve mood.

With so much to gain from gardening, it's no wonder people look forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden each spring. As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

- **Discard the dead weight.** Winter can take its toll on a garden, even in regions where the weather between December and early spring



is not especially harsh. Discard dead plants that have lingered into spring and prune any perennials that need it. Branches that fell during winter storms also should be removed at this point if they have not previously been discarded.

- **Test the soil.** Soil testing kits can be purchased at local garden centers and home improvement retailers. Such tests are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.

- **Mulch garden beds.** Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and

preventing the growth of weeds. Various garden experts note that mulching in spring can prevent weed seeds from germinating over the course of spring and summer. That means plants won't have to fight with weeds for water when the temperature warms up. It also means gardeners won't have to spend time pulling weeds this summer.

- **Inspect your irrigation system.**

Homeowners with in-ground irrigation systems or above-ground systems that utilize a drip or soaker function can inspect the systems before plants begin to bloom. Damaged sprinkler

heads or torn lines can deprive plants of water they will need to bloom and ultimately thrive once the weather warms up.

- **Tune up your tools.**

Gardening tools have likely been sitting around gathering dust since fall. Serious gardeners know that tools can be expensive, so it pays to protect that investment by maintaining the tools.

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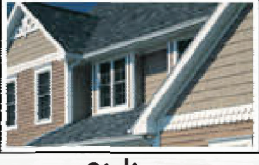
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