



Teachers (left) exit the building during a school-shooting drill while EMS personnel work on one of the “victims” — music teacher Erica Koster (above) — in the cafeteria.

Multiple agencies take part in drill they hope never becomes reality

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shooter, played by Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office dispatcher and jailer Shawn Douglas, entered the activity entrance near the competition gymnasium — the school campus was the scene of a nightmare for the men and women inside the building and the scores of others who raced to it.

The drill was held on a day when students were dismissed two hours early for a professional development day, and a few minutes after the “shooter” entered the building, dozens of teachers were seen leaving the building. Other instructors, though, were “victims” who were located throughout the building.

Law enforcement — namely the New Hampton Police Department, the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa State Patrol — entered the building and once the shooter was neutralized, EMS personnel rushed in to take care of



A Gundersen Air helicopter lands on the New Hampton High School football practice field during last week's drill.

the wounded, some who were transferred to MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, which also took part in the drill.

A number of agencies — some live; some simulated — took part in the drill that included teachers from all three New Hampton Community Schools buildings as well as St. Joseph Community School.

“We’ve had a planning committee that has been meeting for more than six months,” Bernatz said, “and I can’t thank them enough. We wanted to make it as real as we can. Yes, it’s a drill, but it’s important that everyone involved takes it seriously.”

New Hampton Community Schools Superintendent Jay Jurens said he felt the drill went well.

“Honestly, it went better than I expected,” he said. “Now, granted we learned a lot but that’s what you want from these things. It doesn’t even have to be said, but we hope something like this never happens. At the same time, let’s be prepared for anything and everything.”

During Monday’s Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting, the drill was discussed.

“We learned some things, which is the goal,” said Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson, who said he believes that “we’ll take this show on the road” to other communities in the county. “I don’t believe that those locations will be as full scale as this one was. I believe they’ll probably be more ‘table top,’ unless the school administration would like something a little bit bigger.”

Sheriff Ryan Shawver told supervisors that his office wasn’t involved as much as others in the planning of the drill.

“From our standpoint, we don’t want to know a whole lot what’s going on so that we can make it as real as possible,” he said. “I thought it went very well. Like Joel said, we learned a lot of things. I’d consider it a success because of what we took away from it.”

Supervisor Travis Suckow said that while he had no issues with conducting the drill in New Hampton, but he wants to make sure other school districts have the same opportunity to conduct a drill.

“I will say that I feel it was a good deal,” he said, “but I think we need to do it in all the schools in the county.”

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Bernatz said he wanted to make sure that those involved in the drill were recognized.

“I think all of the folks who

were here got something out of this, and in EMA, whenever we can get people from different agencies to work together, to train together, that’s a huge plus. Trust me, when the real thing happens, that practice helps a ton.”

He said several disciplines were on hand for the drill — either on the scene or through a simulation — and they included:

- Emergency Management Agencies: Chickasaw, Howard and Fayette counties.
- Schools: New Hampton Elementary, New Hampton Middle School, New Hampton High School and St. Joseph Community School.
- Law enforcement: New Hampton Police Department, Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office, Iowa State Patrol and Chickasaw County Emergency Communications Center.
- Rescue and EMS: Chickasaw County EMS, Chickasaw County Rescue Squad, Nashua Area EMS, Regional Health Services of Howard County and AMR.
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Council drops sergeant position, for now, to comply with state code

City leaders will revisit issue with new police chief; OKs ‘on-call’ pay for remaining officers

By Bob Fenske
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The New Hampton City Council pulled out a quote from an American poet on Monday night when it decided not to retain the position of sergeant in the city's Police Department. City leaders recently learned that the position is in conflict with Iowa Code in that the sergeant is both a member of the union that represents the city's police officers and in a management position, and City Attorney Todd Prichard said that isn't allowed under Iowa Code 20.4.

"You can't have it both ways," Prichard said. "You can't have somebody be in the bargaining unit and be management and you can't have management be in the bargaining unit. There's a separation there."

Prichard gave the council several options on how it could proceed to comply with the code, and Councilwoman Kalista Porath said she felt, at least for the time being, that the sergeant position should be eliminated.

"I guess I kind of look at a Maya Angelo quote with this one — 'Do the best you can until you know better, and then when you know better, do better,' So I guess [I will] make a motion that we, pursuant to Article 34 in the current collective bargaining agreement," Porath said, "the city elects to not to retain the position of sergeant within the police department and we can decide at a later time if a true need exists for the rank of sergeant."

Among the other options Prichard gave the council included removing the sergeant from the bargaining unit, amend the job classification for the position or do nothing, which he pointed out would mean the city wasn't following state code.

The city attorney said that the sergeant position quandary is a prime example of why the city has been moving ahead with updating city codes.

"Chapter 20 went under a lot of changes in 2016," Prichard said. "It's one of those things, it's kind of like codification, the law maybe changes and then we don't necessarily catch all the internal conflicts between state code and how we're doing business."

During Monday's meeting, the council set a public hearing on the updates to the city codes for May 20.

When it came to the sergeant's position, which is currently held by Paul Scally, Prichard's advice was to allow the city's new police chief to be involved in the discussion when it comes to possibly reinstating the position.

Asked by Councilwoman Deb Larsen if leadership roles in the department would be determined by seniority, Prichard said that it was up to "you as the council or the mayor [to] determine it to be done."

But he said there was another option for the council and Mayor Steve Geerts to follow. "The other thing you can

do and probably the course of action I would recommend is once you hire and have a new chief in place, bring them into the discussion because it will be their department," Prichard said. "They'll be the department head. They should have a say in how they're going to structure the leadership roles in their department. I can see with a small department, it's just going to be the chief and the patrolmen or I can see he wants to have someone designated as his No. 2."

Council members agreed that, for now, doing away with the position and voted unanimously to support Porath's motion.

But technically, the department will have a sergeant on its rolls until at least sometime next month.

That's because Prichard said the "current sergeant is on medical leave until June sometime [and] we've been advised by the employment attorney to hold the position until he returns, so this is effective upon his return."

Also on Monday, the City Council approved providing "on-call pay" to the officers at what will be an especially undermanned police department, beginning today (Thursday).

That's because Interim Police Chief Doug Eagan worked his last shift for the department on Wednesday.

Eagan, who was named to the post after Geerts accepted the resignation of then-Police Chief Tim Pederson on April 15, turned in his letter of resignation last month.

That will leave the department with just three officers available for duty.

City Clerk Karen Clemens told the council that the recommendation was to pay officers who are on call \$15 per hour.

"If they are called and it's something of a necessity that they have to respond to — they may not come if it's barking dogs or something like that — but if it's a necessary item," Clemens said, "they are going to respond. If not — if the issue can be handled the next day — they can. They deserve some pay when they are on call." Council members agreed and unanimously voted to approve the on-call pay. Chad McGee, who will now serve as the interim chief, said that "we're just waiting on a draft letter to be finalized so we can get it to dispatch so they fully understand what the parameters are for the on-call time."

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Geerts also announced that three council members — Porath, Mindy Humpal and Deb Larsen — will serve on the Police Chief Selection Committee.

The mayor also said that New Hampton Community Schools Superintendent Jay Jurrens, Prichard and Clemens will also be "involved" with the committee and added that Thomas, who has been consulting with city leaders on the situation with the police department, will have a role on the committee.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The New Hampton City Council plays to a “full house” on Monday night as a number of residents attended a meeting in which a petition calling for the reinstatement of Tim Pederson as the city’s police chief was presented.

Resident to council: We want police chief to return

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made by Geerts.

"I guess I question if this is a democracy or a dictatorship? You guys were elected to represent the community as a whole," he said, "and I haven't talked to a single person that agrees with the decision that was made by the mayor. ... I'm asking you to possibly reconsider your decision and do what the people elected you to do."

After McGrath was done speaking, Geerts thanked Tiemessen for the petition, those in the crowd who spoke for "your concerns" but said "we'll move on from here."

But the first-year mayor also asked if any council members wished to speak, and Mindy Humpal pointed out that the "last few weeks have been emotionally charged, and while she said she found it "refreshing to see community engagement" she said it was also disheartening to see the amount of negativity that had arisen after Geerts accepted Pederson's resignation.

"It is the job of the council to act for the will of the people. It is also the job of the council to do what's best for the city, based on facts, with a big picture view," Humpal said. "I can appreciate there may be times when it feels like those two responsibilities are not in sync. I can assure you not a sin-

gle person sitting before you has taken a second of this lightly. No one has rushed to judgment or been flippant about the consequences for any involved."

She also was complimentary of Pederson, who resigned after city officials learned that while shopping in Waterloo, he had taken \$40 that had been left behind by a previous shopper and not returned it to a store employee or customer service. When he was called by the Waterloo Police Department, though, he immediately returned to the store and handed over the money.

"Tim Pederson has, without a doubt, been both an asset to the New Hampton Police Department and the community of New Hampton," Humpal said. "We are gracious for his contributions. It is my hope that we can heal and begin moving forward in a positive way both as a police department and as a city."

After discussing a number of other issues — including Geerts' appointment of a committee to lead the search for a new police chief and the issues New Hampton has surrounding its police sergeant being a union employee — the question of Pederson's possible return was left unanswered.

But just before the meeting was to be adjourned, McGrath asked Geerts if he was willing to consider the petition and the

mayor's answer was an unequivocal no.

"None of us asked for this," Geerts said, "but we're moving forward."

Jeremy Bouska expressed his frustrations and received applause when he asked council members if they had ever "picked up a coin ... and put it in your pocket. ... Did [Pederson] do anything illegal picking it up? No. Was he called and asked to return it? Yes, and he did."

City Attorney Todd Prichard, after being questioned by New Hampton resident and longtime Police Chief Michael Anderson, said that "the Waterloo PD responded to the call, and they viewed it as a theft."

But Anderson said that since charges weren't filed, "it's obviously no theft."

During that April 15 meeting in which Geerts announced that he would accept Pederson's resignation, the mayor appointed the department's longest-tenured officer, Doug Eagan, as the city's interim police chief. A week later, though, Eagan handed in his letter of resignation from the department, which is effective this coming Wednesday, and Geerts indicated he would appoint Chad McGee to replace Eagan.

With Eagan's departure and the police department's sergeant on medical leave, that will leave the city with just three officers until at least June.

Briefs

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LifeServe has solid April blood drive

There were 43 units of blood collected from the LifeServe blood drive in New Hampton on April 23. There were 46 registered donors and 37 eligible donors, including one first-time donor.

LifeServe states that the units will save or sustain up to 129 lives.

Milestone donors include Jeffrey Jirak (14 gallons), Linus Voves (12 gallons), Barbara Havlik (7 gallons), John Bear (6 gallons) and Ronald Macomber (2 gallons).

NHHS art exhibition Saturday

Art students from New Hampton's 9-12 classes will have their projects on display at the New Hampton High School cafeteria Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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City Council approves moving ahead on housing grants for four homes

The New Hampton City Council on Monday night moved ahead with four projects as part of a housing grant program the city received late last year.

Council members approved estimates of \$55,700 for improvements to four homes in the city.

The grant is being administered by the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG), and New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson said if not all the funds are used, more projects may be added to the grant program at a later date.

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Run water to clear your lines before using, especially before washing clothes.

Joyce Ives is 80!

Joyce Ives, long term New Hampton resident and Elma native is turning 80 on May 11th! Joyce worked as a sign language interpreter for New Hampton Community Schools retiring in 2001. A lifelong teacher, she taught CCD, ESL, and was a Boy and Girl scout troop leader and a member of Catholic Daughters. She and husband Gail moved to Prior Lake, MN in 2018 to be closer to family.

If you could drop her a note for her big birthday, we would greatly appreciate it.

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Rob Ives, Rick Ives, and Allison Burnett

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Celebrating Ascension Day

The 40th day after Easter represents the great hope for Christians

No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

~ John 3:13

The Christian holiday of Ascension Day, also known as the Feast of the Ascension, celebrates when Jesus ascended to heaven. This feast day is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian churches, along with the celebrations of the Passion, Easter, and Pentecost.

Ascension Day is generally observed on a Thursday, the 40th day after Easter, and that means that Ascension Day this year is taking place today (Thursday).

When Did Jesus Ascend into Heaven?

Dan Graves explains where the Bible mentions Jesus' ascension and the once-in-a-while event we call Holy Thursday:

Forty days from the day he rose from the grave, Jesus ascended into heaven. Here is how Luke described the event:

Therefore, when they [the disciples and the risen Christ] had come together, they asked Him saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

"Now when he had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight..." (Acts 1: 4-9 New King James Version).

Because the date of Easter varies from year to year, the celebration of the Ascension moves with it. It always falls on the fortieth day from Easter and, since Easter always falls on a Sunday, Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday; it is frequently called "Holy Thursday." Whenever Easter falls on April 5th, Ascension Day falls on this day, May 14. The last time that happened was in 1953 and the next time will be in 2015.

Ascension Day celebrates Christ's exaltation. While on earth, he was a servant. Now in heaven, he is the ruler and Lord of all. By entering heaven as the representative of mankind, he completed the work of our salvation and guarantees the eventual glorification of all who love Him.

Just as Jesus went up in the clouds, he will return the same way. Again Luke described the scene:

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'"

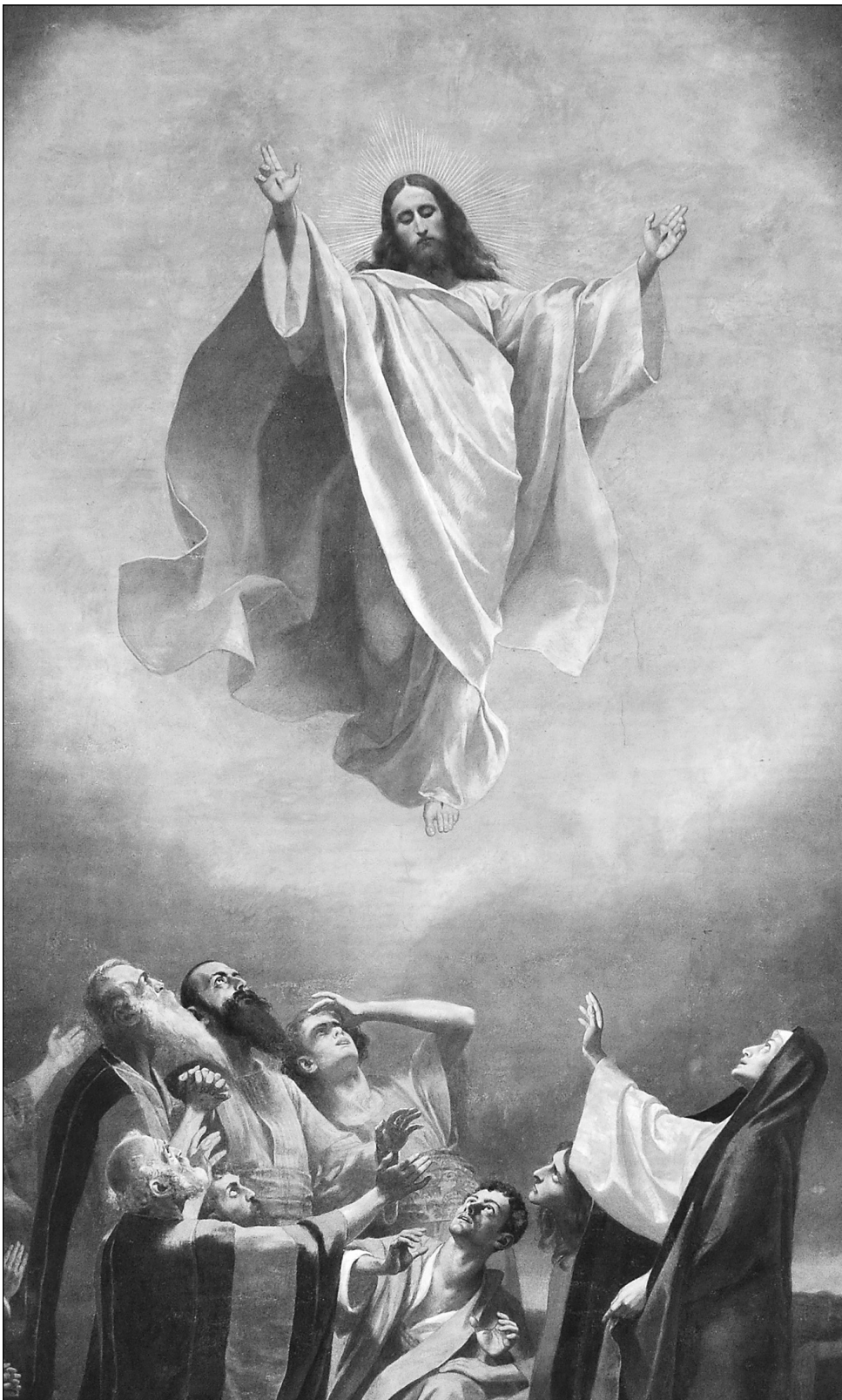
This is the great hope of all Christians. For just as Jesus went into heaven, so will all Christians. Those who are dead will rise first; those who are living will be caught up to meet him in the air, according to Paul, writing to the church at Thessalonica. This is called the rapture. With this hope in mind, Christians sometimes conclude their meetings with the words, "Come Lord Jesus."

Traditions of Ascension Day

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What Does Jesus' Ascension Tell Us about Jesus' Humanity?

Randy Alcorn discusses how the ascension highlights the way in which Jesus was fully God and fully human:

One remarkable thing about the ascension is that it affirms Christ's physical body went into Heaven following his resurrection. This is what the creeds call his "self-same body," stating that likewise our self-same bodies will be restored in our resurrection. Some Christians imagine that Christ shed himself of his humanity and returned to being a completely spiritual being when he went back to Heaven. But this is false.

The ascension creates a paradigm shift. The truth is not that Jesus became a baby at Christmas, and then 33 years later came the resurrection and ascension and then he stopped being a man.

The resurrection demonstrates the incarnation is not temporary. But still, it could be wondered if having defeated death in the resurrection, when it came time to going back to Heaven, Christ might have said, "time's up, no sense in

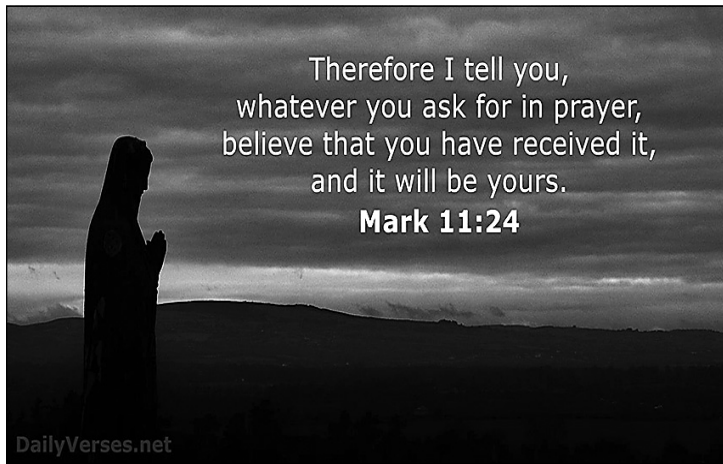
being a man any more" and shed himself of a body and retake the form (or lack of form) inherent in being the second member of the Trinity.

He could have "dissolved" or "disappeared," but instead, he physically ascended to a place from which he will physically return to earth in the same physical body. So Jesus became a man (first coming, incarnation), defeated death and assumed his eternal body as a man (resurrection), and went back to Heaven as a man (ascension) and will return as a man (second coming; and as our firstfruits raising our self-same bodies as bodies like his). He will reign over the New Earth as the God-man. He has become a permanent member of the human race.

So if you're ever wished you could walk the earth with Jesus, like his disciples did, good news...if you know Him, you will. You will have a new (raised) body, and it will be a New (raised) Earth, but it will really be you, it will really be Jesus, and it will really be Earth. No sin, no death, no curse. I will be me without all the bad parts, and the Earth will be Earth without all the bad parts. (New bodies are not non-bodies and new earth is non-earth, no more than a new car is a non-car.)

As Job said, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!" (Job 19:25-27)

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Service time: Sunday, 9 a.m.

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404 2nd St.
319-276-3195
Pastor Roberta Robbins
Service time: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

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3030 Highway 24
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Saturday, May 18, 4 p.m.

IMMANUEL CRANE CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

2616 140th St, Lawler
Pastor Sue Cira
Service time: 9:30 a.m., Sunday.

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222 S. Washington Ave.
Pastor Ron Koch
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221 Oak St.
Pastor Scott Smith
Service time: 9 a.m., Sundays.

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Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Saturday, 4 p.m.

ST. LUCAS

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC

215 East Main
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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HOLY TRINITY

124 N. Main St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

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3303 160th St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.

CLARKSVILLE

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31015 150th Street
Rev. Peter Wenzel
Service time: 10 a.m., Sundays.

Financial freedom:
A gift to your family

Here’s a sobering statistic: 72% of retirees say one of their biggest fears is becoming a burden on their families, according to a study by Edward Jones and the consulting firm Age

Wave. If you are near retirement, how can you prepare yourself to become financially free, so you won’t have to depend on grown children or other family members?

Here are a few suggestions to consider:

- Keep adding to retirement savings. Today, with a greater awareness of healthy lifestyles, many people are spending two, or even three, decades in an active retirement. To help pay for those years, then, you’ll likely need to build your retirement savings as much as possible.

- So, while you’re still working, try to contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. If you are in the later stages of your career, possibly close to your peak earning power, you may be able to put in sizable sums every year.

- Choose an appropriate withdrawal rate. While it’s obviously important to build your retirement savings, it’s just as essential to make the money last. Once you retire, you’ll want to establish an appropriate withdrawal rate — that is, the amount you can take out each year from your 401(k) and other investments without running the risk of out-living your money. The amount you can safely withdraw each year will depend on a variety of factors, including your age, your account balances, Social Security benefits, inflation, income tax rates and spousal income. In any case, selecting a suitable withdrawal rate can help go a long way toward preserving your financial freedom throughout your retirement.

- Think about downsizing. One possible way to boost your savings and add liquidi-



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ty is to downsize your living arrangements. This may be an attractive option if your children are grown and your current home feels too large. Of course, downsizing is a highly personal decision — if you’ve lived in your home for many years, have fond memories of raising a family in it and still enjoy the neighborhood, it can certainly be hard to leave. Consequently, you’ll need to weigh these emotional factors against the potential financial benefits of moving into a smaller, less expensive space.

- Prepare for long-term care costs. If you were ever to need some type of long-term care, such as an extended stay in a nursing home, you could face some sizable expenses, most of which may not be covered by Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan. And clearly, you would not want to put your grown children in a position where they might feel the need to step in financially. To help avoid this possibility, you may want to consult with a financial professional about addressing these costs through strategies that may be appropriate for your needs.

These aren’t the only ideas to consider in helping maintain your financial independence and reducing your potential dependence on your family during your retirement years. But taken together, they can give you a good start — so think about putting them to work..

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

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NHHS grad one of 20 student speakers
at University of Iowa commencement

Savannah Anderson of New Hampton is one of 20 students at the University of Iowa who will serve as a student speaker or perform the national anthem at one of this week’s commencement events.

More than 5,300 University of Iowa students will receive their degrees during in-person and livestreamed commencement ceremonies, beginning with the College of Pharmacy’s Doctor of Pharmacy ceremony on May 9 and concluding with the College of Dentistry’s ceremony on May 31. Other ceremonies will take place between May 9 and May 18.

Anderson, a graduate and class president, will speak at the College of Pharmacy commencement at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 9. Dean Donald Letendre will give remarks. Susan Vos, director of student affairs for the American Association of College of Pharmacy, will be the guest speaker. President Barbara Wilson will confer degrees.

“I am incredibly honored to have the opportunity to speak at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy Commencement Ceremony. So many amazing and impactful experiences have happened in the last four years because I was part of such a special class in such a special place. It has been a privilege to earn a doctorate degree at the University of Iowa while being supported by so many great friends, faculty, and mentors,” said Anderson.

“Additionally, I would like to thank my family for always believing in me and encouraging me to relentlessly pursue my goals and dreams. I am beyond excited to watch my classmates go on to make patient’s lives and the health care community as a whole better. Go Hawks!” she added.



Anderson

Dollars for Scholars to hand out awards Tuesday

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

If there’s a sure sign that commencement is just around the corner for New Hampton High School seniors, it is this: The New Hampton Dollars for Scholars Committee is gearing up to hand out thousands of dollars in scholarships for students who plan on continuing their educations.

The annual Dollars for Scholars Awards Night will be held this coming Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium, and the event, which will honor the accomplishments of the Class of 2024, is open to

the public.

"Our committee is excited to once again be able to give out nearly \$200,000 to members of the NHHS Class of 2024 in Dollars for Scholars Scholarships," Dollars for Scholars President Dustin Lewis said. "Along with other outside awards and scholarships, this class will walk away with well over \$200,000 in scholarship funds.

"The scholarship committee cannot express enough how much appreciation we have for the individuals, organizations, and local businesses that make this possible for our students! These scholarships allow New Hampton graduating students a huge

head start on paying for college and post-high school education.

Lewis is joined on the Dollars for Scholars Committee by Becky Babcock, Kim Berns, Kevin Hassman, Jay Jurrens, Raelene Maas, Matthew Manson, Cindy Moore, Michelle O'Donnell, Sarah Pickar, and Matthew Ysbrand.

"We have a great committee that works really hard to help our graduating seniors get a good start on their post-secondary educations," Lewis said, "and we appreciate all of the donors — both past and present — who make this a special night each year for the seniors and their families."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Preserving our heritage

Chickasaw County Cemetery Commission members Dale and Judy Liddle pose for a photo with the Board of Supervisors Monday morning after board members voted to proclaim May as Cemetery Appreciation Month to make residents aware of the need to preserve “the rich heritage contained in Iowa’s Pioneer Historical Cemeteries.” Pictured are (from left) Supervisors Jake Hackman and Travis Suckow, the Liddles, Supervisors Scott Cerwinske and Matt Kuhn and County Auditor Sheila Shekleton.

ISU Extension opens registration for its summer day camps

Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach and Chickasaw County 4-H is offering several summer day camps for all K-3 graders in June, as well as two for students in grades 4-12.

The camps include:

Mystery Solvers CSI K-3rd Grade Camp: Young investigators will step into the shoes of forensic experts as they unravel the case of the missing Mr. Bear. Examine clues, analyze evidence, and search for hidden secrets.

June 4: New Hampton - Mikkelson Park - Shelter 1

June 6: Fredericksburg - City Park Shelter

June 13: Nashua - Big 4 Fairgrounds

Camp are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$20

Up, Down, Spin Around! K-3rd

Grade Camp: Have you ever been to a fair, festival, or amusement park with rides? Step right up and try your hand at midway games, roller coaster challenges and more during this fun-filled amusement park themed day camp!

June 18: Ionia Library

June 20: Nashua - Big 4 Fairgrounds

June 27: New Hampton - Mikkelson Park - Shelter 1

Camp are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$20

Shutterbug 4th - 12th Grade Camp: An immersive photography day camp where you’ll explore the world of photography. Learn about lighting, composition, and camera basics.

June 11: New Hampton - Chickasaw Extension Office

Camp is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is

\$20

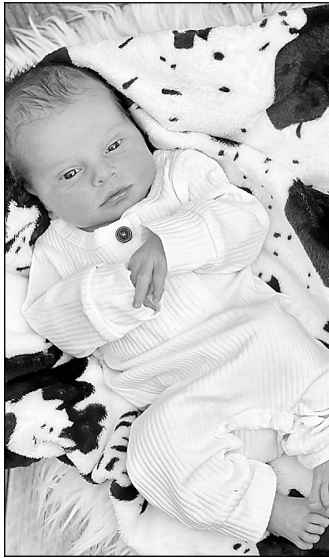
Outdoor Adventures - Survivor

4-12 Grade Camp: Attention all nature enthusiasts and budding adventurers! Our Outdoor Adventures-Survivor Camp is your ticket to mastering outdoor skills while having a blast. Pitch a tent like a pro, cook delicious meals over a campfire, and find your way using the sun and a compass. Go home with survival gear!

June 25: Twin Ponds Nature Center, Ionia

Camp is from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$30

Registrations are due by two weeks before each day camp. Registration forms can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/chickasaw/> or contact the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 641-394-2174 or email xchickasaw@iastate.edu.



Lane Shekleton

Shekleton birth
announcement

Lane William Shekleton was welcomed into the world at 6:19 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City.

His proud parents are Shane and LeAnn Shekleton of New Hampton, and Lane was also welcomed by his sibling, Shynn.

Lane’s grandparents include Greg and Sheila Shekleton of New Hampton and Connie Lenehan of Ionia.

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Lesson in financial literacy

The topic of money came up as New Hampton Elementary School fourth-graders wrapped up their financial literacy unit with a guest speaker from Security State Bank. Dustin Lewis shared many things about various accounts students can have at a bank, while learning about the importance of saving money.

Almanac

	H	L	P
Wednesday	64	47	.25
Thursday	56	36	.58
Friday	70	37	--
Saturday	55	37	.46
Sunday	65	39	--
Monday	73	50	.59
Tuesday	71	46	--

Forecast

Thursday: Cloudy with showers early; clearing later with a high of 59 and a low of 39.

Friday: Mostly sunny but chance of pop-up storms; high 66, low 44.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 66 and a low of 47.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with chance of some storms developing; high 75, low 57.

Extended forecast: Mostly sunny with chances of storms early in the work week; highs in the 70s, lows in the 50s.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunication Boards, 5 p.m., New Hampton Municipal Utilities Board Room.

History

- In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issues a presidential proclamation that officially establishes the first national Mother’s Day holiday.
- In 1945, Herman Goering — commander in chief of the Luftwaffe, president of the Reichstag, head of the Gestapo, prime minister of Prussia and Hitler’s one-time designated successor — is taken prisoner by the U.S. Seventh Army in Bavaria.
- In 1955, 10 years after the Nazis were defeated in World War II, West Germany formally joins the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), a mutual defense group aimed at containing Soviet expansion in Europe.
- In 1960, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approves the world’s first commercially produced birth-control pill — Enovid-10, made by the G.D. Searle Company of Chicago.
- In 1974, The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee opens impeachment hearings against President Richard Nixon.

Birthdays

- American abolitionist and revolutionary John Brown was born in 1800.
- Longtime “60 Minutes” contributor and American journalist Mike Wallace was born in 1918.
- The late Tony Gwynn, one of the best hitters in MLB history, was born in 1960.
- American pop singer Billy Joel turns 75.

Corrections

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

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Betty J. Gruenberg

Betty J. Gruenberg, age 95 of Fredericksburg, passed away on Friday, May 3, 2024, at Hillcrest Living in Summer.

A private family memorial service will take place at a later date at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton with inurnment at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home of New Hampton is in charge of arrangements.

Property Transfers

Susan Catherine Bouska to Kyle James Bouska; N6R E93-1/3R EX E363’ NE 13-95-13 W395.88’ E1335.85’ S268.3’ SE SE 12-95-13 W225.97’ E939.97’ S246.77’ SE SE 12-95-13 L25 EX E330’ SE SE 12-95-13 L26 SE SE 12-95-13 L27 SE SE 12-95-13 L28 SE SE 12-95-13 L29 SE SE 12-95-1

L30 SE SE 12-95-13 L31 SE SE 12-95-13 S42.94’ L32 SE SE 12-95-13 ALL OF MAPLE ST LYING S OVELS 2ND ADD L3 BLK1 & L4 BLK2 SE SE 12-95-13.

Dennis Leichtman and Dennis R. Leichtman to Jennifer Schillie; E1/2 NW SE 22-95-13 EX L1 NE SE 22-95-13.

Dennis Leichtman and Dennis R. Leichtman to David Leichtman; SE NW 21-95-12 EX E333’ N570’ SW NE 21-95-12.

Dennis Leichtman and Dennis R. Leichtman to Daniel Leichtman; S100AC E3/4 N1/2 23-95-13 SW NW 23-95-13 NE SW 23-95-13.

Andrew Pahnisch to Rebecca A. Schilling; NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: G W1/2 NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: G.

Louis J. Harrington and Shelly Harrington to Cooper A. Bloes; E2-1/2R NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 19 N1/2 E2-1/2R NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 19 W2R NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 19 N1/2 W2R NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 19.

Lawrence R. Johnson, Elaine R. Johnson and Elaine Johnson to Deborah Dankmyer; BUILDING B UNIT 3 NASHUA TOMANI GREENS ADDITION Lot: 5 UNDIVIDED 1/3 INTEREST COMMON AREAS NASHUA TOMANI GREENS AUDITION Lot: 5.

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Darlene Marie Foster EST, Cherie Lee Fidler COEX, Robert S. Foster COEX and Mark S. Foster COEX to Cherie Fidler, Robert Foster and Mark Foster; NW NE 34-97-11 N1/2 NE NE 34-97-11.

William J. Siglin to Timothy G. Phillips and Theresa A. Phillips; W20’ IONIA NO ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 17.

Edna M. Pickar ESR, Virgil M. Pickar EX and Sandra Tierney EX to Paul Pickar and Janet Pickar; PARCEL 2023-42 SE NE 23-96-13.

Michelle L. Miller, Michelle L. Gulrud and William Miller to Michele L. Miller and William Miller; L20 & N1/2 L21 OF L23 SW SW 07-95-12.

Brian Mahlstedt to Taarna Louise Johnson; E2R S8R L1 & W2R S8R L2 NW NW 24-95-14.

Robert Lynn Ruffell to Tori Ann Beyer; FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 6 Block: 35.

Gerald M. Laures TR and Gerald M. Laures REV TR to Suzanne L. Peterson; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST N1/2 EX COMM AT NE COR NE 07-95-13

Gerald M. Laures TR and Gerald M. Laures REV TR to Debra L. Sexton; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST NW NW 23-95-13 NE NW 23-95-13.

Susan C. Pleggenkuhle, Susan C. Choplin and Susan Choplin to Patrick P. Pleggenkuhle; PARCEL B SW SW 14-94-12.

Victor E. Lukes to Stacey Marie Nelson and Victor E. Lukes LE; PARCEL 2021-64 NW 25-97-11.

Agatha Busta, 96



Agatha Busta

Agatha Busta, age 96 of Little Turkey, died Thursday, May 2, 2024, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 10, 2024, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Little Turkey with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be held at St. Marys Cemetery, Little Turkey, with Chris Gorman, Corey Busta, Ross Busta, Owen Hovey, Elliott Hovey, Brayton Hovey and Tristen Crabbs serving as pallbearers.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a 3:30 p.m. Rosary and a 7 p.m. Scripture Service. Visitation continues from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, May 10, 2024, at the funeral home.

Agatha Mary Busta passed away peacefully on May 2, 2024, in New Hampton, at the age of 96. She was born on June 3, 1927, in rural Fayette County. Agatha was the sixth of thirteen children born to John and Magdalena (Mihm) Langreck. Agatha’s life was a testament to the values of hard work, faith, and love.

The early chapters of Agatha’s life were marked by her education at St. Luke’s Catholic School in St. Lucas, where she completed her studies through the 8th grade. Demonstrating a lifelong commitment to learning, Agatha later achieved her G.E.D., setting an inspiring example for all who knew her.

It was at a wedding dance, a fateful twist of serendipity, where she met Stanley Busta. A shared dance blossomed into a lifetime partnership, and they were united in marriage on May 24, 1950, at St. Luke’s Catholic Church in St. Lucas. Their loving union gave rise to a family of three children — John, Gerald, and Julie.

In the initial years of their marriage, Agatha dedicated herself wholeheartedly to her family. She was the cornerstone of the household, nurturing her children and supporting Stanley on their farm. Agatha’s partnership with Stanley was

so integral that he gifted her a “green tractor” to acknowledge her indispensable role on the farm. Together, they cultivated a life rich in love and labor.

A woman of the earth, Agatha’s hands were rarely idle. She cultivated bountiful vegetable gardens and tended to an array of farm animals, ensuring her family never wanted for homegrown sustenance. Her industrious nature extended beyond the fields and into the kitchen, where she was revered for her culinary prowess. Whether whipping up a feast at Turkey Valley High School or providing comfort as a Nurse’s Aide at Linn Haven, Agatha’s care for others was palpable.

Agatha’s love for the outdoors was as boundless as the skies above her farm. She found joy in the simple pleasures of tending to her apple trees, grapevines, and plum orchards. Her homemade horseradish, canned fruits and vegetables, sauerkraut, and particularly her dandelion and plum wines, were shared generously, embodying her spirit of giving.

Cooking and baking were not mere chores for Agatha but expressions of love. Visitors to her home were enveloped in the warm embrace of her hospitality, always departing with full hearts and fuller stomachs. Her life was a symphony of flavors, each meal a melody of her affection.

Agatha was an excellent seamstress and loved making afghans, pot holders, blankets, and cupboard towels of which she gifted to multiple generations of family and friends.

She made many quilts that were gifted for special occasions.

Agatha’s faith was her compass, guiding her through life’s journey. As an active member of the Rosary Society and a devout attendee of Mass, she wove her spirituality into the fabric of her being. She had a friend crafted rosaries from the seeds of Job’s tears plants she grew in her garden, each bead a prayer, each rosary a sacred gift marking life’s milestones.

Those who knew Agatha would speak of her kindness, her unwavering faith, and her generosity. She was a woman who planted seeds of love and nurtured them into a garden of community and kinship. Her legacy will continue to bloom in the lives of those she touched.

Agatha is survived by two sons, John (Rose Qualley) Busta of New Hampton, and Gerald (Marla) Busta of Lawler; one daughter, Julie (Gary) Gorman of New Hampton; nine grandchildren, Corey (Amber) Busta, Ross Busta, Jenny (Chris) Hovey, Chris (Whitney) Gorman, Debbie (Brice) Schissel, Emily (Jordan) Oulman, Amy (Mark) Crabbs, Becky (Adam) Scharnhorst, and Jaclyn (Alex) Ryan; 22 great-grandchildren, Kira, Blake, Ryleigh, Ashlyn, Owen, Elliott, Brayten, Clay, Lane, Harper, Hudson, Hazel, Crew, Audrey, Tristen, Lauren, Lena, Lettie, Maisie, Anna, Eleanor, and Carter; and two great-great-grandchildren, Azara and Tricia; one brother, Charles (Mildred) Langreck of West Union; and three sisters, Lillian Chipera of New Hampton, Virginia Kuhn of Ft. Atkinson, and Edna Jirak of Lawler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Stanley in 1991; five brothers, Henry (Verda) Langreck, Louis Langreck, Clem (Bernice) Langreck, Francis (Katherine) Langreck, and Jerome (Eileen) Langreck; three sisters, Marie Langreck, Beata (Ray) Schmelzer, and Margaret (Martin) Gossling; and six brothers-in-law, Paul Chipera, Julian Kuhn, and Lawrence Jirak, Edward (Elizabeth) Busta, William (Viola) Busta, and Leonard Busta.

Briefs

ISU Extension: Be safe during planting season

With the recent rainy weather farmers, when they do get out to the field, will be busy, so motorists are asked to have consideration.

Iowa State Extension offers these tips:

- Farm vehicles travel significantly slower than automobiles. You may only have a few seconds to react and slow down before overtaking a farm vehicle. Be prepared to slow down and follow; you may not have room to pass.
- Slow down and keep your distance. Don’t assume that the farmer can pull over and let you pass. Shoulder conditions may make it unsafe for the farmer to pull heavy equipment to the side of the road.
- Be sure of the farmer’s intentions before passing. Don’t assume that a farm vehicle is turning right or pulling over to let you pass if it pulls to the right side of the road. A farmer may have to swing right in order to make a left turn. Wait until you know what the farmer is planning to do.
- Be patient and enjoy the scenery if you find yourself following a farm vehicle. Even if you have to follow a farm vehicle for a couple of miles, it will

only take a few minutes of your time.

- Be especially alert in the evenings; farmers are returning from the fields and dusk makes farm vehicles more difficult to see.

Ernst staff to host office hours in area counties

Representatives from Senator Ernst’s office will be available in all 99 counties throughout May to assist Iowans with problems or questions about issues involving Social Security, veterans’ benefits, military affairs, passports, immigration issues, and other federal programs.

Locally, the staff will be in the following counties:

- Chickasaw Co. Tuesday, May 7 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., New Hampton Public Library
- Fayette Co. Tuesday, May 14 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., West Union Community Library
- Floyd Co. Tuesday, May 7 from 1-2 p.m., Charles City Public Library
- Howard Co. Friday, May 17 from noon-1 p.m., Cresco Public Library
- Winneshiek Co. Tuesday, May 14 from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Calmar Library

Constituents seeking assistance with federal agencies who are unable to attend the traveling office hours can contact one of the senator’s offices directly or submit a casework request online at www.Ernst.senate.gov.

Students attend World Food Prize Institute

Food New Hampton area students attended the 13th annual World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute (IYI), where 277 students representing 89 Iowa high schools gathered with 85 educators at Iowa State University to explore pressing global food security challenges and professional opportunities in STEM fields.

Before the event, students conducted research on food insecurity within a chosen country, crafted a research essay, and provided a personal recommendation for solving the identified problem. During the event, students presented their findings

to leading experts and faculty members from Iowa State University.

Students and their topics were:

- New Hampton: Grace Maloy, Plants in Haiti
- Sumner-Fredericksburg: Anna Egan, International Trade in Kuwait; Claire Rucker, Sustainable Agriculture in Brazil; Colton Zupke, Plants in France.

Each participating student is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship towards Iowa State University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, with the opportunity to apply for the esteemed Wallace-Carver Fellowship program in collaboration with the USDA. Exceptional participants from Iowa will also secure a spot working with scientists and policy experts from around the world at the three-day World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in October.

Conservation ‘Farmer of the Year’ nominations open

Nominations are now open for the 2024 Iowa Conservation Farmer of the Year. Now in its 73rd year, this prestigious honor has been awarded to celebrate conservation progress among select Iowa farmers who are committed to exceptional environmental stewardship and conservation efforts.

The statewide and regional awards, co-sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), honor Iowa farmers who have distinguished track records of commitment to soil conservation and water quality improvement efforts.

To nominate a farmer for the award, visit www.cdiowa.org/ awards and complete a short form summarizing the nominee’s conservation efforts and commitment to improving soil. Nominations are due by May 10 to your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office.

The winner will be announced during the Iowa State Fair. The 2024 statewide Conservation Farmer of the Year winner will receive free use of a John Deere 5M Series utility tractor for up to 12 months or 200 hours of use.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of May 2024 at 5:30PM at the Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School in Fredericksburg, Iowa, a public hearing will be held to accept input regarding the Sumner-Fredericksburg Hazard Mitigation Plan recently being undertaken by participating Cities, Counties, and School Districts in Chickasaw County, prior to its adoption by the Sumner-Fredericksburg Community School District.

Anyone interested may appear at the above stated time and stated above for the public hearing and be heard or may file written comments in person, mail, or email to Superintendent Fred Matlage at matlagef@sfcougars.k12.ia.us or to the School District Administrative Offices at 802 West Sixth Street, Sumner, Iowa 50674, Iowa to be received in the office before 4:00 PM on the date set for said hearing. A copy of the plan is available for review at the School District Administrative Office or online at www.inrcog.org/pub.

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News Bits From Our Past

Compiled by Terri Josephson

Week of May 5 1949 (75 years ago)

At a meeting held recently in Lourdes, the final plans for the 1949 baseball season were completed. The name of the group of teams, consisting of New Hampton, Cresco, Lourdes, North Washington, Alta Vista, Elma and Hawkeye, will be again called the Tri-County League. Officers of the league are Earl Lampson, New Hampton, President and Jim McAvoy, Elma, Secretary-Treasurer. Opening date will be May 22.

On Sale at Thrifty Way Food Store: Pork Roasts, 49 cents per Lb.; Armour's Rib Steaks, 59 cents per Lb.; Campbell's Tomato Soup, 3 Tall Cans, 29 cents; Thrifty Way Coffee, 3 Lb. Bag, 99 cents; Certainty Flour, 50 Lb. Bag, \$3.09; Cream Style Corn, 12 cents per Can; Catsup, 12 cents per Bottle.

1974 (50 years ago)

The New Hampton boys golf team turned in a superb effort at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club. The Chickasaws closed at 151 for a team

total. That was well under Waukon's 178, it was also the best performance of the year by the Chickasaws. It would have won every meet in which the Tribe was entered this year.

Three Chickasaws broke 40, Steve Kobliska fired a par-36, Tim O'Neill finished with a 37 and John Gates rolled in with 38.

Two longtime New Hampton Community School employees, Agnes Hynes and George Hoffman, were honored by school personnel at a joint retirement party.

Mrs. Hynes is retiring after serving as school nurse for 23 years and Hoffman is retiring after 26 years as a custodian. The honorees were presented plaques by Elementary Principal Bruce Billings and Superintendent E. A. Colbert.

1999 (25 years ago)

Twenty-seven years ago it was quoted in the New Hampton Tribune, "The Kitchens of Sara Lee came to New Hampton officially Saturday morning, Oct. 18 (1972) and brought with it the promise of a new era for the city and the surrounding area."

Friday, April 30, the announcement was made that the Sara Lee plant may close its doors.

Currently Sara Lee employs over 600 persons, with 384 having a Chickasaw County address. The annual payroll is approximately \$16,327,475. The fate of the plant will be decided by June 1.

The New Hampton varsity boys track team had four winners in the Decorah Viking Relays at Luther College and set a new NHHS school record in the process.

Ryan Hackman, Scott Huegel, Justin Halvorson and Tim Knoll ran the 4x800 relay. The team ran an 8:17.3 for first place, topping the old record of 8:24.7 by over seven seconds.

2014 (10 years ago)

New Hampton's boys lowered their best season score once again as they played Riceville at home. The Chickasaws won over the Wildcats 167-216. Chase Christoph was medalist as he shot his season low of 38. Levi Suhr was the runner-up with a 40.

Employers in and around New Hampton traveled to New Hampton High School for the second annual career fair put on by the New Hampton Economic Development office. Each class, eighth to eleventh were able to attend the fair and the students were required to talk with 2-3 employers.

The career fair is a way to give area businesses the opportunity to give an overview of what their business entails and what they have to offer to students.

2019 (5 years ago)

The Memorial Day annual program will be held on May 27 at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial, but this year's holiday won't end there.

That's because the American Legion Fae Stein Post 38 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding with a "BBQ Cookout and Entertainment" event that will be held following the ceremony at Mikkelson Park.

The 10 a.m. program will feature a "Roll Call of Honor" in which the

names of the 86 Chickasaw County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice will be read.

After tying the nine-hole team score school record of 166 two weeks ago, this year's New Hampton girls golf team can finally call it all its own after shattering the mark with a 161 on Thursday at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

The top-ranked Chickasaws handily defeated Oelwein, who totaled 302 strokes. New Hampton was lead by the Nuss twins, as Morgan was medalist with a 37 (a career best), and Allison was runner-up posting a 39.

A week after becoming the first male athlete in school history to win a Drake Relays championship, New Hampton's Noah Fenske claimed the shot put title at the Northeast Iowa Conference meet with a league-record throw of 60-7, just 4 1/4 inches off his Drake mark.

The senior, though, had to settle for second in the discus as he lost a hotly-contested battle with is friendly rival, Mosai Newsom of Waverly-Shell Rock.

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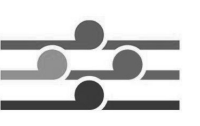


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The Chickasaw Event Center is exploring a variety of fundraising opportunities and officials are looking for new ideas and more support for the facility that opened in 2002 from area residents.

Center president, executive director pitch value of Event Center

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can have here help us be the center people want us to be.”

She urged residents to reach out to her at 641-394-3173 if they’re interested in having an event at the center.

“Our prices are very, very reasonable,” she said, “and compared to other facilities like ours, we’re on the low end when it comes to renting our space.”

Both Pickar and Schwickerath said that the center includes a full kitchen and ample seating for up to 200 and that, as Schwickerath put it, “we keep it super clean.”

But the challenges continue to pile up. In addition to having to shut down the chassis program because it was losing money, Schwickerath both last week and at Monday’s City Council meeting said that the center recently learned that NEI3A recently notified the center that beginning in July, it will no longer pay the center’s

telephone and internet bills.

Schwickerath did say he was appreciative that NEI3A is planning to give the center “some money” to help with congregating meals but he won’t be sure how much until a new contract is put into place.

While the City Council — which provides the center \$10,000 a year — agreed to change the 28E agreement so that it wasn’t contingent on the chassis, one elderly resident implored Schwickerath and the Council on Aging to reconsider the decision.

“We need that service,” she said, “and it’s just a shame that it’s going away.”

But Schwickerath said the board had little choice and pointed out that one representative from the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) told him Chickasaw County was the last of the 19 counties INRCOG serves that had an independent chassis system.

He pointed out that once the chassis service is discontinued, one option for resi-

dents will be to use Onboard, a public transit system that serves Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw and Grundy counties that requires ride reservations 24 hours in advance, and Onboard can be reached by calling either 319-233-5213 or 800-369-3022 or going online to onboard-publictransit.com/#page-top.

As difficult as the decision was, it was made with the Chickasaw Event Center in mind and he said the center and its supporters know they have their work cut out for them.

“We’re going to continue to have bus trips, doing things for seniors and the community, fundraising, we’re going to have to do more fundraising,” Schwickerath told the City Council on Monday.

“There are a lot of people who are willing to do what it takes to make sure the center is a success, and we’re going to keep working to make sure that we provide the services and the building to our seniors and our community.”

After questioning second vehicle purchase, supervisors give sheriff OK

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

out of next year’s budget.

But he told supervisors that he believes his current budget can absorb the cost of the extra vehicle without a budget amendment.

When Kuhn asked where the “extra money” came from in Shawver’s budget to purchase a vehicle that when outfitted will cost between \$80,000 and \$90,000, Shaver said “I didn’t add anything in, it’s just the way the budget turned out.

“This is one area of the department you can’t predict what’s going to happen. I mean there could be, I don’t even want to say it, something could happen in the next few months and then this budget would be belly up.”

Supervisor Travis Suckow also questioned why the Sheriff’s Office was continuing to purchase Tahoe vehicles.

“That’s more fuel and more fuel means more money,” Suckow said, but Shawver said that with the equipment sheriff’s deputies must carry in the vehicles, the larger vehicles are “definitely a plus.”

And he emphasized that “I’m not spending to spend,” he said. “These are things the department needs.”

Supervisor Jake Hackman said although he didn’t like the timing of Shawver’s request, he

was leaning toward giving the sheriff the OK to purchase the two vehicles, especially when Shawver had removed the request for a vehicle from next year’s budget.

“That’s what we have to tell the public,” he said. “I don’t want to be sitting here, if I am, in a year saying you’re going to buy another Tahoe next April because he has money in his budget.”

Hackman eventually made the motion to give the go-ahead for the vehicles, saying “the reason I’m for it is he took it out and we’ve got to keep these cars moving. It is public safety.”

Board members agreed and voted 4-0 — Supervisor Steve Breitbach was unable to attend Monday’s meeting — but Kuhn, before voting yes said he was doing “only because you took it out next year’s [budget].”

Also on Monday, Shawver updated the supervisors on how much the county would get from its insurance policy for a Sheriff’s Office vehicle that crashed in Waterloo last month during what at times was a high-speed chase through multiple counties.

The county will receive just a little under \$72,900 from the insurance company and he said that the replacement vehicle will cost around \$80,000. The sheriff said he would be able to use money from this year’s budget to cover the difference.

Twins Ponds to hold wildflower walk Wednesday

On Wednesday, May 15, the Chickasaw County Conservation Board will hold a hike at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

The hike begins at 5 p.m. and organizers say participants will “hike around the woods in search of spring wildflowers and other signs of life.”

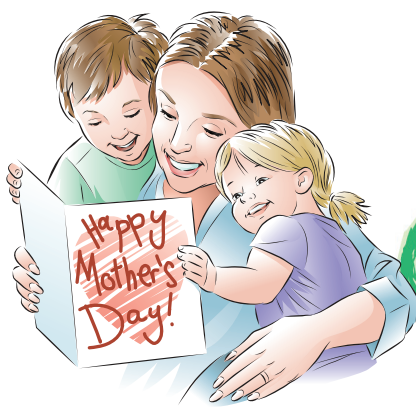


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Members of the MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard take part in the funeral service for one of their own — longtime nurse Rosie Goerend — at St. Luke Catholic Church in St. Lucas last month.

Honoring the dedication of nurses

MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard brings comfort to families of loved ones who devoted their lives to care of others

By Bob Fenske
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The memory of the MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard honoring his mother will remain with Father Jim Goerend for the rest of his life.

No one deserved the honor more than his mom, Rosie Goerend, who dedicated her life to nursing — at work, at home and in the neighborhood.

"It was so moving to know that mom's life, her vocation, was being honored," Goerend said when he was asked about the honor guard's pres-

ence at the April 2 funeral at St. Luke Catholic Church. "Mom was everyone's nurse. I can't tell you how many times when I was growing up that people would call her up, 'Rosie, I just cut my hand, can you come and look at it?' And off she'd go. To have that service honored, it meant the world to our family."

And that's why the MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard was started earlier this year.

The program was started to honor the memory of Edna Franke, who was a long time nurse and volunteer at MercyOne.



Jennifer Monteith, the hospital's manager of development and public relations, said that memorial money donated by Franke's family to the hospital's auxiliary, Friends of MercyOne, was used to start the program.

Franke began work at the hospital in 1961 and spent the majority of her career as a night supervisor while skillfully balancing her hospital work

with raising her children, working on the farm and serving her community. After she retired from nursing in 1995, she became an active member of the auxiliary, serving 10 years on its board and devoting countless volunteer hours to the hospital.

"This was a great way, we felt, to honor Edna's memory," Monteith said, "and to honor the people who

dedicated themselves to nursing profession and providing great care throughout their lives to patients."

At a family's request, the MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard will pay tribute to any current or retired registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in Chickasaw County and the

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• Providing a gift nightingale lamp and carnation to the family.
• Standing "guard" at the casket or urn when honor guard services cannot take place during a funeral.

Members wear the traditional white nursing caps with vintage navy and red capes.
Honor Guard services are provided courtesy of the Friends of MercyOne, and there is no charge. Families can, if they wish, make a memorial donation to the Honor Guard.

For those who don the caps and capes, it's a meaningful experience.

"It is so awesome to be a part of," said longtime nurse Connie Njus, who now works at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home in New Hampton. "It means a lot to all of us because it's honoring their work, their commitment to nursing. ... Nurses, let's face it, get overlooked sometimes but this is our way of being able to honor their care and their compassion."

If a funeral home or a family requests the services of the MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard, the word goes out to Sarah Collins and Debbie Sanford, the two members who have agreed to coordinate, if you will, the guard. They send out emails, detailing the time and place for a funeral



Members of the MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard pose for a picture outside of St. Luke Catholic Church in St. Lucas before honoring Rosie Goerend's lifelong commitment to her vocation.

and other guard members then let them know if they can attend the funeral or visitation.

"It is such an honor to be part of the Nursing Honor Guard," Collins said. "As nurses, we are the ones taking care of everyone else."

"This is a wonderful way to take care of one of our own and acknowledge all of the caring that that nurse has done during their career. It is a great feeling that for the last time, we can honor our nurse before they go to their final resting place. There is a special place for nurses in Heaven!"

The first funeral the MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard worked was that one early last

month in St. Lucas.

The members gathered to honor Rosie Goerend, whose tenacity led her to catch rides on everything from a snowmobile to a road grader so that her patients would get the care they needed.

In 2006, she was honored as one of the "Iowa 100 Great Nurses" and she worked as a nurse until the age of 80.

"It's a real honor to be a part of this," Sanford said. "I had never heard of a nurses' honor guard until we started talking about this last fall, and I wasn't sure how it would go. But to be there for Rosie's family, for all the families we

served, it has been very touching to be a part of something like this. The families are so appreciative, and I'm so happy we can honor their loved ones like this."

And those family members will be forever grateful for the comfort that the MercyOne Nursing Honor Guard provides. Just ask Father Jim.

"You know, I think what meant the most to me that day was that they were honoring mom's vocation, her dedication to nursing," he said. "God bless the work they're doing because it comforted all of us and was another reminder just how special our mother was."

History of National Nurses Week

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6 and ends on May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday.

These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event. As of 1998, May 8 was designated as National Student Nurses Day, to be celebrated annually. And as of 2003, National School Nurse Day is celebrated on the Wednesday within National Nurses Week (May 6-12) each year.

The nursing profession has been supported and promoted by the American Nurses Association (ANA) since 1896. Each of ANA's state and territorial nurses associations promotes the nursing profession at the state and regional levels. Each

conducts celebrations on these dates to recognize the contributions that nurses and nursing make to the community.

The ANA supports and encourages National Nurses Week recognition programs through the state and district nurses associations, other specialty nursing organizations, educational facilities, and independent health care companies and institutions.

It took decades for politicians to acknowledge and celebrate nurses; in fact, numerous resolutions were left unsigned by presidents over the years, but in 1954, the ANA observed National Nurse Week to mark the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to the Crimea, but it was until the 1980s that Congress and

the White House got on board with giving nurses "their week."

In the ANA Board of Directors formally acknowledged May 6, 1982 as "National Nurses Day."

The action affirmed a joint resolution of the United States Congress designating May 6 as "National Recognition Day for Nurses."

That same year, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation on March 25, proclaiming "National Recognition Day for Nurses" to be May 6, 1982.

In 1993, the ANA Board of Directors designated May 6-12 as permanent dates to observe National Nurses Week in 1994 and in all subsequent years.

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Owners Rick and Lilia Romero and Michael Roberts, also the general manager, and Liberty Van Genderen, say JJ's Tavern + Grill is about family.

They have worked diligently to build this for their employees, but also want their customers to recognize the family vibe. Michael even went as far as to say they'd like it to have the television show Cheers, "everyone knows your name" feel.

The intimate atmosphere and upscale smaller space naturally lend themselves to that feel. When you go, expect to talk with Rick and hear about the inspiration for the restaurant's name. You might get a hug from Lilia. And, Michael



Photo courtesy of iabeef.org

The winner of this year's Iowa's Best Burger Award is this beauty cooked up by the folks at JJ's Tavern + Grill in Ankeny.

will be there making food recommendations along the way. Lilia said that it is rare to see owners participating in the business every day and they are trying to prioritize that at JJ's.

JJ's Tavern + Grill offers a wide selection of elevated bar food offerings. As Liberty described, there is something for everyone's palate. The Best Burger Contest's timing is intentional and celebrates the kickoff of Iowa's May Beef

Month. JJ's has several beef options, but today it is all about the burgers!

The menu currently features eight smash burger selections. All look delicious, but Rick and Michael highlighted the JJ's Smash Burger, the Brock Curdy Burger, and the Jalapeno Cheddar. Each smash burger can be a single patty or double, but for that robust beef taste, we recommend a double!

JJ's Smash Burger is a classic, with tavern sauce, gooey American cheese, and notably fresh lettuce, tomato, red onion, and pickle. Rick said their smaller venue promotes their freshness standards because they have limited storage so they get regular food deliveries. Yes, the Brock Curdy Burger is named for San

Francisco 49ers quarterback and former Iowa State player, Brock Purdy. This burger is loaded!

On the patties, there is BBQ sauce, ranch, American cheese, cheese curds, pulled pork, and bacon. Michael said the third burger they would highlight is the Jalapeno Cheddar Burger which gives a little spice and has been quite popular. This burger is topped with tavern sauce, cheddar, bacon, and of course, jalapenos.

To pair with your burger, you'll find a unique offering of sides from hot honey Brussels sprouts to edamame, traditional fries to mouth-watering cheese curds, and more.

They also have an array of

SEE BEST BURGER, 14

Nashua farmer has passion for Iowa Beef

McGregor has met a 'ton of friends' during his time working with the Beef Checkoff Program

By BOB FENSKÉ
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Scott McGregor took the phone call Tuesday afternoon, and as much as the Nashua man loves to talk beef, he had to ask the reporter to call later in the day.

"We've moving cattle right now," he said, "and it's a little busy around here."

Then again, McGregor is always busy, but he carved out a few minutes to talk about the 20 or so years he has spent as an Iowa Beef Council representative.

"I have a buddy of mine, we're kind of the oddballs of the group," he said with a laugh, "because most guys get on it for a few years and then get off of it. We just keep sticking around, but seriously, it's important to me to be a director and promote and advocate for Iowa beef."

As the Iowa Beef Industry Council's website states, the "beef checkoff doesn't own cattle, packing plants or retail outlets. It can't control prices or singlehandedly turn around a bad market. The Beef Checkoff Program was designed to stimulate consumers to buy more beef. This is accomplished through a combination of initiatives including consumer advertising, research, public relations, education and new product development."

And the program does it in a variety of ways — investing the \$1.50 per head of cattle sold in Iowa for promotion, research, consumer information, foreign marketing and producer communications.



McGregor

"You know the saying, 'Beef, It's What's for Dinner,' that's a big part of what we do," McGregor said, "but it's not the only thing we do. I've met people from all over the state and all over the world being involved with this, and I really do enjoy that aspect of it. There are a lot of great folks who raise beef out there and it's fun to work with them. I've met a ton of friends along the way."

McGregor has been raising beef since the early 1970s and he farms along with two brothers, a nephew and a son on the McGregor farm located north of Nashua. Like most cattle farmers, he has his favorite breed — "Angus is the only way to go," he said with a laugh — and the McGregors also raise row crops.

He said the beef industry is in a "pretty good" spot right now.

"Prices are good, and I know the cost to the consumer is pretty high right now," he said, "but it hasn't hurt us too much. People like what we produce, and I think that's a plus for Iowa beef. People know they're going to get nutritious, tasty, safe food."

He said one of the big changes he's seen in recent years is the different cuts that come up.

"You know, 20 years ago, a flatiron steak didn't exist," he said, "and that's part of what the checkoff supports, finding new cuts and things like that. Part of the checkoff I think is really important is putting out a positive message about beef."

There's another reason he's stuck around as long as he has.

McGregor brought up the "Best Burger in Iowa" award that recently went to JJ's Tavern + Grill in Ankeny.

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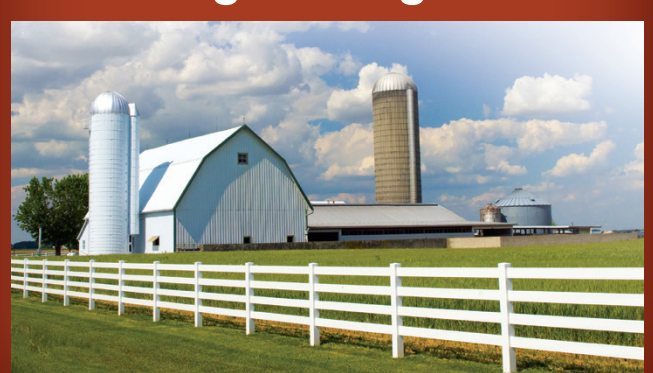


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- 2 egg whites or 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups heart healthy or regular pasta sauce
- 4 crusty Italian bread rolls (5 to 6-inches each), split
- 4 tablespoons giardiniera, drained (optional)

COOKING DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400°F. Combine Ground Beef, bread crumbs, egg whites, water, salt and pepper in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Shape into twelve 2-inch meatballs. Place on rack in broiler pan that has been sprayed with cooking spray. Bake in 400°F oven 18 to 20 minutes.

Cook's Tip: Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed ground beef. Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F. Color is not a reliable indicator of ground beef doneness.

Heat pasta sauce according to package directions in medium saucepan. Add hot cooked meatballs to pasta sauce; stir to coat evenly. Divide meatballs and sauce evenly among rolls. Top evenly with giardiniera.

Cook's Tip: Giardiniera is a mixture of vegetables, traditionally

peppers, carrots, celery and onions, pickled in a white or red vinegar and oil mixture. It is sold in mild or hot varieties.



Classic Beef Meatloaf

INGREDIENTS

- 1-1/2 pounds Ground Beef (93% lean or leaner)
- 3/4 cup panko bread crumbs
- 3/4 cup ketchup, divided
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

COOKING DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°F. Combine Ground Beef, bread crumbs, 1/2 cup ketchup, onion, egg, Worcestershire, garlic, thyme, pepper and salt in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Shape beef into 8 x 4-inch loaf on rack in aluminum foil-lined broiler pan.

Place on upper oven rack in 350°F oven. Bake 40 to 50 minutes; brush with remaining 1/4 cup ketchup. Bake 5 minutes more or until instant-read thermometer inserted into center registers 160°F. Let stand 10 minutes. Cut into slices.

Cook's Tip: Cooking times are for fresh or thoroughly thawed

ground beef. Ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160°F. Color is not a reliable indicator of ground beef doneness.



Classic Beef Kabobs

INGREDIENTS

- 1 pound beef Top Sirloin Steak cut 1-inch thick
- 8 ounces mushrooms
- 1 medium red, yellow, or green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium red onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper

COOKING DIRECTIONS

Cut beef Top Sirloin Boneless steak into 1-inch pieces. Combine seasoning ingredients in large bowl. Add beef, mushrooms, bell pepper pieces and onion pieces; toss to coat.

Alternately thread beef and vegetable pieces evenly onto eight 12-inch metal skewers, leaving small spaces between pieces.

Cook's Tip: Eight 12-inch bamboo skewers may be substituted for metal skewers. Soak bamboo skewers in water 10 minutes before using; drain.

Place kabobs on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill kabobs, covered, 8 to 10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 9 to 11 minutes) for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning once. Season kabobs with salt.

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Nashua farmer proud to promote beef

McGREGOR: FROM 12

"I've had a few of them, and let me tell you, there's a lot of places that make a great burger in Iowa," he said before adding with a laugh, "and one of my jobs is to promote beef

right? Well, I'm working on it by eating all the best burgers in Iowa."

So what was on the supper menu on this night? He laughed.

"Well, I shouldn't say this during National Beef Month,

but I'm supporting my pork producing friends with a BLT," he said. "I love a good piece of bacon, too."

But he's a beef man at heart. Always has been; always will be.

"When you work with cattle, it's an everyday thing," he said. "You gotta feed them every day, right? But I'm proud, we all are, of Iowa beef. And to be a part of promoting it has been pretty dang rewarding."

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The grill staff at JJ's Tavern + Grill in Ankeny pose for a picture outside the restaurant that has seen a significant impact created by being named the winner of the Iowa Best Burger Award.

Restaurant focuses on being 'different'

BEST BURGER: FROM 12

fun cocktails and scrumptious desserts. Michael talked about the creativity of the menu and said it is a partnership. They work closely with their distributor, Matthew Hanscom who is also a chef, listen to their customers, find inspiration from other restaurants, and allow their team to try and create new recipes.

"To me, a lot of restaurants are the same, just with a different name," said Michael. "One of our goals with JJ's was to be totally different. We wanted to focus on the quality of food, the atmosphere, and customer service at a reasonable price point."

The competition and being named as a Top 10 contestant in Iowa's Best Burger competition has already had a significant impact on their business. Since being named a Top 10 contestant on March 12, they went from selling 13 burgers a day to over 36 burgers a day.

JJ's recently opened in late November 2023. They have recently added a patio for an outdoor dining experience and additional seating. Rick shared that thanks to the contest they may consider moving up plans for a second location.

"We've always talked about a second location," said Rick. "This might be our dream spot, but we like the concept of a second spot and our name is out there now. We have great customers and they have really supported us."

This was the 15th year for the annual Iowa's Best Burger Contest and had the added excitement of allowing previous winners the chance to be nominated again. We had three previous winners in the list of Top 10 contestants.

The Best Burger Contest is sponsored by the Iowa Beef Industry Council and the Iowa

Cattlemen's Association to showcase the valued partnership between Iowa's cattlemen and food service providers through delicious burgers crafted by Iowa's talented chefs and restaurateurs.

Michael shared that being a part of this contest and being selected as the winner was like the Michelin star for restaurants. He said that getting into the Top 10 had been his vision from day one.

"As I sat down with Rick, I said we have got to get into the burger contest," said Michael. "You know, if you get into the Top 10 it is going to change your world. If you win, it's going to change it even more. To me, I think it is the biggest competition in Iowa."

"We're now sealed with some of the great restaurants in Iowa," said Rick. "So for the next five to 20 years, our name is going to have the star next to it. I've said for a long time, that there hasn't been an award-winning burger in Ankeny, well now there is."

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The designation of Iowa's Best Burger comes after a two-phase competition. The first phase is based on votes from the public. To qualify the burger must be a 100% real beef patty and served on a bun or bread product. From February 12 to March 12, 2024, more than 7,500 votes were cast for more than 500 different Iowa restaurants.

The Top 10 are narrowed down by votes and announced. The second phase includes a group of anonymous judges who visit each restaurant to taste-test the burger and score based on taste, doneness, and presentation. Judges' scores are tallied to determine who the title of Iowa's Best Burger is awarded to.

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Pair of seniors earn all-NEIC boys golf honors

NH BOYS GOLF: FROM 20

maybe," his father said, "but the good part of it is that he bounced back. Especially in an 18-hole meet, you can't get in a funk over one hole. Like I said, there's a lot of holes to play. Don't let one hole turn into two, three, four bad ones. It's golf; it's just part of the game." Shawver, meanwhile, was his

typical solid self. "Jack's one of those kids that just doesn't let a lot get to him," Ewert said. "He just goes out and plays consistent golf." Ditto for Josephson, save for his final two holes that fortunately didn't cost him all-conference status but did knock him down a bit in the standings. "I know Kam wanted to finish better, but hey, he's all-con-

ference and we'll take that," Ewert said. What was especially nice for the Chickasaws was the weather as temperatures climbed to near 70 and the wind, for once, wasn't howling. "Finally, we got a nice day," Ewert said with a laugh. "Here's to a few more like this, right?" New Hampton had little time to rest up as the Chickasaws traveled to Waterloo for the Class 2A sectional meet, which was played after this edition of the Tribune went to press. The goal was a top-two finish — or a top-three if host Waterloo Columbus was among the top two — so that the season can continue at Monday's district meet in Dike.

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Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of May 2024 at 5:30PM at the Sumner-Fredericksburg Middle School in Fredericksburg, Iowa, a public hearing will be held to accept input regarding the Sumner-Fredericksburg Hazard Mitigation Plan recently being undertaken by participating Cities, Counties, and School Districts in Chickasaw County, prior to its adoption by the Sumner-Fredericksburg Community School District. Anyone interested may appear at the above stated time and stated above for the public hearing and be heard or may file written comments in person, mail, or email to Superintendent Fred Matlage at matlagef@sfcougars.k12.ia.us or to the School District Administrative Offices at 802 West Sixth Street, Sumner, Iowa 50674, Iowa to be received in the office before 4:00 PM on the date set for said hearing. A copy of the plan is available for review at the School District Administrative Office or online at www.inrcog.org/pub.

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Cody L. Cordes, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003209 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Cody L. Cordes, Deceased, who died on or about April 3, 2024: You are hereby notified that on May 1, 2024, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated on April 29, 2024.

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Steven K. Daniels, ICIS#: AT0001962
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"I'm going to remind the guys that if they play well, they don't have to go to school on Monday," Ewert said. "Seriously, these guys I think have gotten better during the season but we still haven't played our best golf. Now, though, is the time to do that."

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Jack Shawver watches his putt roll toward the hole during a meet earlier this season.

Riley Perez (CC) 85, Caden Hotz (WSR) 85, Kamp Josephson (NH) 86, Jackson Phiph (D) 86, Carter Dilhy (D) 88, Dane Curtin (Cr) 88, Tyler Gade (WSR) 88.

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You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the defendant in this action for nuisance and breach of contract. A copy of the petition, certificate of original notice (and any documents filed with it) is available by contact the undersigned, or the Iowa Secretary of State, or by asking the City Clerk for Nashua, Iowa 50658. The name and address of the attorney for the City of Nashua is David H. Skilton, 205 Brasher Street, P.O. Box 39, Nashua, Iowa 50658-0039. The attorney's phone number is 641-435-2462; facsimile number is 641-435-2463. You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Unless, within 60 days after service of this original notice upon you, you serve, and within a reasonable time thereafter file a motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Chickasaw County, at the courthouse in

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES April 29, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, April 29, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cervinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cervinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Custodian Dave Gorman, Land use Administrator/Assessor Raymond Armel

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for April 29, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from April 22, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to authorize chair's signature on the Contract for Library Service Chickasaw County. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve Town and Country Club Class A Retail Alcohol License for a 12-month term. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Bradford Guest House, LLC Class C Retail Alcohol License for a 12-month term. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on Chickasaw County Council on Aging 28E Agreement. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cervinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve RESOLUTION 4-29-24-20 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT

OF: ParcelS 2024-16 and 2024-17 in the NW1/4 OF section 21 all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa WHEREAS, ON THE 29th DAY of April, 2024 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of ParcelS 2024-16 and 2024-17 in the NW1/4 OF section 21 all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa was presented. WHEREAS, the minor subdivision plat of ParcelS 2024-16 and 2024-17 in the NW1/4 OF section 21 all in Township 95 NORTH, Range 14 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., Chickasaw County, Iowa Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 29th DAY of APRIL, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cervinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Cervinske. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Discussed Cost Advisory Services, Inc (CASI) contract and no action taken.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement for Highway Safety Improvement Program - Secondary Federal-aid Swap Project HSIP-SWAP-C019(112)-FJ-19. Roll

call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve employment contract with Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to amend previous motion to add a performance review before determining the Engineer's salary for the next fiscal year. Roll call. Aye: Kuhn, Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cervinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by

Suckow to approve employment contract with Engineer Roman Lensing. Roll call. Aye: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cervinske. Motion carried.

Discussed Secondary Roads updates. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve the Veterans Memorial Day service in front of the Chickasaw County Courthouse on May 27, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed elevator fire alarm with Custodian Dave Gorman, which hasn't worked since electrical project on April 20, 2024 and the fire alarm is under warranty.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to approve the mini split heat pump for the Sheriff's office. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to amend motion for the mini split heat pump installation not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss Budget Amendment #3 for FY23-24.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to set public hearing for May 13, 2024 at 9:10 AM for the Amendment of fiscal year 2023-2024 budget and direct auditor to publish Notice of Public Hearing — Amendment of Current Budget FY 2023-2024 in the New Hampton Tribune on May 2, 2024 and Nashua Reporter on May 3, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes Motion carried.

Committee Assignment Supervisor Hackman, April 23, CSS Supervisor Kuhn, April 23, EMA Supervisor Cervinske, April 22 & 23, Pathways

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 9:58 AM. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried. Scott Cervinske, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET NEW HAMPTON School District Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The NEW HAMPTON School District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024

Meeting Date/Time: 5/20/2024 06:30 PM Contact: Christy Roethliher Phone: (641) 394-2134 ext: 1136

Meeting Location: New Hampton High School FCS Room 710 West Main St. New Hampton, IA 50659

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals>.

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Total Other Expenditures	2,657,028	450,000	3,107,028	Bus Purchase/Covid Expenses
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Winning conference is key but Chickasaw girls have ‘bigger plans’

NH GIRLS GOLF: FROM 20

New Hampton began its conference championship run in 2015 and, save for the COVID-canceled season in 2020, the Chickasaws haven't missed a beat since.

"It's all they've known," Olson said, "and I want them to appreciate that. A lot of kids go through all of high school without winning a conference championship so I want them to enjoy it. The coach in me, though, reminded them today that we have bigger plans, that we have more things to cross out on our goal sheet."

And those bigger plans begin on Friday, when New Hampton travels to Clarion to for the first-round of the Class 2A regional tournament. Finish in the top-two there and the Chickasaws head to Emmetsburg on Wednesday for the final round of the regional and a chance to play in their seventh consecutive state tournament.

"Conference is important; I mean we definitely want to win it," Nuss said, "but yeah, if I had to pick between winning conference or going to state, that's a pretty easy decision."

Nuss was the first to admit that, at times, Monday was a struggle.

"I left some shots out there, some shots I'd really like back," she said. "It wasn't my best day, but our goal was the team title and we had some people really step up."

Take Geerts, for example, who posted a career-best 18-hole round on Monday, and her coach said the sophomore may be just getting started.

"Her upside potential is really good, and people forget she's just a sophomore," Olson said.

Chickasaw girls take aim at state in qualifying meet

NH GIRLS TRACK: FROM 20

While the long jump isn't completely brand new for Pesek – she tried it as a sophomore – she got back on the horse, so to speak, and gave it another shot a few weeks ago.

What did Laures and her talented bunch have to lose, right?

"I started last Tuesday," laughed Pesek about competing in the long jump for the first time this year in the last week of April – a mere three weeks or so removed from the start of the state meet.

Well, Pesek has positioned herself to crack the state field if Laures and Pesek do indeed gun for a spot tonight (Thursday) in Denver at that state qualifier.

"We will look at our district and see where our best potential is to qualify," said the NH head coach.

Remember, just this last year Chickasaw superstar Carlee Rochford won the whole thing by bringing a state title back to New Hampton in the long jump.

Does Pesek have a shot to medal in the long jump?

She may well have a legitimate chance as evident by her personal-best leap of 16-9.5 (currently 16th-best in Class 2A) this spring, but she'll probably have to jump better than her 16-2.75, which placed her fourth overall at the league get-together.

"I definitely can jump better than that," said Pesek.

Pesek ran in the open 200 and 400 three years ago in 2021 at state. She finished 15th last year in the 100 dash and did the same in that 200 dash. She also helped anchor the Chickasaws to an eighth-place finish in the 4x400 relay – which secured a medal for New Hampton.

"I want to finish strong and enjoy every moment," said Pesek. "It's kind of crazy how fast it's gone by. We're already at conference – next week's districts already. I'm going to have my last day of school and then we'll be at state track."

Pesek helped anchor that 4x400 relay to a runner-up finish (4:12.37) on Thursday. The Chickasaw squad of juniors Taylor Ries and Kinsley Hackman, along with senior Megan Pickar crossed the finish line just behind Decorah's 4:10.29.

The powerful Vikings won the meet by a landslide, racking up 185 points to second-place Crestwood's 96 points. Just 15 points separated those runner-up Cadets from fifth-place New Hampton (79).

So yeah, it was definitely a log jam for second place.

"We didn't finish as high as we would have liked, but we are very proud of how the girls competed. Our conference is incredibly tough this year, and we know that when we perform against great competition, our times will drop. We had so many PR's, and we are very proud of the girls for competing hard," said Laures, in her 18th season at New Hampton.

There are countless interesting storylines for the Chickasaws this week – who have a

Chickasaws cruise to NEIC dual victory

The New Hampton girls golf team prepped for the Northeast Iowa Conference tournament with a convincing dual win over league foe Waverly-Shell Rock.

The Chickasaws, led by medalist Lauren Nuss' 38, scored 169-187 victory.

New Hampton's Kinsli Dahl and Maycen Hackman both fired 43s while Alivia Geerts rounded out the Chickasaws scorers with a 45.

NEW HAMPTON 169, WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 187
Medalist: Lauren Nuss 38.
New Hampton scores: Nuss 38, Maycen Hackman 43, Kinsli Dahl 43, Alivia Geerts 45, Kira Tenge 50, Brenna Flattum 54.
JV scores: Katherine Brincks 54.

"She's stronger now, she's learning to hit those get-out-of-trouble shots really well. Not that she doesn't hit some really nice golf shots, too, but she managed her game really well today."

Ditto for Dahl, whose individual goal coming into the tournament was to beat her NEIC score of 92 from a year ago.

"I knew it might be tough to place higher," she said, "because there's some really good young golfers and transfers, so I focused on making sure I shot better than 92. The funny thing is I think it should have been better than an 87, but I'll take it and work on getting better for [regionals]."

Hackman rounded out the Chickasaw scorers, and her coach said the junior showed how much she has matured



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Kira Tenge putts on the first green at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club during Monday's Northeast Iowa Conference meet.

during her high school golf career.

"Maycen was pretty disappointed, but she had four or five holes that were really tough on her," Olson said. "But she battled, and you know if she blows up, we don't win."

As much as they enjoyed adding to the streak, the Chickasaws were already looking forward to Friday.

"We want to keep playing, and I think all of the girls want state more than we wanted conference," Dahl said. "It's not like we didn't want to win today, but Friday and next week, those are the really big meets for us. Those are the ones that really

count."

NEIC TEAM SCORES

New Hampton 352, Waverly-Shell Rock 357, Crestwood 391, Charles City 401, Decorah 414, Waukon 475.

ALL-CONFERENCE GOLFERS

Brenna Bodensteiner (WSR) 75, Maria Riveros (D) 81, Lauren Nuss (NH) 84, Alivia Geerts (NH) 85, Mady Mummelthel (WSR) 85, Ainsely Teeling (C) 86, Kinsli Dahl (NH) 87, Kenzie Moellers (C) 93, Maycen Hackman (NH) 96, Kyleigh Linder (WSR) 97, Shelby Effle (CC) 98, Alex Wohlers (CC) 98, Mya Rimrod (CC) 99, Kaiya Holten (C) 100, Dayna Westendorf (D) 100.

NEW HAMPTON SCORES

Nuss 42-42 - 84, Geerts 42-43 - 85, Dahl 44-43 - 87, Hackman 48-48 - 96, Brenna Flattum 57-50 - 107, Kira Tenge 55-52 - 107.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Jenna Heeren takes the baton from Addison Trower in a relay.

chance to send quite a few events to state.

New Hampton had a plethora of PRs on a night that saw the Chickasaws reel in four silver medals, including that 4x400 finish.

NH's 4x800 relay – a 12th place finisher at state last year – crossed the tape in a runner-up clip of 10:09 with the foursome of Ries, Pickar, freshman Kinslee Rings and junior Natalie Nosbisch.

New Hampton was also second (1:54) in the sprint medley with the contingent of freshman Ava Leichtman, sophomore Madison Shawver, Hackman and Pesek. The sprint medley engineered a top-10 finish at state in 2023.

All those aforementioned relays produced season-best times in Charles City.

"We feel confident in those relays as they're sitting in the top 15 in the state," said Laures. "However, we still have to perform because nothing is guaranteed."

PR's were plentiful on this night for the Chickasaws.

Pickar ran a season-best in the open 800 with a second-place time of 2:33. Ries was third in the 400 hurdles (1:08) with another PR. Sophie Glaser, another freshman for Laures, ran personal-bests in the 1,500 run (5:24) and 3,000 run (11:36).

Hackman (1:03, third place) and Nosbisch (1:06, fifth) each PR'd in the open 400.

Hackman also ran at state as a freshman in 2022 (sprint medley, 4x400) and has been a mainstay for the Chickasaws over the course of the last three seasons out on the oval.

"Kinsley has been a key to the success of our team. She's an incredibly competitive kid, and she's such a great role model on and off the track!" said Laures.

Pesek finished third in the open 200 in a time of 27.24. Her PR this season is 26.52.

The Chickasaws' throwers got into the act as well as senior Claire Geerts – a 19th-place state finisher in the shot put last year – came within a half inch of her PR with a heave of 35-10.5. That throw placed her seventh.

Madison Schaufenbuel, a senior as well, almost PR'd in the discus with a throw of 102-3, good for sixth place. Her career PR in that event is 105-4, which happened last year.

Then there's a wildcard in junior Braelyn Rosonke – who like Pesek is taking aim at an event she's not all that familiar with either. That is the same event that Schaufenbuel hopes to zoom into the state field in – the discus.

"She beat me by one foot the other day

and I was like are you kidding, Braelyn?" smiled Schaufenbuel, which got a chuckle out of Rosonke as the pair stood by the discus throwing area on Thursday.

While Rosonke had an "off day" in the discus on Thursday with a throw of 77-3 (16th place), she's proven she's adept at the undertaking by achieving a PR of 101.25 this year.

Rosonke seems to just be scratching the surface in the discus and could be primed for a breakout toss in that field event – given the right circumstance.

"She has long levers, so with the right release she can really make the discus travel," said Laures.

Rosonke also high jumps – which is sort of an odd combination for a track athlete – but that's where she sits with aspirations of performing on a much bigger stage at state in her newly-found throwing event.

"I had no idea I'd be doing the discus," said Rosonke. "I just started learning all the warmups and stuff. It just came to me."

NEIC MEET TEAM SCORES

Decorah185, Crestwood 96, Charles City 89, Waverly-Shell Rock 88, New Hampton 79, Waukon 45.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

100 - 5. Kinsley Hackman 13.46, 8. Ava Leichtman 14.0, Kayme Hackman 14.57.
100 hurdles - 11. Addison Trower 18.81, 12. Sydney Laures 19.01.
200 - 3. Hailee Pesek 27.24, 9. Capri Lester 29.83.
400 - 1. Ki. Hackman 1:03.35, 5. Natalie Nosbisch 1:06.59.
400 hurdles - 3. Taylor Ries 1:08.99, 9. Laures 1:17.89.
800 - 2. Megan Pickar 2:33.57, 8. Madalyn Van Wey 2:56.24.
1,500 - 4. Sophie Glaser 5:24.25.
3,000 - 3. Glaser 11:36.73.
Discus - 6. Madison Schaufenbuel 102-3, 14. Braelyn Rosonke 77-3, 16. Amiya Kellogg 65-3.
High jump - Rosonke NH.
Long jump - 4. Pesek 16-2.75, 11. Ka. Hackman 13-4.25.
Shot put - 7. Claire Geerts 35-10.5, 8. Schaufenbuel 34, 12. Kinslee Rings 31-6.5.
Sprint medley - 2. Leichtman, Madison Shawver, Ki. Hackman, Pesek 1:54.69, Cora Schwickerath, Trower, Jenna Heeren, Rylie Vsetecka 2:11.44.
Distance medley - 3. Kailynn Gebel, Shawver, Capri Lester, Rings 4:41.83.
4x100 - 5. Leichtman, Shawver, Trower, Zoey Kellogg 54.13, Gebel, Maici Weber, Camryn Smith, Ka. Hackman 56.3.
Shuttle hurdle - 6. Laures, Lester, Schwickerath, Trower 1:18.27.
4x200 - 5. Heeren, Kellogg, Shaver, Camryn Smith 1:56.55, Maici Weber, Vseteckka, Rosonke, Ka. Hackman 2:04.31.
4x400 - 2. Ries, Ki. Hackman, Pickar, Pesek 4:12.37.
4x800 - 2. Ries, Pickar, Rings, Nosbisch 10:09.38.

McShane places in three events at NEIC

NH BOYS TRACK: FROM 19

Zeien's PR this year in the discus is 149-9 (14th-best in 2A) and McShane has thrown a 144-6.5 for his season best. That ranks McShane 21st in his class according to throws posted on gobound.com. Each Chickasaw is a little further down the list in the shot put with their season-best tosses – Zein (46-7.5, 27th overall) and McShane is right around the top 40 throws in his class.

Zeien is capable of popping off a big one in the discus – as he did last year with a NH Hall of Fame throw of 162-2 at a home meet.

He broke down how sometimes a throw you might think would go far, doesn't – and vice versa.

"Sometimes your worst throw is your best throw," said Zeien. "I got taught young that."

Zeien was brutally honest about McShane's discus-throwing heroics as well as what the newcomer has been able to do in the shot put.

"In both, he's just kind of that natural talent, I'd say," said Zeien. "There's really no technique to his discus, he just goes and throws it. He doesn't have to think about it."

McShane placed sixth in the 100 dash in 11.76 and Chickasaw junior Beau Serie wound up seventh in 11.97 PR) at Charles City. Each NH teammate was running side-by-side in that sprint event as Serie was in lane eight of their heat.

McShane has taken on the high jump, long jump and also ran on the Chickasaw state distance medley and 4x400 relay as a sophomore, along with NH senior Ethan Praska.

Jenkins had this to say about McShane's vast repertoire of success in track and field.

"I'm starting to wonder if there's an event he would NOT be good in if we tried it," said Jenkins.

And it was an unforeseen chain of events that probably allowed McShane to even attempt the shot put and discus in the first place. Leave it to a hamstring injury incurred in the football season that paved

the way for the future UNI Panther to try something new with his field events.

That's definitely turning a negative into a positive.

"And the interesting thing about this is if Braden wouldn't have been injured and been able to run at the beginning of the season, we probably wouldn't have tried him in the throws; it's funny how things have a way of working out," said Jenkins.

Praska finished fifth in the 400 hurdles in 1:01.83. His PR this year is 1:01.26.

New Hampton's 4x100 relay came close to a season-best time with a clip of 46.93 (sixth place) with the squad of Kale Venem, Jay Pickar, Bryce Flugum and McShane.

Chickasaw freshman Cade Carpenter also ran a PR in the open 400 dash (55.69) – which saw him cross the finish line in seventh place.

New Hampton finished in sixth place in the team standings with 30 points. Decorah ruled the roost at the top of the leaderboard with 194 points – 57 points more than second-place Waverly-Shell Rock.

NEIC MEET TEAM SCORES

Decorah 194, Waverly-Shell Rock 137, Waukon 84, Charles City 68, Crestwood 63, New Hampton 30.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

100 - 6. Braden McShane 11.76, 7. Beau Serie 11.97.
200 - 10. Cade Carpenter 25.99, Roy Barron 27.67.
400 - 7. Carpenter 55.69.
400 hurdles - 5. Ethan Praska 1:01.83, 9. Elliott Eiler 1:05.98.
800 - 11. Colin Shatek 2:45.82.
1,600 - 10. Weston Praska 5:20.46, 11. Braden Manson 5:24.27.
3,200 - 8. Manson 11:31.75, 10. Shatek 12:45.41.
Discus - 1. Marshall Zeien 143-5, 2. McShane 143-3, 17. Jaxon Kuehn 69-9.
Long jump - 8. Jay Pickar 17-6.
Shot put - 3. McShane 44-9.5, 8. Zeien 42, 16. Kuehn 32-9.75.
Sprint medley - 6. Pickar, Bryce Flugum, E. Praska, Kinick Wisner 1:45.5.
Distance medley - 6. Dakota Martzahn, Eiler, Jon Baker, W. Praska 4:21.65.
4x100 - 6. Kale Venem, Pickar, Flugum, McShane 46.93, Martzahn, Roy Barron, Jayden Bucknell, Zeien 51.98.
4x200 - 5. Pickar, Flugum, Wisner, E. Praska 1:39.84.
4x400 - 6. Carpenter, Flugum, Wisner, E. Praska 3:57.5.

Chickasaw girls drop tight affair with Decorah; boys fall to two ranked foes

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Decorah just edged the New Hampton girls soccer squad by a score of 3-2 last week Tuesday at home.

The Vikings (3-8) led 2-0 at intermission and utilized goals from three different players – Sara Johanningmeier, Nora Lesmeister and Ana Simon.

New Hampton – which has won four matches this season – got goals from sophomores Tegan Dungey and Keziah Ugum.

Conversely, the New Hampton boys team took on two ranked foes in No. 4 Decorah and No. 8 Aplington-Parkersburg on Friday. The 12-3 Vikings downed NH, 11-1,

and A-P (12-3) blanked the Chickasaws, 10-0.

Chickasaw junior Xander Meyerhoff scored New Hampton's only goal in the second half against Decorah.

New Hampton freshman Israel Ortiz managed 10 saves at his goalkeeper position versus the Vikings. Ortiz tallied 11 saves versus A-P.

The Chickasaw boys dropped to 2-8 this season.

Last Thursday's scheduled contest for the NH boys at home versus Waterloo West was cancelled because of rain that fell, which saturated the pitch and made it not playable.

NH hosts Clayton Ridge in a girl/boy doubleheader this Friday, which is also Senior Night for the Chickasaws.

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THURSDAY

New Hampton coed state track qualifying meet at Denver, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley coed state track qualifying meet at Saint Ansgar, 4 p.m.

New Hampton trapshooting vs. CC/N-P, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton girls golf Class 2A regional first round at Clarmond Golf Course, Clarion, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley girls golf Class 1A regional first round at Silver Springs, Ossian, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley at New Hampton trapshooting (Hdcp. & Double) 4 p.m.

New Hampton soccer vs. Clayton Ridge (senior parent night), girls at 4:30 p.m., boys at 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

New Hampton and Turkey Valley trapshooting at Cedar Falls, 8 a.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton boys golf 2A district meet, if qualified, Fox Ridge, Dike-New Hartford, 10 a.m.

New Hampton boys soccer substate vs. Solon at Vinton-Shellsburg, 5:30 p.m.

New Hampton girls soccer regional at Clear Lake, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley boys golf Class 1A district, if qualified, Highland Park Golf Course, Mason City, 10 a.m.

New Hampton trapshooting at Cedar Falls, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

New Hampton girls golf, Class 2A regional final, if qualified, Five Island Golf Course, Emmetsburg, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley girls golf Class 1A regional final, if qualified, Nashua Town & Country Club, 10 a.m.

New Hampton baseball vs. Clear Lake, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.



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Turkey Valley senior Burke Busta gets out of the blocks at the start of the 400 dash at the Nashua-Plainfield Co-Ed Invite earlier this year. Busta will be an integral member of TV's relays at the state qualifier tonight (Thursday) in St. Ansgar.

Kruse anchors relays to victory at UIC

By Kelly Terpstra
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Turkey Valley's J.D. Kruse tracked down MFL MarMac's Eli Hanson in the final race of the evening on Thursday night in Calmar.

The 4x400 relay wasn't a photo finish – but it was a showstopper nonetheless.

The two stellar sophomores entertained fans in attendance at the Upper Iowa Conference meet with a thrilling end to the night's festivities at the league get-together hosted by South Winneshiek.

Kruse wouldn't be denied as he came from behind to nip Hanson at the tape to help his Trojans reel in a gold medal with a season-best clip of 3:45.03. MFL finished with a near-miss time of 3:46.22 for second place.

"Here's what the winning did. J.D. – it showed the competitive nature that he wasn't just wanting a medal, he wanted to win it. It was close all the way through. It was kind of back-and-forth," said longtime TV track coach Mark Scott. "He went out and ran him down."

Kruse PR'd in that 4x400 race and also anchored TV's winning 4x800 relay – which also has state aspirations as the Trojans take to the track in St. Ansgar tonight (Thursday) for the qualifier and the possibility to punch their ticket to Des Moines.

TV had all of nine runners at the league meet, but still managed to score 33 points, which positioned themselves into eighth place. Hanson and his Bulldogs of MFL won the meet with 171 points.

TV is right on the cusp of the state cutoff in the 4x800 as the Trojans' season-best mark of 8:51.74 sits them 25th overall in the times that have been submitted to gobound.com – the encyclopedia of prep sports across Iowa that allows fans, coaches and athletes the chance to compare times and scores.

TV's 4x400 (ranked 49th in Class1A) is comprised of freshman Kaden Schmidt, senior Burke Busta, freshman Hugo



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Turkey Valley freshman Hugo Busta grabs the baton from Trojan senior Russell Nieman in the 4x800 relay at Nashua in a meet last month.

Busta and Kruse.

The odds might be long for the 4x400 to make state based on that ranking, but TV is one of a few teams that have a shot to qualify in its district. The state takes the winner from each event out of the 10 districts in Class 1A and those entrants automatically qualify for state. Then the remaining 14-best times, leaps or throws across the board in each event get invites to Drake Stadium in Des Moines.

"Anything we run, we're going to have to run better than we have all year," said Scott. "The times we have right now probably aren't going to qualify anything."

In the 4x800 and 4x400 – West Hancock, Lake Mills, North Iowa, the host Saints and Nashua-Plainfield are all either favorites or candidates to vault themselves to state.

"If we win anything I will be

tickled pink," said Scott. "We're just trying to get in on time. They all have good teams in each one of those races. Depending on who they put where, we're just going to have to go and try to beat as many kids as we can and see what happens."

Hugo Busta, Burke Busta, senior Russell Nieman and Kruse fill out the 4x800. Scott said it was the first time the conference champion relay all ran together in the same meet. "He ran our best time in that," said Scott about Burke Busta's 800 clip in the 4x800.

Scott said Burke and J.D. were more focused on sprint events early this spring, but they realized they could fill a need midway through the season and give TV a chance to get back down to state. The Trojans finished 10th in the 4x400 last year at state and 20th in the sprint med.

Jayden Rausch, another fan-

tastic freshman for TV, did not compete at the league meet. Scott mentioned that he probably could have placed in the two-mile run had he been in uniform.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE MEET TEAM SCORES
MFL MarMac 171, NFV 145, South Winneshiek 144, C. Elkader 77, W. Central 53, Clayton Ridge 45, Kee 42, Turkey Valley 33, Postville 7.
TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS
100 - 14. Tucker Tlusty 14.73, 15. Wyatt Maklenburg 17.95.
200 - 15. Tlusty 29.8.
400 - 14. Brayden Hoffer 1:10.3.
800 - 7. Avery Franzen 2:21.18.
1,600 - 9. Hoffer 5:49.25.
Shot put - 11. Traeijn Keel 22-2.5.
Sprint medley - 7. Isaiah Wheeler, Logan Busta, Kaden Schmidt, Franzen 2:01.17.
Distance medley - 3. Schmidt, Busta, J.D. Kruse, Russell Nieman 4:08.89.
4x200 - 6. Wheeler, Hugo Busta, Burke Busta, Tlusty 1:49.47.
4x400 - 1. Schmidt, B. Busta, H. Busta, Kruse 3:45.03.
4x800 - 1. H. Busta, B. Busta, Nieman, Kruse 8:51.74.

Chickasaws place third at Cedar Falls Invite

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Over 45 teams made the trek to the Cedar Falls Gun Club on Saturday to take part in a large invite that included such trap-shooting teams as Hampton-Dumont-CAL, Clear Creek-Amana and AGWSR.

That 100-shot Cedar Falls Invite also included the New Hampton Chickasaws, which saw its silver squad place third overall with a solid tally of 459.

HD-CAL won the invite with a 470, while CC-A was runner-up with a 462.

New Hampton Silver's top shooter was Chickasaw senior Ashton Venem and freshman Jackson Kellogg, who each shot down 94 clays apiece out on the range.

NH Gold finished fourth with a 455.

New Hamptons shooters that tallied at least a score of 90 were Ethan Swehla (92), Nick Brincks (92), Devon Snyder (92), Aaron Holschlag (92), Cargin Robinson (91), Hunter Humpal

(91), Trinity Schwickerath (91), Jonathan Condon (90) and Isaak Schwickerath (90).

NH Silver (232) also placed third in a dual meet with Cresco last Thursday at home. The Cresco Area Clay Crushers No. 5 squad won the meet with a 237, while CACC No. 8 placed runner-up (235).

Swehla, a senior, once again demonstrated his prowess out on the trap range with a perfect score of 50. He notched his first 50 of the spring season at the Fayette County Conservation Club in Oelwein last month.

Swehla wasn't able to make the cut for the shoot-off, which took place between Cresco's Kail Schmelzer (50-21), Jaxson Barnes (50-20-2) and Preston McCabe (50-20-1). New Hampton's Grace Maloy, a senior, was the top girls shooter in the meet with a 49. The Chickasaws' Aleah Eichenberger was third with a 45.

Venem was on point once more with a 49, while Chase Humpal (49) and Emmet

Kuehner (49) also only missed one target on the evening.

Condon and Trinity Schwickerath only missed two targets and finished with respective rounds of 48.

THURSDAY TOP-THREE SQUADS
Cresco Area Clay Crushers 5 237, Cresco Area Clay Crushers 8 235, New Hampton Silver 232.

TOP-THREE BOYS
Kail Schmelzer (CR) 50-21, Jaxson Barnes (CR) 50-20-2, Preston McCabe (CR) 50-20-1.

TOP-THREE GIRLS
Grace Maloy (NH) 49, Ava Ferrie (CR) 46, Harley Fisher (CR) 45-1, Aleah Eichenberger (NH) 45.

NEW HAMPTON TOP SQUADS
NH Silver (232) - Ashton Venem 49, Isaak Schwickerath 44, Nick Brincks 45, Hunter Humpal 44, Ethan Swehla 50.

NH Gold (229) - Ben Douglas 43, Jonathan Condon 48, Trinity Schwickerath 48, Jackson Kellogg 46, Aaron Holschlag 44.

NH Platinum (225) - Chase Humpal 49, Maloy 49, Wyatt Schwickerath 43, Cargin Robinson 39, Colin Wilson 45.

NH White (213) - Caleb Utley 41, Nolan Swehla 43, Emmet Kuehner 49, Jake Schwickerath 36, Devon Snyder 44.

NH Red (190) - Karla Pickar 42, Eichenberger 45, Carson Burke

44, Rhiannon Ellingson 24, Benson Burke 35.

SATURDAY TOP-THREE SQUADS
H-D/CAL Black 470, Clear Creek-Amana White 462, New Hampton Silver 459.

TOP-THREE BOYS
Wyatt Allen (HD-CAL) 100, Chase Bruns (South Hardin) 99, Landon Leenerts (Fort Madison) 98, Clayton Van Loh (AGWSR) 97-22, Will Rogers (Dike-New Hartford) 97-22, Lakin Bruns (Cedar Falls), Parker Johnson (Clear Creek-Amana) 97.

TOP-THREE GIRLS
Hayley Burke (Oelwein) 98, Madison Walters (Clear Creek-Amana) 96, Evelyn Erhardt (Cedar Valley Shotgunners) 95.

NEW HAMPTON TOP SQUADS
NH Silver (459) - Venem 94, I. Schwickerath 90, Brincks 92, H. Humpal 91, E. Swehla 92.

NH Gold (455) - Douglas 88, Condon 90, T. Schwickerath 91, Kellogg 94, Holschlag 92.

NH White (421) - Utley 85, N. Swehla 83, Kuehner 88, J. Schwickerath 73, Snyder 92.

NH Platinum (415) - C. Humpal 80, Maloy 83, W. Schwickerath 87, Robinson 91, Wilson 74.

NH Red (375) - Pickar 73, Eichenberger 77, Burke 83, Ellingson 71, B. Burke 71.

NH Black (126) - Danielle Ellingson 68, Jennifer Eichenberger 58.



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Turkey Valley junior Layni Schuchhardt finishes the 400 dash in New Hampton earlier this spring.

TV has high hopes for relays at state qualifier

By Kelly Terpstra
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Like every team, Turkey Valley has goals and aspirations this spring of competing at the blue oval in Des Moines at the state meet.

Unfortunately, the Trojans and co-coaches Dalton Hackman and Sarah Bakula weren't able to send an event down to Des Moines a season ago.

They're looking to get back and primed themselves for a serious run to do just that at the Upper Iowa Conference meet last week Thursday in Calmar.

TV won the distance and sprint medleys and will try to take that gold-medal momentum and season-best clips in those relays over to St. Ansgar tonight (Thursday) to potentially qualify for state at the make-or-break, one-time qualifier.

The state accepts the winner of each event to state (automatic qualifier) and the remaining 14-best efforts out of all 10 districts in Iowa.

TV's distance med – which is ranked 19th in Class 1A – took home first place over South Winneshiek in a time of 4:33.71 with the team of senior Ryann Schmitt, junior Kinsey Reicks, as well as freshmen sensations Hazel Nieman and Bella Stika.

Nieman passed the baton to Stika in the sprint med – who was able to just nudge past second-place Kee High in a near photo finish – 1:59.55 to 2:00.05. TV is currently 37th-fastest in that event in the small-school class.

"We have been working on our finish and going faster during the middle of the race, which I think is finally happening. Dalton and I were very

pleased to see the relays come away with the win and drop some substantial time compared to what we came in with," said Bakula.

Stika also won the open 800 in a time of 2:36.61.

Other PR's for TV on Thursday came from the 4x100 relay (Ryann Schmitt, Reicks, Nieman and Jenna Thronsdon). The group placed third in a time of 55.28.

Schmitt placed sixth in the open 200 with a personal-best time of 29.54 and junior Layni Schuchhardt also PR'd in the 3,000 run in 12:56, which saw her snare a silver medal.

Thronsdon, a sophomore, came close to a PR in the discus. Her toss of 84 feet was just a half inch shy of her personal best and was good for sixth place.

Trojan freshman Ellaney Bodensteiner placed fourth in the shot put with a career-best throw of 30-2.75.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE MEET TEAM SCORES

South Winneshiek 184.5, Kee High 114, North Fayette Valley 102, Central Elkader 80.5, Turkey Valley 69, MFL MarMac 61, Clayton Ridge 59, West Central 35, Postville 2.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 - 11. Halle Weber 15.33, 14. Ava Kuennen 16.2.

200 - 6. Ryann Schmitt 29.54, 9. Jenna Thronsdon 31.08.

400 - 3. Hazel Nieman 1:08.89, 10. Kuennen 1:26.32.

800 - 1. Bella Stika 2:36.61.

1,500 - 7. Layni Schuchhardt 6:29.04.

3,000 - 2. Schuchhardt 12:56.08.

Discus - 6. Thronsdon 84, 10. Raelen Manderfield 73-7.

Shot put - 4. Ellaney Bodensteiner 30-2.75, 10. Manderfield 25-11.

Sprint medley - 1. Schmitt, Kinsey Reicks, Nieman, Stika 1:59.55.

Distance medley - 1. Schmitt, Reicks, Nieman, Stika 4:33.71.

4x100 - 3. Schmitt, Reicks, Nieman, Thronsdon 55.28.

4x200 - 3. Thronsdon, Reicks, Schuchhardt, Weber 2:03.4.



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TV freshman Ellaney Bodensteiner (above) throws the shot put in Nashua and TV girls track co-coach Sarah Bakula gets in some laps before the start of a meet in New Hampton earlier this year.



Throwers highlight NEIC meet for Chickasaw boys

Zeien, McShane go 1-2 in the discus at conference meet

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How many prep athletes in the state of Iowa run the 100-meter dash and also throw the discus?

The educated guess by track and field aficionados would probably be not very many, if at all.

But there's not many athletes in the entire state as talented and diverse as New Hampton senior Braden McShane.

McShane, along with fellow Chickasaw senior Marshall Zeien, form a potent combo in their chosen field events – the discus and shot put.

Both New Hampton stand-outs were in attendance at the NEIC meet last week Thursday in Charles City and the results were about what you'd expect based off the throws the pair has produced so far this spring. The bottom line?

Keep an eye on McShane and Zeien because they have the potential to qualify for state in four events all told in those field events if all goes as planned tonight (Thursday) at the district qualifier in Denver.

How cool would that be?

Pretty special, obviously and Chickasaw head coach Scott Jenkins is super excited to see how they perform under pressure with plenty on the line in an attempt to head down to Des Moines next week.

“One of the things they both take a lot of pride in is when they "double score" in both the shot and disc at meets,” said Jenkins. “They now tend to raise the bar by challenging each other to "double medal.” They're constantly pushing but also helping each other at each meet, which has only helped them and the team in the long run.”

The difference between the two is Zeien's already been to state in the discus, where he placed 19th as a junior in 2023. He also competed in the Drake Relays – which sees all four classes converge on to Des Moines around the latter part of April to see who hauls in the most hardware prior to the state meet.

“It's been a fun year watching those two lead the team, but for different reasons. Marshall is doing what you would expect a past Drake Relays and state qualifier to do – enjoy continued success in his events, continuing to be one of the best throwers in northeast Iowa. Braden is doing things we didn't anticipate when the season started, since he'd never thrown the shot put or discus before.”

That's an amazing accomplishment for McShane – who



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New Hampton's Kinnick Wisner (above) runs the anchor leg of the sprint medley while fellow Chickasaw freshman Jay Pickar (below) competes in the long jump.

threw a personal-best 44-9.5 in the shot put to place third at the NEIC.

But Jenkins' question was one that many would pose about McShane's prowess in almost any endeavor he goes after.

“But are we surprised? As someone who is an all state football player and led class 2A in rushing as a junior, a state champ in wrestling, a state qualifier in track, and an all-conference baseball player....he's the epitome of someone who can do anything they set their mind to,” said the NH head coach.

Zeien earned a gold medal in the discus (143-5) on Thursday, while McShane was just two inches back of him in second place with a 143-3. Zeien finished in eighth place in the shot put with a toss of 42 feet.

Obviously McShane and Zeien make a good pair and bring out the best in one another.

“The discus has taken a little longer for Braden to learn, but he's done incredibly well in a little over a month of throwing it. He's currently 21st in the state in that event, so to say he's come a long way in a short amount of time is probably an understatement,” said Jenkins. “And Marshall has been there every step of the way, helping and mentoring Braden every day in practice.”

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TV golfers fall just short of UIC title

Trojans' Schmitt, Bernhard finish in top three at league meet

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So close, but yet so far. Such is the game of golf, which like any sport is a game of inches and near-misses.

The Turkey Valley boys golf team proved those age-old adages are often true sometimes as the Trojans finished just three strokes back of overall UIC champ MFL MarMac at the league meet held in Guttenberg this past Monday.

The Bulldogs reeled in the Upper Iowa Conference crown with an 18-hole total of 335 – one stroke better than runner-up South Winneshiek (336) and three better than TV's 338.

It was a beautiful day for golf out on the links at Guttenberg Golf Course and the Trojans took advantage of that fine weather with a season-low 167 on the front nine. TV finished with a 171 on the back nine and saw two Trojans finish in the top three of the individual standings.

Of course, those two golfers – senior Oliver Schmitt and freshman Nicholas Bernhard – were awarded all-conference honors along with nine-place finisher, TV junior Logan Busta (84), who shot a career-best 18-hole round.

Schmitt and Bernhard each finished with 81s, but Schmitt took the runner-up medalist honors and silver medal after a cardback. MFL's Nick Krambeer was crowned conference champ with a 80.

“Heading into the meet, I was hoping we could stay close with the UIC favorites MFL and South Winn and we certainly did that,” said TV head coach John Reicks. “To say Oliver and Nicholas played very well



Photo submitted

Turkey Valley's Oliver Schmitt (left to right), Nicholas Bernhard and Logan Busta show off their all-conference medals at the UIC golf meet in Guttenberg on Tuesday.

certainly would be an obvious understatement.”

Reicks said Schmitt had no score of more than five on any hole and Bernhard's only hiccup came on Hole No. 6 during his second round, where he triple bogeyed with a seven.

Trojan senior Caleb Kurtenbach shot identical rounds of 46 to finish with a 92. That placed him 23rd overall.

The TV girls finished in fourth place (446) at the UIC meet held on Tuesday at Big Rock Country Club in Fayette.

Annika Bodensteiner, a sophomore, placed eighth with a 101 to nab all-league honors. TV junior Sofia Rivera (108) also took home a medal with a

12th-place finish.

TV downed Crestwood on Friday at the Cresco Country Club – 176 to 181.

Bernhard fired a 41, followed by Schmitt and Kurtenbach's 42s.

The TV girls lost a heart-breaker by just four strokes to Crestwood – 212 to 216.

Crestwood star sophomore Ainsley Teeling shot a blistering 39 to snare the medalist spot.

Rivera carded a career-low 48 to take home the runner-up medal. Morgan Vsetecka, a Trojan junior, was third overall with a 53.

“We may have let one get away tonight as there were a myriad of ways to close the

four-stroke gap,” Reicks added.

The TV boys competed in Class 1A sectional play at Silver Springs Golf and Country Club on Wednesday in Ossian. The winners of that meet advanced to district play at Highland Golf Course in Mason City on Monday, May 13.

The TV girls also competed at Silver Springs in the first round of regional play on Friday. Individuals and teams that advance out of that region play in Nashua on Wednesday, May 15.

CRESTWOOD 212, TURKEY VALLEY GIRLS 216

Medalist - Ainsley Teeling, Crestwood 39.

Turkey Valley scores - Annika Bodensteiner 62, Morgan Vsetecka 53, Sofia Rivera 48, Brooklyn Kuennen 58, Karstyn Lukes 73, Delaney Busta 57.

JV scores - Kendall Kuennen 67.

TURKEY VALLEY BOYS 176, CRESTWOOD 181

Medalist - Nicholas Bernhard, Turkey Valley 41.

Turkey Valley scores - Bernhard 41, Oliver Schmitt 42, Caleb Kurtenbach 42, Brady Blong 53, Braylen Byrne 58, Logan Busta 51.

JV scores - Calen Franzen 57, Colton Kurtenbach 73, Wyatt Maklenburg 62.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE MEET TEAM SCORES

MFL MarMac 335, South Winneshiek 336, Turkey Valley 338, Clayton Ridge 347, North Fayette Valley 354, Central Elkader 392, West Central 421, Postville 444.

ALL-CONFERENCE GOLFERS

Nick Krambeer (MFL) 80, Oliver Schmitt (TV) 81, Nicholas Bernhard (TV) 81, Caleb Kleppe (SW) 82, Tanner Wilker (NFV) 83, Jackson Goltz (SW) 83, Quinn McGeough (MFL) 83, Tate Germann (NFV) 84, Logan Busta (TV) 84, Carter Zapf (CR) 85, Brennan Miller (CR) 85, Jarrett Hanson (MFL) 85, Braiden Todd (SW) 85, Carson Streeter (SW) 86, Seth Kregel (CR) 86.

Turkey Valley scores - Schmitt 40-41-81, Bernhard 40-41-81, Busta 41-43-84, Ca. Kurtenbach 46-46-92, Blong 46-54-100, Bryne 60-56-116.

Fredericksburg on Friday.

WEDNESDAY

TOP-THREE SQUADS

TV Black 233, EVT 1 228, TV Orange 226.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Hunter Kruse (TV) 50, Jonathan Redfern (TV) 50, Jacob Freitag (EV) 49, Jonah Orvis (TV) 48, Kyson Moss

(EV) 48.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Theresa Hanson (TV) 48, Alexis Elsbernd (TV) 47, Cadyn Huber (TV) 42.

TURKEY VALLEY TOP SQUADS

TV Black (233) - Hanson 48, Avery Franzen 44, Orvis 48, Hunter Nelson 43, Kruse 50.

Trojans' Kruse, Redfern don't miss with rounds of 50

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Turkey Valley sophomore Hunter Kruse and Trojan senior Jonathan Redfern were perfect last week Wednesday at the Kornhill Shooting Range in Fayette versus Echo Valley.

Each standout TV trapshooter didn't miss out on the range en route to scores of 50.

Kruse's perfect route enabled his TV Black (233) bunch to top Echo Valley's No. 1 team by five targets. TV Orange (226) finished two shots back of Echo Valley's 228 in third place.

TV junior Jonah Orvis came away with a 48, as did Turkey Valley freshman Theresa Hanson (48).

In fact, the TV girls swept the top three girls spots as Hanson won the meet, junior Alexis Elsbernd (47) was individual runner-up and Trojan senior Cadyn Huber was third with a 42.

Other top-notch performances from Turkey Valley came from Tristan Pullman, Wade Petersen, Ethan Orvis and Ty Moudry – who all shot 47s. Tanner and Tucker Tlusty each finished with 46s.

TV's meet on Thursday, May 2 at Calmar versus South Winneshiek was canceled.

Turkey Valley was scheduled to take on Oelwein this past Tuesday at the Fayette County Conservation Club. TV also hosted Echo Valley on Wednesday in Jackson Junction. The Trojans battle New Hampton in



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Trio of Chickasaws earn all-conference honors at NEIC meet

New Hampton gives host Decorah run for second before settling for third at tourney

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Paul Ewert has been around golf long enough to know that every competitor is going to have a tough hole or two.

And while Monday's Northeast Iowa Conference meet at the Oneota Golf and Country Club in Decorah was no exception for the New Hampton Chickasaws, but in the end, as close as Ewert's team was to a runner-up finish, he had reason to smile.

"You know, I don't think any one of our scorers wouldn't say they left a shot or two out there," he said, "but at the same time, there's a lot of holes to play and by and large, I thought our boys did a good job putting those bad holes behind them."

And the result was a rock-solid third-place finish for the Chickasaws at a meet dominat-

ed by Waverly-Shell Rock. The Go-Hawks landed all six of their players on the all-NEIC team as they fired a 315 to beat Decorah by 22 strokes. New Hampton was just two back of the host Vikings and had three all-conference players.

Junior Adam Ewert led the way with an 80 to finish fifth and was joined by two Chickasaw seniors on the all-conference team. Jack Shawver finished in a tie for eighth with an 82 while Kam Josephson tied for 13th with an 86. Another senior, Carter Newbrough finished with a 91 to round out the New Hampton scorers.

Save for an ugly hole No. 7, where he had a quadruple bogey, Adam Ewert turned in an excellent round.

"He's one hole away from being top-three, top-two

SEE NH BOYS GOLF, 15



Photo courtesy of Paul Ewert

New Hampton's three all-conference golfers — (from left) Jack Shawver, Kam Josephson and Adam Ewert — pose for a photo after leading the Chickasaws to a third-place finish at the Northeast Iowa Conference meet Monday.



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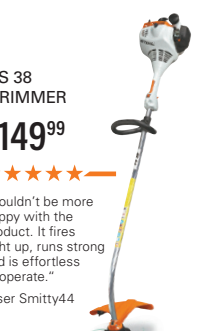
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New Hampton's Lauren Nuss watches her tee shot head to the fifth green while Alivia Geerts drains a par putt during Monday's Northeast Iowa Conference meet that was played at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

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CHICKASAW GIRLS PERSEVERE TO CLAIM NINTH STRAIGHT NORTHEAST IOWA CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP



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The last time the New Hampton girls golf team didn't win the Northeast Iowa golf tournament, the two seniors — Kinsli Dahl and Kira Tenge — on this year's Chickasaw squad were second-graders.

"The Streak" matters, and it is still alive, too.

Playing on their home course at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club on Monday, the Chickasaws fought off a game effort by Waverly-Shell Rock to win their ninth straight conference title. New Hampton finished with a 352 to best the runner-up Go-Hawks by five strokes.

"The streak is a huge part of our like legacy, and what Olson has built and what us girls all stand for when it comes to Chickasaw golf," Dahl said. "It happens every year. The conference is always for some reason is the one meet that is kind of close."

New Hampton's depth car-

ried the day as the Chickasaws placed four golfers - Lauren Nuss, Alivia Geerts, Dahl and Maycen Hackman - on the all-NEIC team that is made up of the top-15 golfers at the tournament.

Nuss led the way with an 84, good for third place, while Geerts finished in a tie for fourth with an 85. Dahl fired an 87 and finished seventh while Hackman took ninth with a 96.

Add it all up and New Hampton was — pardon the pun — on cloud nine.

"We didn't have our best stuff, but they persevered and still scored without having their A games," New Hampton coach Eric Olson said. "It's obviously a goal every year, and we know it's not going to be handed to us. It still takes work, you still have to put the time in, you still have to work hard. As a coach, it means a lot, especially because that was one of my goals — be relevant in the conference — when I became the coach."

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Chickasaw girls take fifth at 'incredibly tough' conference meet



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New Hampton senior Claire Geerts gets ready to heave the shot put during last week's Northeast Iowa Conference meet that was held in Charles City.

Chickasaw star showing she has mettle both in the field as well as on the track

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It wasn't all that long ago that Hailee Pesek of New Hampton was running down on the blue oval at the state track meet in Des Moines as a freshman.

But time flies, especially when you're as fast as the New Hampton track star, who isn't afraid to showcase her talent in non-running events where finish lines don't determine an athlete's fate.

Fast forward to 2024 and Pesek, now a senior, is not only still excelling at a high level for Jeanette Laures' Northeast Iowa squad, but she's taken on a new role for her Chickasaws — long jumper.

Pesek — who ran in four events at state as a ninth grader — took her turn at leaping into the sand pit at Charles City during the NEIC meet last Thursday.

"Obviously being a volleyball player, we knew she had some jumping ability," said Laures. "We figured it would be a pretty natural fit for her."

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