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New Hampton lands new chief

Current Lansing police chief will take over as department head on July 1

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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Conrad Rosendahl is no stranger to the community of New Hampton.

Rosendahl, 46, was hired as New Hampton's Police Chief at this past Monday's City Council meeting.

Rosendahl was surprised how smooth the process has gone as far as moving from his former place of employment in Lansing – which sits in extreme northeast Iowa along the

Mississippi River.

There, Rosendahl had been police chief of the Lansing Police Department since 2016 after serving as an officer on the New Albin police force.

Rosendahl will mark his 17th year anniversary of working in law enforcement on July 7 and he's excited to move his family to New



Rosendahl

Hampton to begin his new job as leader of New Hampton's Police force.

"It's a wonderful community from what I've seen," said Rosendahl. "I've been through New Hampton a lot in my life."

The 1995 Waukon High School grad actually received an important text from his real estate agent on Monday in the Council Chambers right after the Council unanimously voted to pass a resolution to appoint Rosendahl as chief of police and extend a five-year

contract to him that will become effective July 1 next month.

The text stated that his house had "sold."

"When I shared that, I got a text message that said she accepted the offer," said Rosendahl after he made known to the Council that he had put forth a bid for a house in New Hampton.

Rosendahl's hire will replace inter-

im Police Chief Chad McGee. McGee took over the interim position from Doug Eagan on May 8.

It's been a carousel of police chiefs for the city of New Hampton over the course of the last two months.

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Ambulance living quarters comes in under budget

Contractor tells Board of Supervisors that with completion of project 30 days early, county saves right around \$10,000

BY BOB FENSKA
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After the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the final payment for the remodeling of the Chickasaw County EMS ambulance station Monday morning, Supervisor Steve Breitbach pointed out that the county hit a "daily double."

The project came in not only under budget but was completed — or at least all but completed — a month ahead of schedule.

"Doesn't happen very often; you might want to mark it down," said Chuck Stanton, who served as the general contractor for the project. "It was a fun little project, got everybody local involved and I think we worked really well together."

Stanton told supervisors that the final cost of the project was \$160,753, about \$8,400 under budget and he said that EMS crew members were able to move into the building's new living quarters 30 days before originally expected.

"Getting in early, you saved one month's rent," he said, "so we probably saved about 10 grand."

Stanton went on to add that there were a few items of the project that still needed to be completed, "a couple of camera to hook up, we probably all have a little thing here or there to get done but over the next 25, 30 days, we'll make sure everything's done, everyone's happy."

Stanton said the reduced cost came about for

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Irish Fest 2024: It's Lawler's turn to shine

Lawler Irish Fest Parade Grand Marshals Dale Christensen and Mary Burns wave to the crowd gathered in the small town's downtown area on Saturday afternoon in the midst of the town's annual celebration that drew big crowds throughout the weekend. And while the beer flowed, the music was lively and there were activities for virtually every age, as always, it was the people who made the party grand. "That's the best part of Irish Fest," Burns said before the parade. "You get to see so many old friends and, at the same time, you meet a whole bunch of new ones."

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Activity director makes a pitch for weight room

McDonald tells School Board facility would be 'transformative' for all of district's students

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When it comes to his ambitious new proposal, Cory McDonald can be forgiven for dipping into a baseball analogy; after all, the soon-to-be New Hampton activities director has skippered the Chickasaws on the diamond for 16 seasons.

"We're not going through the motions," he said Tuesday morning, "we're swinging for the fences."

McDonald, who will begin serving as the district's activities director on July 1, spoke the morning after he made his pitch to the School Board for a new weight room and exercise facility that he hopes will one day be built just to the south of the competition gymnasium that opened in 2019.

And while he believes it will undoubtedly benefit the Chickasaws' athletic teams, he emphasized — both at Monday night's board meeting and during an interview Tuesday morning — that the proposed project would be transformative for every student in grades 7-12 in the district.

"Every single student in the New Hampton Community School District," he said, "will use this room. It will offer us a transformational

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Kevin and Mike Kennedy take a break in the lobby of their law office that their father, William J. Kennedy, founded 87 years ago.

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Kennedys rest

Long time attorneys sell law firm father started and will retire at end of the month

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Ask the Kennedy brothers how they decided to retire from the law and sell the practice that their father started 87 years ago and you'll get quick answers.

"It seemed like the time," said Michael Kennedy. His younger brother was slightly more talkative.

"Symmetry, I'll have my 50 years in this month and I've been married 50 years," Kevin said. "I'm 75 years old; two-thirds of my life I've been doing this. It's about time."

And that time will come July 1 when the sale of the Kennedy & Kennedy Law Firm to the Dillon Law Firm, which currently has offices in Sumner, West Union and Volga City becomes official.

On that date, an era started by William J. Kennedy in 1937 will come to an end.

The irony is that the older brother almost

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Full-timer OK'd

After two-week delay, Board of Supervisors gives sheriff OK to hire full-time jailer/dispatcher

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Tourney champs

New Hampton's softball team outscoring foes 35-4 to claim title at home tournament

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New dock

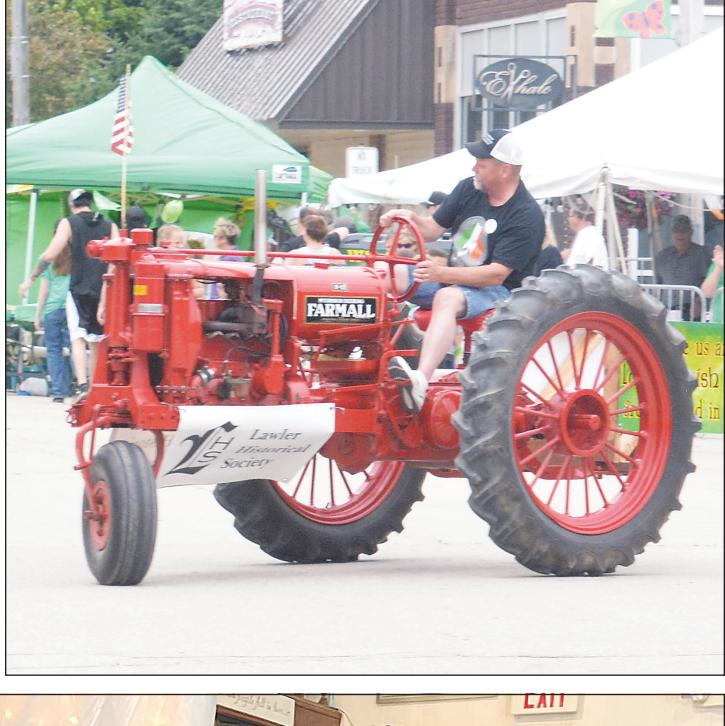
Latest addition to park just one way to get more folks to enjoy outdoors

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Tweety Bird, aka Lucas Scheidel (left) waves to the crowd while the Galligan family float (above) has the look of the Irish during the annual Irish Fest Grand Parade that was held Saturday during the city's annual festival.

Good times, as always, at Irish Fest in Lawler



Donald Blazek (left) waves to the crowd at the parade that starts off underneath a giant American flag (above) and included Kurt Hemesath (right) showing off his driving skills!

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Celebrating a championship quintet

The five boys — OK, they're not boys anymore — who claimed state wrestling championships for Turkey Valley are honored by the Lawler Historical Society before Saturday's parade, and check out next week's Tribune as (from left) Larry Bergman, Henry Reicks, Dick Cuvelier, Ralph Reicks and Mitch Langreck share some of their memories from the days when they took the mat as Trojans.

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The ball will soon stop bouncing for Kennedy brothers

KENNEDYS: FROM 1

eschewed the law; instead, after graduating from Notre Dame, he went into teaching and coaching before finding his way to the University of Iowa Law School.

"I didn't know what the hell I wanted to do," Michael said when asked about his career plans when he graduated from New Hampton High School in 1957. "But I will tell you that, my senior year [of college] when I sat down with my dad on Christmas Day and told him I wasn't going to law school, that was not a pleasant conversation."

Both brothers laughed as Michael recounted the story, but after teaching and coaching basketball at Newman Catholic High School in Mason City, Michael, as Kevin put it, "came around" and enrolled at Iowa.

What prompted the decision to leave teaching and coaching?

"I wasn't even going to be the basketball coach at Notre Dame, that was pretty evident," he said with that trademark Kennedy smile that has a hint of mischief in it.

On July 1, 1968, he walked into the office and began practicing law, and he admits that he scrambled to find work. William Kennedy's health, at the time, was failing, and Michael said "Dad hadn't been in a courtroom in years so I had to find a way not to starve to death."

Throw in the fact that he won the first of two terms in the Iowa House of Representatives that fall, and the older brother was scrambling at times.

He found his footing in the law when he was hired to represent school districts when collective bargaining came into play, but he found variety is a fact of life for small-town lawyers.

Six years after Michael returned to his hometown, Kevin did the same. After graduating from New Hampton High School in 1967, Kevin attended Notre Dame and received his undergraduate degree before heading to the University of Iowa Law School.

He did a lot of income tax work back in those early years, but like his brother, he found that there's no such thing as a specialized small-town lawyer.

"The small-town law practice you get enough variety," Kevin said. "You're not specialized. You know a little bit about a lot of things, and that keeps the job a little more interesting. You tend to end up with some kind of personal relationship with a share of the clients, not all of them. It makes the job most of the time a pretty good job."

They also remember the days when there was no such thing as the Public Defender's Office; instead, local lawyers handled those cases.

"If you were a lawyer you were expected to take your

Retirement open house is June 28

A retirement open house celebration will be held Friday, June 28, for Michael and Kevin Kennedy.

The event will run from 3 to 5 p.m. and be held at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

share of court-appointed cases," Michael said. "Once in a while there would be some ugly cases. The judge would call you in and say this is going to be an ugly one but you have to take it. I never defended a first-degree murder case, but I can't tell you what else I haven't defended."

For 50 years, they have worked together ... and played together, too.

For four years, they called Chickasaw sporting events on the radio and enjoyed working together even though they knew their harshest critic, their mother, was listening.

"She let us know exactly what we did right and what we did wrong," Kevin said with a laugh, "especially the wrong part."

The Kennedy brothers have been active in New Hampton.

Micheal had that four-year stint in the Iowa Legislature and has been a longtime advocate for the New Hampton Economic Development Corp.

Kevin served as the chairman of the Library Board for a decade

and was New Hampton's city attorney for more than 32 years. He also coached some hellacious basketball teams at St. Joseph Community School.

"He had, in my opinion, a big part in that state championship team," Michael said, "because he coached those kids at St. Joe's."

Weekdays, weeknights, hell, weekends, though, were often spent at the law office on Main Street. Fifty years of working together, though, hasn't caused any rifts or tension between the two.

"It's really been amazing," Michael said.

"It's been a pretty easy ride," Kevin said. "When you're working with someone you don't have any issues with, it's been good, really good."

They have been through a lot together, but if anyone doubts how they feel about each other, consider this: When Michael talks about Kevin's three children — Austin, Abbie and Dan — he beams with pride. Ditto for Kevin when he talks about Michael's daughter, Cara.

And on July 1, the law partnership will finally come to a close.

"You know, to use a basketball analogy," Kevin said, "the ball has to stop bouncing sometime."

For a moment, the library at their law office grew quiet and then Michael looked up and smiled.

"And for us, that's July 1."

Hawkeye CC graduates

The following are Hawkeye Community College spring semester graduates and their programs of study. Honor students finished with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.74 and high honors 3.75 to 3.99.

Fort Atkinson: Marcus Herold, AAS, Diesel Technology (high honors); Alison Leibold, DIPL, General Agriculture.

Fredericksburg: Austin Langreck, AA, Liberal Arts; Dawson Schmidt, AAS, Police Science; Peyton Schmitz, AAS, Ag Business Management.

Lawler: Chase Howe, AAS, Cybersecurity and Network Administration and Engineering; Garrett Kurtenbach, AAS, Sustainable Construction and Design; Samuel Singewald, AAA, Digital Mass Media.

Nashua: Dannielle Carlson, AA, Liberal Arts (honors); Kendrick Huck, DIPL, Intermed Manu Welding: GMAW, SMAW, FCAW and Robotics (honors); Kaden Miller, AA, Liberal Arts; Chase Rust, AAS, Network Administration and Engineering (high honors).

New Hampton: Gavin Rings, AAS, Ag Business Management (high honors).

Waucoma: Kourtney Schmidt, AS, Liberal Arts (high honors); Kaleigh Wolfs, AS, Liberal Arts.

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Celebrating a bigger and brighter library!

The Lawler Public Library and its director, Cathy Humpal, saw a steady stream of visitors on Saturday during Irish Fest as it held an open house to celebrate a major expansion project that was completed earlier this year. The project included the facility adding what had been formerly the Lawler Community Room to the library, new carpeting and windows that have allowed natural light into the former community room space.

New Hampton to share more with Turkey Valley in new school year

SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

change as we talk about mind, body and spirit. Like I told the board last night, this is something we don't have, something we need to have — not just for our athletes but for all of our students."

McDonald's proposal is for the district to construct a 100-by-49 foot building that would serve both physical education classes at both the district's high school and middle school as well as the Chickasaws' athletic teams.

He told board members that he was modeling his proposal on a facility that was recently built at Spirit Lake High School.

"Everyone will have their own opinion," he said, "but ... I think [Spirit Lake] got it right in almost every important way when they built their new weight room with a clean open space for several all-inclusive power racks along with stationary bikes and treadmills that allow in natural sunlight while overlooking the athletic complex."

He added that the School Board has already laid the foundation for construction on the spot because in 2017, board members spent \$20,000 to do so-called "dirt work" for future expansion.

McDonald also told board members that physical education teacher Jordan Rommes has contacted the Power Lift company out of Jefferson for preliminary diagrams and equipment quotes based upon New Hampton's space availability and needs.

The new activities director said he has been inspired by the work that former teacher and coach Ray Reasland did when he arrived in New Hampton in 1986. That's when Reasland, McDonald said, worked tirelessly to build a strength and conditioning program and to give the school what at the time was a proper weight room.

But McDonald said New Hampton now must take the next step — for both its students and its athletic programs.

"We have the vision," he said. "We have the plan. And we definitely have the people. The time is now."

Superintendent Jay Jurrens said Tuesday he estimates the building could be built for about \$1.5 million and somewhere between \$300,000 and \$400,000 would need to be spent to furnish the new facility.

He added that there are a variety of options the school district would have to finance the project, and McDonald said that his goal Monday night was

to "get the ball rolling, to get people thinking about this."

Board members agreed to dip a proverbial toe in the water and voted to have Jurrens reach out to architects for preliminary drawings and firmer cost estimates.

McDonald told the School Board he understood the task he was asking them to take on; after all, he was a member of the New Hampton City Council for eight years.

"I have been in your shoes," he said. "Having served and being presented with several major capital improvement projects — the TRIBE Trail, ambulance, wastewater treatment plant — I know that the first and most important question is cost."

But he also made one final pitch.

"It is my deepest hope that I have shown you how New Hampton was transformed in the past and how we can — and will — transform New Hampton once again."

In other news from Monday night's School Board meeting:

- Board member agreed to expand the number of shared positions between the district and Turkey Valley. The two districts currently share a superintendent, maintenance director, transportation director,

school business official and vocational agriculture instructor.

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, the districts will share a high school math teacher, high school work experience coordinator and a special education director/facilitator.

- The board agreed to renew the district's lease with the AEA, which uses the old middle school office space and second-floor classroom at the downtown building.

- Board members also approved renewing its agreement with Coca-Cola, which will pay the district \$10,000 the first year and \$3,000 in each of the subsequent four years.

- And the board moved ahead with replacing its current "visitor management system."

Jurrens said the current system "Is at or near its end of life" and board members agreed to purchase three systems — one each for the district's three buildings — for just under \$36,000.

He said the new system will integrate with the district's current camera system and that the cost also includes 10 years of licensing.

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Father Jim Goerend and Good Shepherd Cluster kids enjoy some summer fun during a 2022 Bible School that was held at Holy Family Parish in 2022.

Good way to spend part of summer

Good Shepherd Cluster, Trinity and Harvest Church to hold VBS programs in July

Three area churches have announced their plans for the upcoming Vacation Bible School "season."

At Good Shepherd Cluster, two sessions — a morning program for students in grades 1-6 and an evening program for students in grades 7-12 — will be held during the week of July 14.

The morning program will be held Monday, July 15, through Friday, July 19 and will run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the first four days and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday that will include a program pool party.

The evening program for older kids will run from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. and kick off on Sunday, July 14, and end on Thursday,

July 18.

The Totus Tuus summer program will include both indoor and outdoor activities, and organizers say students will learn about the Apostles Creed and "Glorious Mysteries" during the week. Both programs will be held at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton.

Registration forms can be found at the entrances of the Good Shepherd Cluster churches or online at goodshepherdcluster.com.

Harvest Church, meanwhile, will hold its four-day VBS from Wednesday, July 17, to Saturday, July 20, at the church located on New Hampton south side.

"Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was

a Kid" will run from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and conclude with a morning session from 9 to 11 on Saturday.

Registration forms are available online at harvestcares.com.

Trinity Lutheran Church, meanwhile, will also have the theme "Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid" during its four-day VBS that will be held from Tuesday, July 15, through Friday, July 18.

Trinity's VBS will meet from 1 to 5 p.m. each day and students in grades K-6 will take part in games, songs, crafts and Bible study.

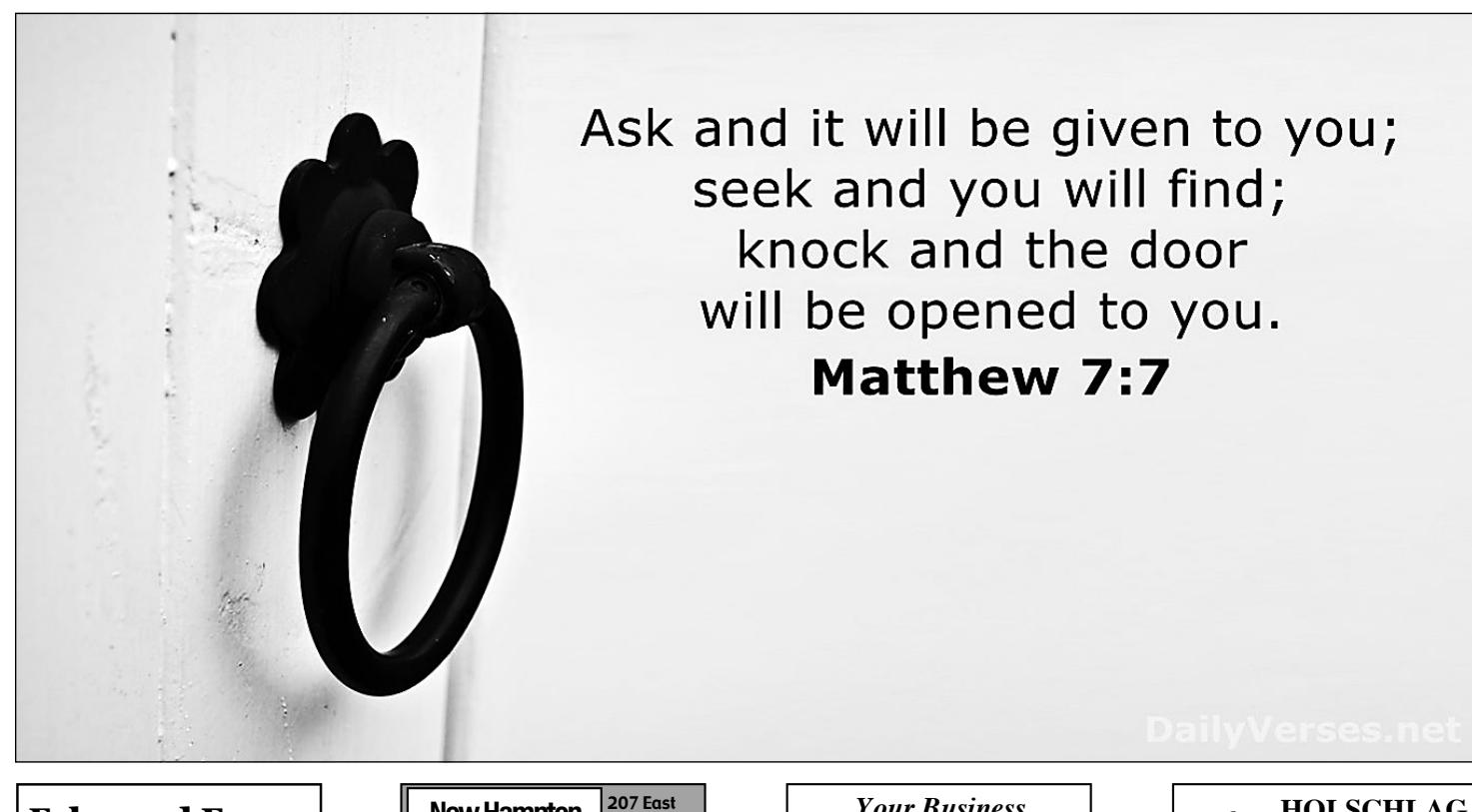
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So, to leave a legacy for your family and those philanthropic groups you support, you need a comprehensive estate plan — and you need to avoid making mistakes. Here are some of the most common ones:

- Procrastinating** — Estate planning, and its implications about our mortality, may not be a pleasant topic to think about. Yet, putting off your estate plans can be risky. If you were to pass away or become incapacitated without doing any estate planning, the results could be costly for your loved ones. One possible consequence: If you haven't at least created a basic, simple will, the courts could decide how to divide and distribute your assets, and they may do so in a way you wouldn't want.

- Not updating wills and other documents** — Drafting a will and other legal documents, such as a living trust, is an important step in your estate planning. But you shouldn't just create these arrangements and forget about them. Changes in your life and among your loved ones — deaths, divorce, remarriage, new children and more — may result in the need for you to update your estate plans, so it's a good idea to review them periodically.

- Not updating beneficiaries** — Similar to updating your will to reflect changes in your life and family situation, you may also need to update the beneficiaries listed on your financial accounts and insurance policies. These designations carry a lot of weight and can even supersede instructions in your will, so you'll need to make sure they are current and accurate.

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situation, you may benefit from establishing a living trust, which may allow your estate to avoid the time-consuming and expensive process of probate. A living trust also helps give you control over how, and when, you want your assets distributed. However, you need to retitle your assets in the name of the trust for the trust to be effective.

- Not choosing the right executor** — An executor carries out your wishes based on the instructions you've given in your will or trust documents. But fulfilling an executor's duties is not as simple as, say, following a recipe for a basic meal. Consequently, while you might just want to pick a close family member as executor, you need to be sure this person is competent, good with details and won't be overwhelmed by the financial and legal issues involved in settling an estate. If your initial choice doesn't have these skills, you may need to find a responsible person outside the family.

Finally, here's one more mistake: going it alone. Estate planning is not a do-it-yourself activity. To help ensure your estate plan addresses all the issues involved, you'll need to work with a legal advisor, and possibly your tax and financial professionals, too.

Devoting the necessary time and effort can help you avoid many of the mistakes that threaten the effectiveness of estate plans — and the fewer mistakes you make, the better off your beneficiaries can be.

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

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ISU dean's list

More than 10,600 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2024 dean's list. Students named to the dean's list must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

The following students from the area, their class year and their majors are as follows:

Alta Vista: Paige Mariah Lubbert, 4, Mathematics.

Fredericksburg: Nathan Trey Zupke, 4, Agronomy.

Ionia: James Eugene Davis, 4, Mechanical Engineering; Greta Mary Glaser, 4, Accounting.

Nashua: Abram Marc Bixby, 3, Agricultural Business; Kylie Mae Dietz, 4, Agricultural Studies; Aiden Richard Lamborn, 2, Mechanical Engineering; Autumn Nelson, 2, Marketing; Jackson J. Zwanziger, 2, Agricultural Engineering.

New Hampton: Peyton Anderson, 2, Supply Chain Management; Conner Lee Gorman, 4, Industrial Technology; Julia Mae Havlik, 4, Industrial Design; Joshua Clemens Holschlag, 4, Industrial Design; Campbell Eva Kolbet, 2, Nutritional Science (H SCI); Natalie Carol Lantzky, 4, Advertising; Jayda Elizabeth Nehl, 4, Animal Science; Preston Matthew Pickar, 4, Financial Counseling and Planning; Claire Marie Quirk, 4, Aerospace Engineering; Aydin J. Ries, 2, Aerospace Engineering; Elaina Rosonke, 3, Marketing; Ethan Michael Rosonke, 4, Management Information Systems; Evan D. Rosonke, 4, Electrical Engineering; Avery Laine Thronson, 4, Industrial Technology; Zachary Marcus Utley, 3, Agronomy.

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Karen and Dennis Shearman

Shearman 25th anniversary

Karen and Dennis Shearman will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 29, with an open house at the Elks Lodge at 2111 Clark St., Charles City, from 2 to 5 p.m. No invitations sent and no gifts, please.

Karen Bass (Houser) and Dennis Shearman were married on July 3, 1999, at I.C. Church. There are three children — Denise (Dale) Goodrich, Fredericksburg, and Terry (Jan) Bass and Steve (Karla) Bass, both of Pensacola, Florida.

They are blessed with six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to 1002 - 201st St., Ionia, IA 50645.

Betten 96th birthday

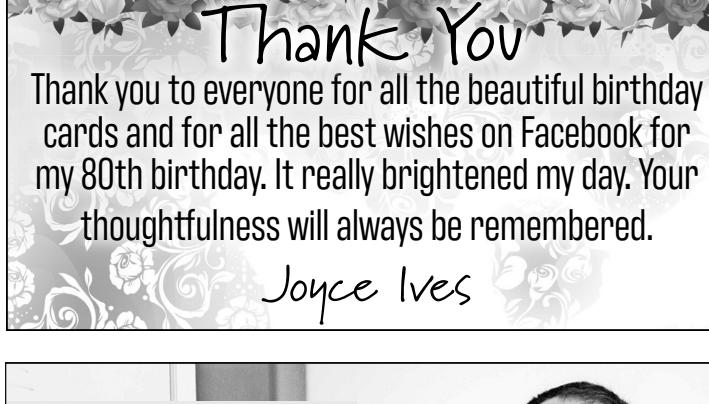
JoAnn R. (Larson) Betten of New Hampton will celebrate her 96th birthday on Sunday, July 7.

She was married to the late CH Betten and the late Carmen Miller.

Children are Roger (Anna) Betten, Grand Terrace, California; Douglas (deceased) (Trish) Betten, Bainbridge Island, Washington; and Jody (Rick) Dosser, Osage.

Grandchildren are Amanda Betten, Brenda (James) Betten, Nick Betten and Renae Betten, all of California; Rodney (Linh) Betten of Washington; Shelley (Doug) Sedgwick of Iowa and Jeremiah Dosser (deceased) of Iowa. Great-grandchildren are Sophie Sedgwick and Ian Sedgwick of Iowa, and Elizabeth Betten and Nathan Betten of California.

A card shower is being held in JoAnn's honor, and cards and other well-wishes can be sent to JoAnn Betten, 504 Short Ave., Apartment No. 116, New Hampton, IA 50659.



FOR THE LATEST IN NEWS, WEATHER AND SPORTS, SUBSCRIBE TO NHTRIBUNE.NEWS TODAY BY CALLING 641-394-2111

County leaders still working on health insurance affidavit

Supervisors want to run the new wording past department heads, learn they can't charge surcharge to some employees

By BOB FENSKE
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Affordable Care Act, you can not charge a penalty to employees who have other insurance options through their spouses.

He said the county can offer a taxable benefit to discourage an employee from being covered by both the county's plan and another. But a surcharge, he said, is off the table.

"If you're covered here and your spouse is covered elsewhere, then you can charge," Laudner said, "but if you're covered here and you're covered elsewhere on your spouse's plan then you can not charge a surcharge."

Although supervisors appeared ready to send out the new reworded affidavit on Monday, they held back and will instead have department heads review a copy of it in an effort to avoid the firestorm that erupted after the first affidavit was given to employees.

"I think it would be smart to send it back out," Supervisor Matt Kuhn said. "I'd rather have them review it than pass something and then have an uproar, which we could still have if they're not happy with it ... just to make sure everyone's on the same page."

Supervisor Jake Hackman, though, said board members still need to act on the original affidavit it approved in April.

"It's still in place," he said. "As far as I know, we didn't rescind it so it's still in force."

Board members agreed to have the department heads look at the new affidavit and will decide at this coming Monday's meeting, the last before July 1, how to proceed.

Farmers Market open for the season in New Hampton

The New Hampton Farmers Market kicked off its 2024 season last week and will be open each Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. near the corner of Main Street and South Walnut Avenue.

Those interested in being vendors can call New Horizons Chamber at 641-394-2021 to sign up.

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Forecast

Thursday: Showers and thunderstorms likely with a high of 79 and low of 66.

Friday: Sunny but decent chance of pop-up storms; high 86, low 70.

Saturday: Cloudy with good chance of showers and storms; high 84, low 63.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and less humid; high 78, low 59.

Extended forecast: We'll start the work week off with calmer weather as skies will be sunny, highs will be in the 80s and lows will drop to near 60.

Meetings**MONDAY**

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

History

• In 1782, Congress adopts the Great Seal of the United States, which includes a bald eagle clutching an olive branch in its right talon and arrows in its left.

• In 1863, during the Civil War, West Virginia is admitted into the Union as the 35th U.S. state, or the 24th state if the secession of the 11 Southern states were taken into account.

• In 1900, in response to widespread foreign encroachment upon China's national affairs, Chinese nationalists launch the so-called Boxer Rebellion in Peking.

• In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, the man who brought organized crime to the West Coast, is shot and killed at his mistress Virginia Hill's home in Beverly Hills, California.

• In 1963, to lessen the threat of an accidental nuclear war, the United States and the Soviet Union agree to establish a "hot line" system.

• In 1975, "Jaws," a film directed by Steven Spielberg that made countless viewers afraid to go into the water, opens in theaters.

Birthdays

• American actor Errol Flynn was born in 1909.

• Australian-American actress Nicole Kidman turns 57.

• Actor John Goodman, who starred on TV's "Roseanne," turns 72.

• American pop singer Lionel Richie turns 75.

• Candy Clark, the American model and actress who starred in "American Graffiti," turns 77.

• The Beach Boys' Brian Wilson turns 82.

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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NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST

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Week of June 16**1949 (75 years ago)**

• Monday, June 13, was a lucky day for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Timm as they became grandparents twice that day. A four pound, ten ounce daughter, Marilu, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Timm at St. Joseph Hospital and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Timm of Minneapolis became parents of a baby boy that day.

• An ordinance was repealed by the city council which set the minimum sewage services charge of \$5 to any individual, corporation or firm having connection with the sewage system.

Under the ordinance, any consumer who used only the minimum in water for the year have paid \$3.00 and at the end of the year would have to pay the additional \$2.00.

With the repeal of the ordinance, the consumer will pay only half of their water bill which will mean a savings for small families or those who live alone who use only the \$1.50 minimum in water in three months.

1974 (50 years ago)
• The 50th anniversary of Fredericksburg's Dairy Day was celebrated June 12, with the day's events beginning with the parade, which attracted thousands of viewers.

Among the events was a horse show, a display of 50-year-old items of clothing and household equipment, along with home-sewn and baked goods, a square dance and free acts in the afternoon.

The highlight of Dairy Day was the selection of Chickasaw County Dairy Princess, Diane Wurzer, from the field of 14 candidates seeking the crown. Miss Wurzer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Wurzer of Fredericksburg.

• C & H Farm Service Co. will sponsor special Ham-O-Rama contests at which farmers and farm youth throughout the three-county area of Chickasaw, Howard and Bremer will have the opportunity to demonstrate their hog judging expertise.

The hog judging will be conducted, said Bob Beert, C & H manager at New Hampton, in conjunction with a two-day open house and swine feed sale on July 10th and 11th.

1999 (25 years ago)
• The New Hampton Horizons-Chamber and the Heartland Days Committee has chosen Wendal Liddle to serve as Grand Marshall for the 1999 Heartland Days Parade.

Wendal moved to New Hampton 40 years ago and purchased a small grocery store in 1965.

After five years in that location, he built a new store at Linn and Main.

Wendal has served on countless boards and has been president of most organizations while living in New Hampton.

1986 (38 years ago)

He also served as mayor from 1986 to 1989. Wendal and his wife have three children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

• The New Hampton varsity baseball team was a 15-4 winner at home over Waverly-Shell Rock.

The game lasted five innings as the Chickasaws totaled eleven hits, several for extra bases. Darron Kobliska hit a pair of home runs and Casey Tierney also hit a round-tripper to give the Big Red three HRs.

Nick Humpal did the pitching for the Chickasaws and struck out four.

2014 (10 years ago)

• A series of storms battered areas of Chickasaw County this week. In Alta Vista, high winds, estimated at close to 70 miles per hour, overturned a camper in a resident's driveway. The storm dropped up to 8 inches of rain and also caused extensive tree damage.

From 7:30 a.m. Wednesday morning to 6:30 a.m. Thursday morning, New Hampton received more than 4 inches of rain. A storm that blew through Nashua Monday night caused extensive tree damage. Farmers have been praying for rain, their prayers were answered, now they are praying for it to stop.

• The Nashua City Council met on Monday under new leadership. Deanne Lantow is the newly appointed Nashua mayor.

She has experience as mayor and served in City Hall from 1998 to 2001. She was appointed at the previous City Council meeting on June 2.

2019 (5 years ago)

• A pair of Chickasaw duos participated in the Iowa Class 1A Coed State Golf Tournament at American Legion Golf Course in Marshalltown on June 4. Ryan Anderson and Allison Nuss teamed up to form one New Hampton squad and Wyatt Stochl and Morgan Nuss made up the other.

Anderson and Allison medaled at the event, placing sixth with a score of 79 strokes. Stochl and Morgan fell just short of the top 10 teams, finishing 12th with a score of 84, one stroke away from the 10th-place finisher.

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Teri Blaylock, age 54 of Elma, died Saturday, June 15, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a service following visitation at 6:30 p.m.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.

Born in Sumner, on February 5, 1970, to Ray and Paulette (Howe) Pitz, Teri's childhood in Lawler was filled with the simple joys of country living. She was the kind of person who found happiness in the rustling of leaves and the laughter of loved ones. Teri's adventurous spirit and loving nature were the cornerstones of her existence.

Teri's life was a testament to the power of love and dedication. She met her husband, Ty Blaylock, in the hilly streets of Decorah during their high school years. The couple exchanged vows on Aug. 23, 1991, and soon after, they began building their life together in Elma. They welcomed two wonderful children — their son Kyle and daughter Kristyn — into the world who brought immense joy and pride to Teri's life.

Teri's zest for life extended beyond her professional achievements. She was an artist at heart, with a flair for transforming the ordinary into the extraordinary. Her crafts and thrifting finds became treasures, like the old house railing she turned into a unique blanket rack.

Teri's home was her canvas, adorned with wind chimes, bird feeders, and beautiful landscaping that reflected her creative soul.

Spending time with her

Teri Blaylock, 54

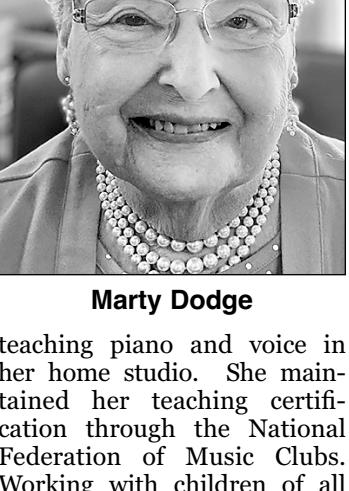
Teri Blaylock

line, Teri's keen eye for efficiency and her tireless efforts saw her ascend through the ranks into the engineering department, eventually leading her to the esteemed position of Assembly Manager. Her colleagues at TriMark will remember her as a mentor and friend, someone who could always be relied upon to lend a helping hand or a word of encouragement.

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Marlys (Marty) Jean Dodge, 87

Marty Dodge

teaching piano and voice in her home studio. She maintained her teaching certification through the National Federation of Music Clubs. Working with children of all ages was her greatest joy.

Marty also organized and directed the Voices of Yesteryear, a group of senior citizens whose crowning achievement was singing on a local TV station. Decades of singing and playing at the Rath Packing Company in Waterloo.

On March 25, 1956, Marty married David A. Dodge at the First United Methodist Church in New Hampton. The first year of their marriage was spent in Bad Nauheim, Germany where Dave served in the US Army. Upon returning, Marty resumed work at Rath Packing as an R&D office supervisor. She also attended classes at the University of Northern Iowa, studying music theory and pedagogy.

In 1961, Marty and Dave moved to Independence, where she soon began a 30-year career

teaching piano and voice in her home studio. She maintained her teaching certification through the National Federation of Music Clubs. Working with children of all ages was her greatest joy.

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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert J. Weigel, who died on or about October 28, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on November 20, 2023, Jolene A. Dungey and Jeffrey R. Weigel were 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 November 21, 2023.

Supervisors give the OK to sheriff to hire full-time dispatcher/jailer

BY BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Two weeks after tapping the brakes on allowing Sheriff Ryan Shawver to replace a full-time dispatcher and jailer, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors gave the thumbs-up to fill the position.

During a June 3 meeting,

Blood drive set for next week in New Hampton

LifeServe Blood Center will holds its monthly blood drive in New Hampton this coming Tuesday.

The drive will run from noon to 5:30 p.m. and be held at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E. Spring St.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JUNE 10, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Suckow Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Lauder, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Terry Johnson, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Engineer Roman Lensing, Secondary Roads Ranae Carey, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Custodian Dave Gorman.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve agenda for June 10, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve minutes for June 3, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve RESOLUTION NO. 06-10-24-32 Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds to All Property Owners in Chickasaw County, IA BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY Passed and approved this 10 day of JUNE, 2024. The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors announces that the deadline for destruction of Noxious weeds is June 1st, 2024, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed Noxious weeds. This includes weeds on farmlands, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, properties within city limits, and all lands within the limits of the County. Those persons not controlling their weeds in compliance with Iowa's Weed Law, Code of Iowa Chapter 317 Noxious Weeds, and Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Administrative Rules Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds will be notified to use appropriate methods to eradicate or control the weed problem. Failure to do so can incur penalties including, but not limited to, daily fines for non-compliance, and the Weed Commissioner or Deputies entering upon the land to control the weed problem, with all costs, including fines and administrative costs, levied against the landowner. Iowa law provides these assessments can be attached to the real estate tax of the land for collection. Weed eradication/control will still be required to be implemented in all cases where penalties are assessed. /ss/ Scott Cerwinski, Chair, Ayes; Kuhn, Hackman, Breitbach, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Conservation Director Chad Humpal reviewed the Twin Ponds Nature Center shelter materials.

Builders First Source: \$24,081.83 Superior Lumber: No Bid LS Supply & Rental: \$21,894.29 C.A.S.H.: No Bid

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to acknowledge the approval of the Twin Ponds Nature Center shelter materials bid to LS Supply & Rental of \$21,894.29. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve The Bradford Guest House, LLC Class C Retail Alcohol for a twelve-month term. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to send the Chickasaw County flex plan's withdrawn funds of \$7,277.50 back to EBS. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Discussed department updates with Secondary Roads Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Permission to Enter Premises for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project M-2024-03 with Leslie & Beth Parker and authorize Chairman's Signature. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Permission to Enter Premises for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project M-2024-03 with Jarrod & Leon Sheets and authorize Chairman's Signature. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Purchase of furniture from Dungey's Furniture & Floors in the amount of \$2,234.00 for the EMS Building to be paid out of EMS Discretionary Funds (0038). Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve Secondary Roads having until June 21, 2024 at noon to submit claims for Monday's June 24, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Hackman, Cerwinski. Absent: Suckow. Motion carried.

Discussed department updates with EMS Director Joel Knutson.

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Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve change order and final invoice for the EMS building renovation. Stanton Electric Chuck Stanton was unable to attend.

Discussed Heritage Water Project update with Custodian Dave Gorman.

Discuss potential Healthcare Spousal Exclusion Affidavit.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve RESOLUTION NO. 06-10-24-30 APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for all officers and departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, in accordance with

board members acknowledged the change of status for current dispatcher and jailer Kaylee Thomas from full-time to part-time, but they asked Shawver to talk to the three part-time dispatchers to see if they could fill the hours Thomas' full-time resignation created.

On Monday, Shawver returned to the board room

and said he had talked to the part-timers, including Thomas, and his recommendation remained that the county fill the position.

"They're really on a more on-call status," he said, "and they didn't see themselves being able to fill all the hours because ... they work for us around the schedules of their

full-time jobs."

He said he understood county leaders' concerns, but he also added that his is just one of two county departments that works 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"When the phone rings, someone needs to answer it,

services need to be dispatched," he said.

"We don't have the luxury of not answering those phone calls."

Board members eventually agreed, giving him the OK to "post" the position until it is filled.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF LAWLER

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

You are hereby given notice that a public hearing will be held at 7:15 P.M. on July 1, 2024, at the Council Chambers in the City Hall in Lawler, Iowa, on the proposal to amend the City Code Ordnance 92.02 RATES FOR SERVICE. Water service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City:

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84)

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES

Gallons Used Per Month	Rate
up to 1,500	\$20.00 (minimum bill per household)
1,501 and over	\$20.00, plus \$9.00 per 1,000 gallons
Monthly Utility Fee	\$5.00 per household (Whereas landlord pays water usage, the landlord will be charged \$5.00 per unit.)

COMMERCIAL WATER RATES

Gallons Used Per Month	Rate
up to 1,500	\$29.00 (minimum bill per household)
1,501 and over	\$29.00, plus \$10.50 per 1,000 gallons
Monthly Utility Fee	\$5.00 per business

Commercial loads will be \$50.00 access fee per day for a minimum of 5,000 gallons billed at commercial rates per 1,000 gallons.

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Evelyn M. Lange Revocable Trust
dated 12/08/2000

To all persons regarding Evelyn M. Lange, Deceased, who died on or about May 28, 2024. You are hereby notified that the Trustee listed below is the Trustee of the Evelyn M. Lange Revocable Trust dated December 8, 2000. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Chickasaw County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated on June 17, 2024.

Julie A. Bell
PO Box 7
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY JUNE 10, 2024 5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday June 10, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Anderson, Babcock, Dahl and Hendricks. Cantu was absent. Staff member Becky Babcock and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

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

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

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Babcock; that the minutes of the May 13, 2024 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That claims in the amount of \$966,438.78 be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That claims in the amount of \$129,391.61 be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Cantu. Motion carried.

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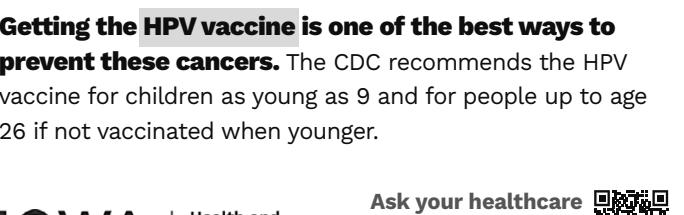
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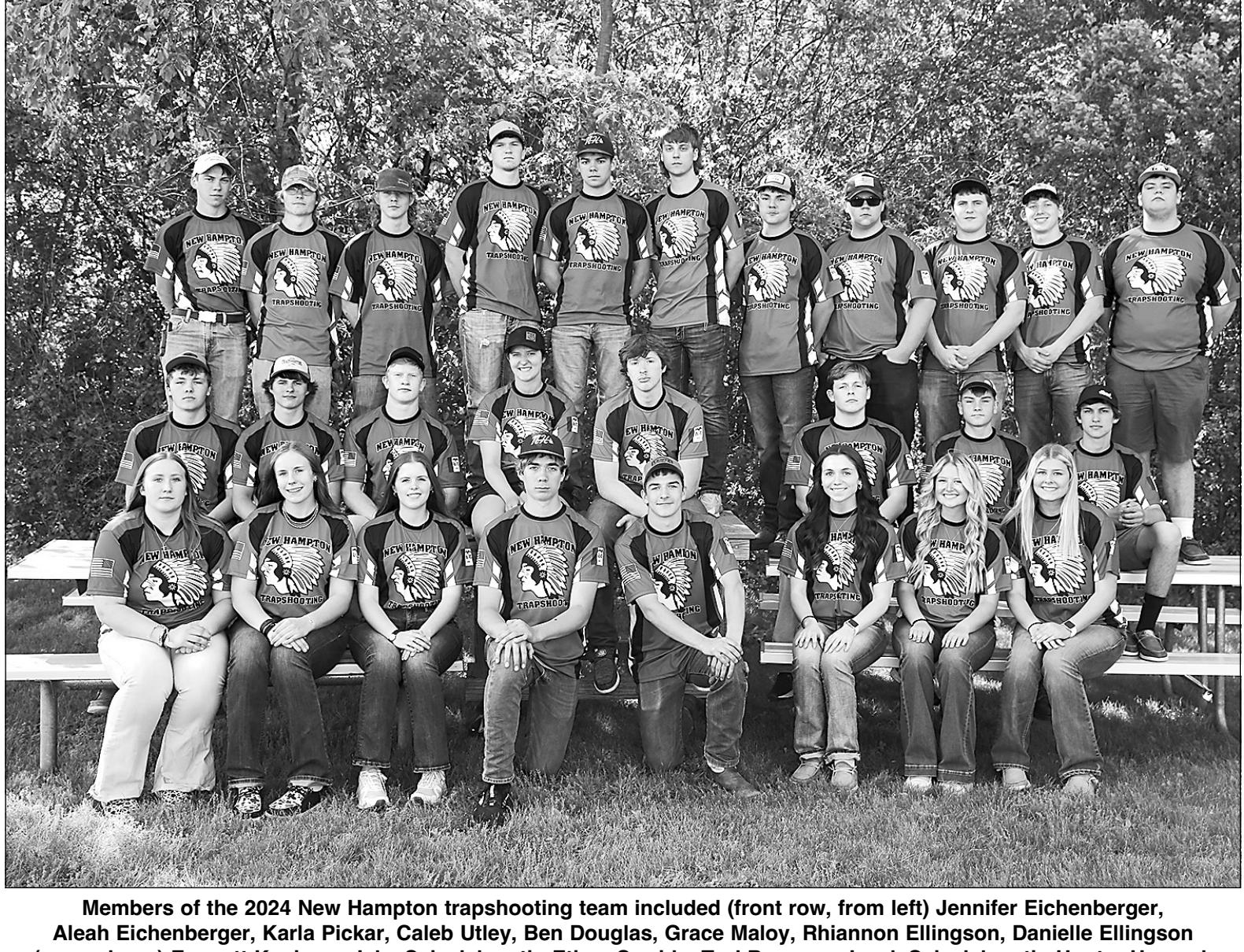


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Congrats to the New Hampton and Turkey Valley teams on a fine trapshooting season



Members of the 2024 New Hampton trapshooting team included (front row, from left) Jennifer Eichenberger, Aleah Eichenberger, Karla Pickar, Caleb Utley, Ben Douglas, Grace Maloy, Rhiannon Ellingson, Danielle Ellingson (second row) Emmett Kuehner, Jake Schwickerath, Ethan Svehla, Tori Bearman, Isaak Schwickerath, Hunter Humpal, Nolan Svehla, Ty Bearman, (back row) Trinity Schwickerath, Jonathan Condon, Aaron Holschlag, Nick Brincks, Wyatt Schwickerath, Ashton Venem, Colin Wilson, Devon Snyder, Ben Burke, Chase Humpal, Carson Burke, (not pictured) Jackson Kellogg and Cargin Robinson.

Photo courtesy of Christy Roethler

Congratulations to Turkey Valley for a second-place finish in the E-League standings

Kudos to New Hampton for a fifth-place finish in the E-League standings

Hats off to New Hampton's Ethan Svehla and Turkey Valley's Landon Huber, Ty Moudry and Hunter Kruse for being four of only 21 shooters in the state to record perfect 200s in the E-League



Members of the 2024 Turkey Valley trapshooting team included (front row, from left) Alexis Elsbernd, Tucker Tlusty, Hunter Nelson, Landon Huber, Ethan Orvis, Cadyn Huber, Ty Moudry, Tristan Pullman, Jonah Orvis, (second row) Alexa Mueterthies, Jadeyn Mueterthies, Kaden Jirak, Theresa Hanson, Boden Toussaint, Jonathan Redfern, Wade Petersen, Tanner Tlusty, Tanner Morse, (back row) Carter Weidemann, Traejin Keel, Avery Franzen, Graham Schmitt, Caden Tiedt, Will Diers, Lincoln Holtz, Tyce Rochford, Ely Suhr and Dalton Suckow.

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TV piles on runs in nightcap at Elkader

TV SOFTBALL: FROM 12

While there were no extra points or touchdowns scored in this victory for TV – there were plenty of cheers and high-fives all the way around.

And as far as historical stat keeping is concerned – those 26 runs tallied in a single game is the most scored in a contest in the Hackman era.

Turkey Valley won three UIC championships in a row under Hackman from 2020 to 2022. Last year the Trojans went 13-20 overall and placed fourth in the conference with an 11-5 mark.

This summer TV returned just a lone starter back in junior Morgan Vsetecka and the Trojans have no seniors on its roster in 2024 after graduating a whopping eight from a year ago, which is a lot for a medium-sized small-school class squad in the state of Iowa.

Those athletes on Hackman's current roster are starting to find success and realize their potential – even after dropping three games at the New Hampton Invite over the weekend.

Last week Thursday's sweep of MFL MarMac – 11-8 and 12-9 – was a start.

"That built our confidence up," said Hackman. "With what we have coming back, I was hoping we'd finish in the top half of the conference."

That's realistically possible this year in the conference after TV is now 5-14 overall and 5-3 in league play after splitting with Central (1-11, 1-5). The Trojans lost the opener of the twinbill on the Warriors' home diamond – the Dittmer Sports Complex – by a score of 12-9.

TV couldn't be stopped in the nightcap as the game ended after six innings and the Trojans scored a run in every frame – most notably the fifth, where Turkey Valley plated eight runs.

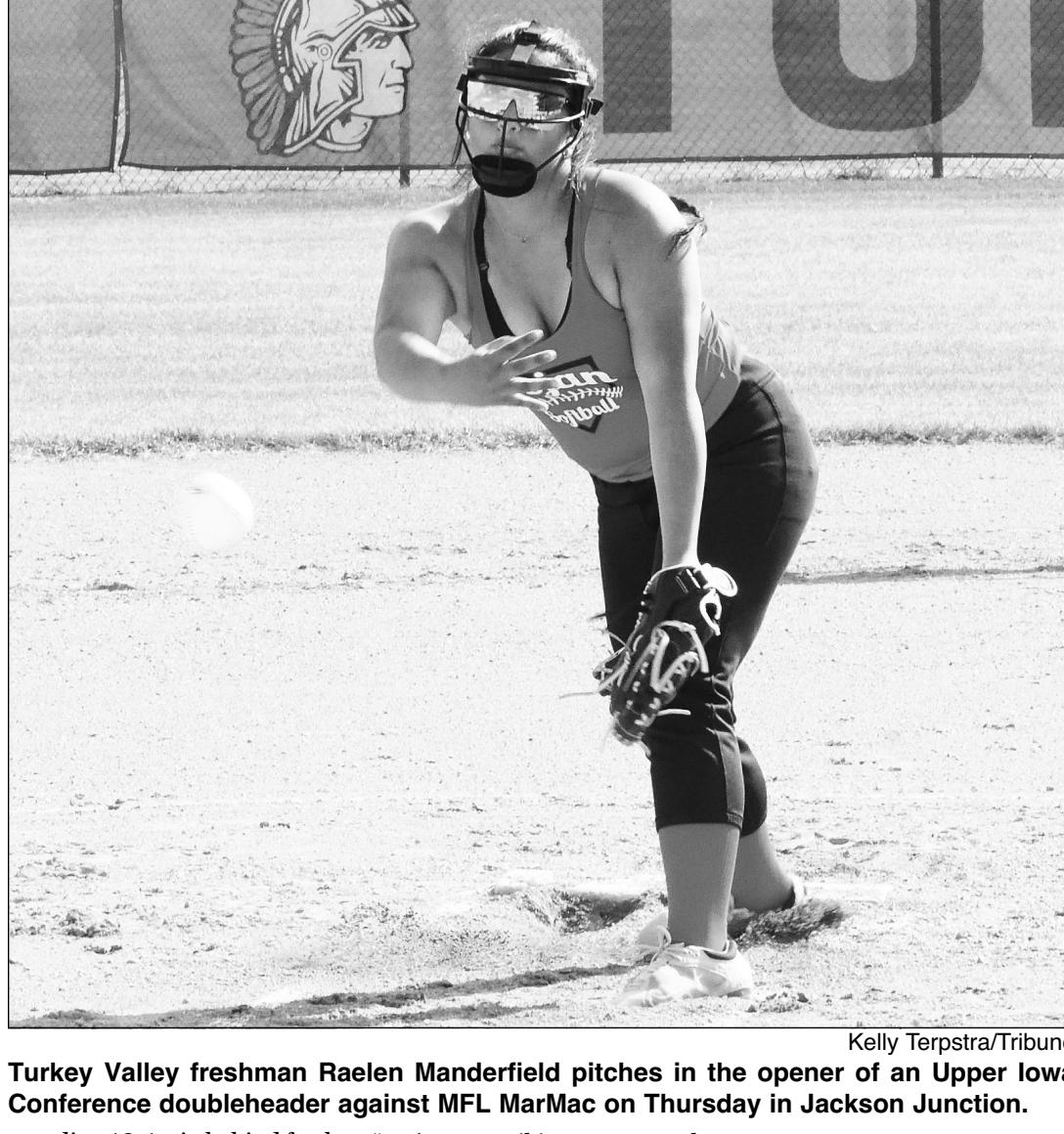
Vsetecka – TV's starting shortstop – knocked in six runs and went 3-5 at the dish.

Delaney Busta – the Trojans' left-handed hitting junior first baseman – had a night to remember as she was 4-6 at the plate with four RBI and four runs scored on the basepaths. Addison Lutgen, a sophomore left fielder, also plated four runs.

On Saturday in New Hampton the Trojans started the weekend's festivities with a 10-4 loss to Denver in the morning. TV lost to Denver, 13-1, in Jackson Junction on June 7.

"That one inning the wheels kind of fell off," said Hackman about the Denver rematch. "You take that inning away, it's 4-4. Except for that one inning, I was very happy with how we played there."

TV didn't have an answer for New Hampton in its second game of the tourney as the Chickasaws rolled to a com-



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley freshman Raelen Manderfield pitches in the opener of an Upper Iowa Conference doubleheader against MFL MarMac on Thursday in Jackson Junction.

manding 12-1 win behind freshman star Caycee Crawford's one-hitter over five innings.

The Trojans came awfully close to dispatching Nashua-Plainfield in the conclusion of the tournament after trailing 10-0 headed into the bottom of the third inning.

"We started poor. We fought our way back to tie it up and we had a runner at third in the bottom of the fifth. If we could have had one more hit we would have beat 'em there," said Hackman.

With that score knotted at 12-12 at the start of the sixth versus the Huskies, game officials decided to play one more inning under international rules because of time constraints.

N-P (3-18) scored five runs in their half of the sixth to win, 17-13.

Annika Bodensteiner went 2-3 at the plate with two RBI. Jenna Thronsdon doubled and knocked in three runs against the Huskies.

Bodensteiner, a sophomore like Thronsdon, pitched six innings of relief in the second game versus MFL MarMac (2-16, 0-6). She struck out five and walked just two batters.

"She came in and threw great," said Hackman about Bodensteiner. "She's really turned it around here."

TV had a season-high 18-hit attack versus Central in the second game.

"We're playing better. We're throwing strikes and putting the ball in play," said Hackman.

"We're not striking out as much. We still gotta make a little harder contact, but we're making progress. In the first few weeks we were striking out a lot. We're doing a lot better job now. Now we can start working on swinging harder. We still need to drive that ball in the gap."

**TURKEY VALLEY 11,
MFL MARMAC 8**

MFL 220 111 1 - 8
TV 335 000 x - 11

Pitching - Ralen Manderfield 7 IP, 5 H, 8 R, 4 ER, 5 BB, 6 K.

Runs - Karstyn Lukes 3, Kendall

Kuennen 3, Delaney Busta 2, Morgan

Vsetecka 1, Annika Bodensteiner 1,

Jenna Thronsdon 1. Hits - Vsetecka

2, Busta 2, Lukes 1, Manderfield

1, Layni Schuchhardt 1, Thronsdon

1. RBI - Vsetecka 2, Manderfield

1, Addison Lutgen 1, Autumn

Maklenburg 1, Busta 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 12,
MFL MARMAC 9**

MFL 600 021 0 - 9
TV 614 010 x - 12

Pitching - Lukes 1 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 3

ER, 1 B, 0 K, Bodensteiner 6 IP, 5 H,

3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 5 K.

2B - Maklenburg, Alexis Elsbernd,

Runs - Vsetecka 3, Elsbernd 2, Lukes

1, Thronsdon 1, Lutgen 1, Maklenburg

1, Schuchhardt 1, Busta 1, Kuennen

1. Hits - Maklenburg 2, Elsbernd

2, Kuennen 2, Lukes 1, Vsetecka

1, Lutgen 1, Bodensteiner 1, Busta

1. RBI - Maklenburg 4, Elsbernd 2,

Vsetecka 1, Busta 1, Kuennen 1.

DENVER 10, TURKEY VALLEY 4

DEN 000 613 0 - 10
TV 000 310 0 - 4

Pitching - Bodensteiner 7 IP, 12 H,

10 R, 7 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

Runs - Lukes 1, Lutgen 1, Maklenburg

1, Bodensteiner 1. Hits - Busta

1. RBI - Bodensteiner 2, Lutgen 1.

**NEW HAMPTON 12,
TURKEY VALLEY 1**

TV 100 00 - 1

NH 263 1x - 12
Pitching - Manderfield 4 IP, 11 H, 12 R, 9 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.

Runs - Lukes 1. Hits - Vsetecka 1, Maklenburg 1. RBI - Vsetecka 1.

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 17,
TURKEY VALLEY 13**

NP 307 025 - 17
TV 004 441 - 13

Pitching - Lukes 2 1/3 IP, 2 H, 7 R,

4 R, 6 BB, 1 K, Bodensteiner 3 2/3

IP, 6 H, 9 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 3 K.

2B-Thronsdon, Schuchhardt. Runs

- Lukes 3, Kuennen 2, Bodensteiner 2,

Thronsdon 2, Schuchhardt 2, Lutgen

1, Manderfield 1. Hits - Bodensteiner 2,

2, Lukes 1, Thronsdon 1, Elsbernd

1, Schuchhardt 1. RBI - Thronsdon

3, Bodensteiner 2, Maklenburg 2,

Vsetecka 2, Elsbernd 2, Kuennen 1.

**CENTRAL ELKADER 12,
TURKEY VALLEY 9**

TV 150 000 3 - 9
CE 118 020 x - 12

Pitching - Manderfield 1 2/3 IP, 0

H, 2 R, 0 ER, 5 BB, 2 K, Bodensteiner

4 1/3 IP, 8 H, 10 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.

2B - Lutgen. Runs - Maklenburg

3, Thronsdon 2, Bodensteiner 1,

Vsetecka 1, Busta 1, Kuennen 1. Hits

- Lutgen 2, Lukes 2, Bodensteiner 1,

Vsetecka 1, Maklenburg 1, Haylee

Hanson 1, Thronsdon 1. RBI - Maklenburg 3, Lukes 3, Hanson 2,

Thronsdon 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 26, CENTRAL
ELKADER 16**

TV 521 486 - 26
CE 324 025 - 16

Pitching - Lukes 5 2/3 IP, 9 H, 13

R, 12 ER, 5 BB, 0 K, Manderfield 1/3

IP, 0 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 0 K.

2B - Vsetecka. 3B - Maklenburg.

Runs - Busta 4, Lutgen 4, Vsetecka

3, Lukes 3, Thronsdon 3, Maklenburg

2, Schuchhardt 2, Bodensteiner 1,

Kuennen 2, Elsbernd 1. Hits - Busta

4, Vsetecka 3, Maklenburg 3, Lukes

3, Bodensteiner 2, Lutgen 1, Kuennen

1, Elsbernd 1. RBI - Vsetecka 6,

Busta 4, Lukes 3, Maklenburg 2,

Lutgen 2, Elsbernd 2, Schuchhardt

1, Bodensteiner 1, Thronsdon 1,

Kuennen 1.

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Debt Services \$ -

Total \$ -

\$31,105.54

May Receipts

General \$12,535.03

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Road Use Tax \$4,553.98

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Sewer \$ -

Electric \$ -

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Debt Service \$ -

Economic Development \$ -

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Library Donations \$10,000.00

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Sales \$ -

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TOTAL \$30,489.12

Council and Mayor concerns were discussed. Clerk received quote for workman's comp for \$7,914.00.

Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Ayes: Laures, Slick, Pride, Heying. Nays: none. Absent: Roethler. Motion carried.

Streets were discussed.

Sanitation was discussed.</

Pitching depth has been key for Chickasaws

NH BASEBALL: FROM 12

For Chickasaw head coach Cory McDonald – who first took over as head coach at NH in 2009 – it was a first.

That means clear back in 1999 during his first year as a head varsity coach at Tripoli, as well as his time at Waverly-Shell Rock and for the last 15 years as the top dog at New Hampton – he's never coached a perfect game.

Until now.

Sure, the game didn't last a full seven innings, but perfect games are super hard to come by.

"Congratulations to both Braden and Caden on their combined perfect game – what an awesome achievement that they can tell others about for the rest of their lives," said McDonald. "I have never been a part of a varsity perfect game in all my years of coaching. It was a special experience for everyone."

In fact, McDonald had to be reminded by Chickasaw assistant coach Jordan Rommes that the perfect game even took place.

"Funny, I was so focused on just winning the baseball game that I did not know it was a perfect game until Coach Rommes said something after the last out," smiled McDonald.

McDonald – who notched career coaching win No. 400 last summer – has his Chickasaws positioned for the stretch run with a full arsenal of arms and an offense that has generated runs at rapid-fire clip.

New Hampton utilized McShane's solid five innings of relief on the hill in the nightcap at home versus Charles City en route to a 5-1 win. NH junior Jaxon Eckley returned to the mound in that second game of the twinbill after an extended hiatus on the hill. Eckley pitched for the first time since the conference opener last month on the road versus Charles City. He started the nightcap and went two innings. He did not allow an earned run and struck out five in those two frames on the bump.

"Most teams would struggle mightily to fill the hole in their pitching rotation without a quality arm like Jaxon. Well, Jaxon is back on the mound and now we get to add his excellent arm to our already solid



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Ty Robinson runs to first in the opening game of an NEIC doubleheader versus Charles City on Friday night.

pitching rotation right when it matters the most as we get closer to July and the playoffs," said McDonald.

NH had little trouble in disposing of Central Springs a night earlier on Thursday. The Chickasaws scored nine runs in the fourth inning and banged out 10 hits to produce a 14-3 victory.

Chickasaw junior Tate Schwickerath pitched six innings, did not allow an earned run and gave up just four hits against the Panthers.

"Our entire pitching staff has been the cornerstone of our success this entire season. We are deep with quality pitchers and our team has confidence that we can win any game with any of our pitchers on the mound because our pitchers fearlessly attack the zone with strikes and trust their teammates to take care of the rest," said McDonald.

McShane blasted his third home run of the year in the nightcap of the CC win. He leads all of Class 2A in total bases (53) and is second in RBI (28). Meyers and fellow senior Kael Meyers are tied for third in 2A with 31 hits apiece. McShane

is fourth in hit-by-pitches (14).

An impressive streak was also broken in the second game against Charles City. Meyers – who is one of 2A's best hitters alongside McShane – struck out for the first time.

He has now fanned just once in 59 at-bats. There are only two batters in 2A that have not struck out so far this year – Central Lee's Blake Davis and Jaymison Howard of Summer-Fredericksburg.

Meyers is batting .525 to lead New Hampton, while McShane's batting average sits at .500 as of Monday. Meyers is on base almost two out of every three at-bats as his on-base-percentage is .640.

To give you an indication of just how special a season this is shaping up for McDonald's Chickasaws – here are some other individual and team statistics to take in.

– Eckley has not committed an error this season in 51 total chances at his various infield positions (pitcher/second base/third base).

– Chickasaw senior Talyne Bohaty leads Class 2A with 199 putouts at his catcher position as of Monday afternoon.

– New Hampton leads 2A in stolen bases with 121, two better than Eagle Grove (119).

The Chickasaws sport the best team earned run average (1.17) in 2A and are second in their class in strikeouts with 196 to Van Meter's 200. New Hampton is second in all classes to St. Ansgar's statewide-leading 0.88 team ERA.

New Hampton swept CC – 10-0 and 15-1 – back in May on the Comets' home field.

New Hampton played a twinbill at Crestwood on Wednesday and hosts South Winneshiek on Friday.

"This upcoming week is our lightest week of the season in terms of games and it could not come at a more perfect time. We are happy to get a little break to re-energize before we make our final push towards our regular season goals during this last two-week sprint to the finish line," said McDonald.

The first round of Class 2A district play begins on Saturday, July 6.

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Pitching - Tate Schwickerath 6 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 5 K, Braxton Bundy 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - Jaxon Eckley, Braden McShane, Caden Rochford. 3B - McShane. Runs - Eckley 2, Ben Gilbert 2, Ty Robinson 2, Talyne Bohaty 2, Bundy 2, Noah Jenkins 1, Kael Meyers 1, McShane 1, Reid Rausch 1. Hits - McShane 2, Bundy 2, Rochford 2, Eckley 1, Gilbert 1, Meyers 1, Bohaty 1. RBI - Meyers 3, McShane 3, Rochford 3, Bohaty 2, Eckley 1, Rausch 1, Bundy 1.

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Pitching - McShane 3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 5 K, Rochford 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

2B - Meyers, McShane. Runs - Eckley 2, McShane 2, Bohaty 2, Rochford 2, Gilbert 1, Meyers 1, Rausch 1, Bundy 1. Hits - Gilbert 2, Meyers 2, McShane 1, Rausch 1, Bundy 1, Rochford 1. RBI - Gilbert 1, Meyers 2, McShane 1, Bundy 1, Rochford 1.

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Pitching - Eckley 2 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 5 K, McShane 5 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 9 K.

2B - Gilbert, Bohaty. HR - McShane. Runs - Gilbert 1, Meyers 1, McShane 1, Bohaty 1, Bundy 1, Rochford 1. Hits - Gilbert 1, Meyers 1, McShane 1, Robinson 1, Bohaty 1, Rochford 1. RBI - Eckley 1, Meyers 1, McShane 1, Rochford 1.

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Crawford smacked her fourth homer of the year against Turkey Valley. She leads the Chickasaws in RBI (20) and is tied with Heeren in batting average (.487) prior to when the Chickasaws traveled to take on Decorah in a doubleheader on Tuesday. Crawford also is tops on the team in runs scored with 18 – which is tied with junior third baseman Cora Schwickerath. Crawford's home run and RBI totals lead the NEIC. Heeren and Crawford's batting averages are second in the league to Waukon junior Reese McCormick's .513.

"Our girls have been very confident in the batter's box this year, which is very impressive," said Hofmeister. "You obviously need to score runs to win games, so I'm really happy about that aspect."

New Hampton senior Claire Geerts – a valuable utility player for the Chickasaws – sports the fifth-best one-base-percentage (.625) in all of Class 3A.

Crawford's slugging percentage of 1.000 is third-best in 3A.

"I like where we're at right now, especially coming off those three-straight wins over the weekend," said Hofmeister. "The girls are positive – the energy's there. Every goal that they made towards the beginning of the season, they can obviously go and get."

New Hampton has plenty of season to right its wrongs, but they'll have to try to accomplish a majority of that improvement away from their home diamond of Mikkelsen Park. The Chickasaws have just four games left at home – single varsity games versus North Fayette Valley and Decorah, as well as Senior Night on Tuesday, July 2 in a twinbill versus the Go-Hawks.

Crawford also silenced TV bats as she worked five innings and allowed a single earned run. She struck out six and walked three.

As far as how the home invite went, sophomore Chickasaw hurler Chloe Weigel earned two wins over N-P and Denver. She won a combined four hits to those two squads and struck out 13 batters.

W-SR's Jillian Diercks, Emma Thompson and Brittney Bodensteiner all hit home runs in the NEIC head-to-head single varsity matchup in Bremer County.

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New Hampton's Caycee Crawford (above) attacks a pitch while teammate Kayme Hackman (below) slides safely into third base during a doubleheader against Crestwood last week.

Crushing the tourney field

New Hampton closes busy week with dominating title at home invite

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Thirty-five to four. That's complete domination. Those numbers – just in case you're wondering – represent the aggregate total from the scores of the New Hampton softball team's three games played in at its home invite over the weekend.

If there was any doubt as to who the victor was in those three aforementioned games versus area squads Nashua-Plainfield, Turkey Valley and Denver – it was Tate Hofmeister's Chickasaws.

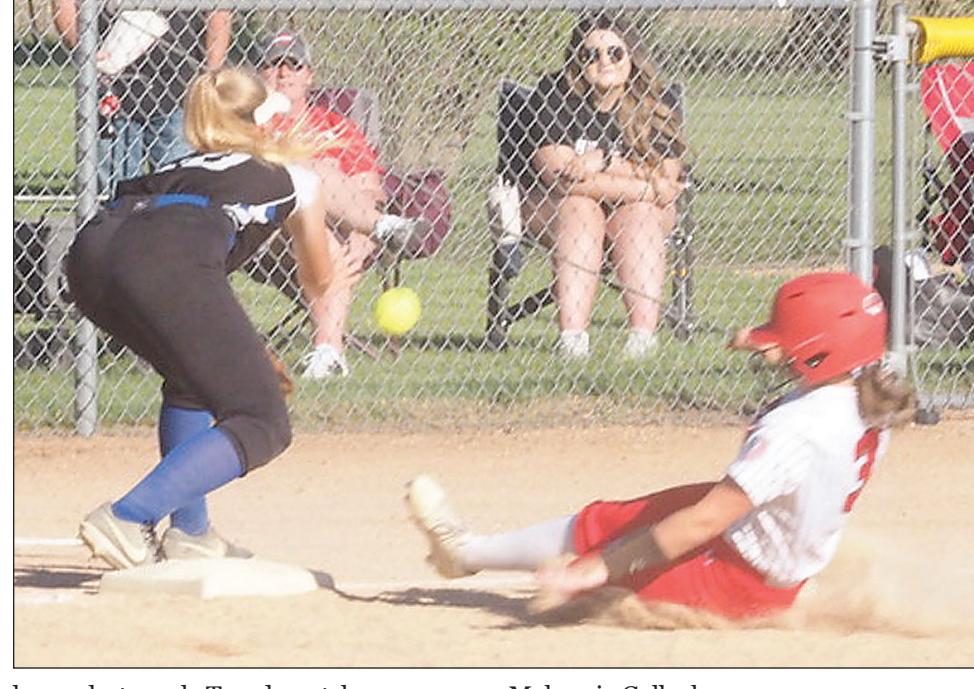
The Chickasaws (8-5, 1-5) thoroughly outplayed those overmatched opponents to reel in a second-consecutive championship at the NH Invite.

New Hampton topped N-P in game one in the morning by a score of 13-3, then followed that triumph with a 12-1 win over Junior Hackman's Trojans. The Chickasaws sealed the deal with a title-winning performance over Denver – blanking the Cyclones, 10-0.

"I'm really proud of the girls. It's two years in a row where they've won their own tournament," said Hofmeister. "It shows a lot about the girls' character. It was impressive to see how they'd bounce back from that night before when we played Waverly and lost 10-2."

That night before on Friday was a 10-2 loss at Waverly-Shell Rock (10-5, 6-0) – who sits a half game ahead of Charles City (15-1, 5-0) in the NEIC team standings as of Tuesday afternoon.

New Hampton also encountered two



losses last week Tuesday at home versus Crestwood (9-6, 2-3). The Cadets won the first game of the twinbill, 6-2, and closed out a wild nightcap which saw Crestwood score eight runs in the top of the eighth-inning to outlast the Chickasaws in extra innings, 13-5.

NH first baseman Caycee Crawford smashed a two-run homer to left in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game against the Cadets, 5-5. But Crestwood strung together several hits to explode for an eight spot in the eighth – highlighted by a grand slam from Cadet sophomore

Makenzie Gallagher.

"They fielded the ball really well," said Hofmeister. "They did a good job of hitting. We put the ball in play, but most of the time it was right at their girls. When teams are fielding really good and hitting – it's going to be tough to beat them if you can't do the same thing. We had some errors – here and there."

After Crestwood had chased senior hurler Jenna Heeren in the nightcap, Hofmeister brought in Crawford inside the

SEE NH SOFTBALL, 11



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Morgan Vsetecka laces a base hit during the Trojans' Upper Iowa Conference doubleheader against MFL MarMac last week.

TV offense clicks in pair of twinbills

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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When trying to rebuild a softball program, coaches will often tell their players they have to crawl before they can walk.

It's simple advice on paper – but implementing it out on a diamond is an entirely different ball game, so to speak.

Turkey Valley coach Junior Hackman and his Trojans did a whole lot of running on Monday at Central Elkader.

Hackman – who has guided TV softball since 2018 – saw his ever-improving Upper Iowa Conference squad race around the baselines in a 26-16 foot-ball-score-type victory over the host Warriors.

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It's another great week for the New Hampton '9'

Chickasaws blast Central Springs, sweep Charles City in doubleheader that includes combined perfect game

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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What can these Chickasaws do next?

In what has been a remarkable year so far this summer, add perfect game to the amazing list of accomplishments that the New Hampton nine has already achieved this season.

And just think – summer officially started this week and there's less than three weeks left before the postseason starts.

Despite the regular season winding down, there's still a substantial amount of innings left to be completed, barring inclement weather.

That equates to 12 regular season games left to play for NH and that means sixth-ranked New Hampton may just be getting started crossing goals off the to-do list.

One thing is for certain – the Chickasaws will be playing for a conference title as things have started to heat up in the race for first in the Northeast Iowa Conference after New Hampton swept two-win Charles City on Friday night.

New Hampton (18-3, 11-1) remains a game ahead of second-place Waverly-Shell Rock (15-5, 10-2) in the NEIC standings after the Chickasaws took game one over the visiting Comets by combining to throw for a five-inning perfect game.

Chickasaw senior Braden McShane worked three scoreless innings and then sophomore Caden Rochford did the rest on the hill for the remaining two innings of work to produce a line that read zero Comet runs, zero CC hits, no walks issued and seven strikeouts.

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New chief is thankful for 'opportunity'

POLICE CHIEF: FROM 1

Egan was appointed interim chief on April 15 after New Hampton Mayor Steve Geerts accepted the resignation of Police Chief Tim Pederson, who resigned after the city conducted an investigation into money taken at a grocery store from a self-checkout lane earlier this year.

While it's been somewhat of a chaotic couple months for the New Hampton Police force, Rosendahl is eager to get to work and provide some leadership and stability to the community of 3,500.

"I'm a community person – all hands on deck. We've made a commitment to be part of the community so I'm all in with both feet," said Rosendahl.

Rosendahl started his law enforcement career for a one-man police department in New Albin – which sits right on the Iowa-Minnesota border. There he received his EMT certification and became lieutenant on the New Albin Fire & Rescue squad, where he served for six years. Rosendahl said he moved to Lansing to become a police officer there for a little over four years. He became acting chief after the former chief passed away of cancer.

Rosendahl said he played football for Waukon, where he took on the Chickasaws out on the gridiron for several years. He also mentioned that his first wife's brother is a lifelong resident of New Hampton.

Rosendahl's wife, Kristen, works as an RN at WinnMed in Decorah. The couple has five children.

Conrad Rosendahl talked about this whirlwind time in his life – where his next journey will take him to New Hampton as the town's police chief.

"In a two-week time frame, it went from applying, interviewing, accepting, selling



New Hampton's new police chief, Conrad Rosendahl (left), talks with City Attorney Todd Prichard after Monday night's City Council meeting.

my house, getting an offer on another," said Rosendahl. "There's been no roadblocks, which leads me to believe this was the right move. The transition has been astronomical."

New Hampton's new police chief will be paid a salary of \$78,165 and shall receive a four percent raise on July 1, 2025.

Geerts said Rosendahl will be sworn in as New Hampton's next police chief on Monday, July 1 – the next scheduled City Council meeting.

"Thank you for the opportunity," said

Conrad Rosendahl. "I can't be any happier about how things are going."

Also on Monday, the City Council passed a resolution to give non-bargaining city employees a 3 percent raise on their salary or wages. The only city workers who did not receive a raise were truck drivers, equipment operators and firefighters.

And council members also approved the second reading of a code of ordinances update for the city. The third reading will be on next Council meeting's agenda on July 1.

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Board wants more questions answered before approving new ambulance policy

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

a variety of reasons, including EMS personnel doing the painting, having blinds purchased by the EMS Department and reduced flooring costs.

Country Cabinetry, Stanton Electric, Mic's Plumbing and Heating and TS Iowa were the contractors who worked on the project that will allow paramedics, EMTs and drivers to be located in the same building as the service's ambulances.

Since beginning service on Jan. 1, 2023, EMS personnel on the main crew have been housed at rental properties – first a house on South Walnut Avenue and then in the apartment building located across the street from Fareway.

Board members earlier this year voted to cover the remodeling costs with \$64,000 from the county's America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The remainder of the cost, supervisors agreed, would be paid for by the EMS Department's fund that includes, an addition to revenue generated from calls, money provided by the county and the six cities – New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia,

Lawler and North Washington – that signed 28E agreements with the county-owned entity to provide ambulance service.

While the final payment of the remodeling project sailed through easily Monday, board members once again held off on approving a new policy for the ambulance service that could allow those activated to main crew status to remain in their homes.

Earlier this month, Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson, who was not at Monday's meeting, proposed to allow "on-call" crew members who are bumped up to main crew status when a call is being taken to remain in their homes at a reduced rate of pay if they can continue to respond to the station within five minutes of a call.

Those who are on the "on-call" crew must be able to go on to "main crew" status within 30 minutes of being called.

But supervisors still had questions about the wording of the policy and wanted to hold off on approving the policy change until they could visit with the EMS director.

Upper Iowa dean's list

Upper Iowa University has announced the dean's list for the 2024 Spring Semester.

To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average and be enrolled as a full-time student.

Local honorees include:

Waucoma: Christian Cutsforth.

New Hampton: Carli Gebel.

Elma: William Kopp.

Sumner: Klay Seehase.

Nashua: Jennifer Hovey.



Conservation Board director appreciates that younger generations are using county parks

OUTDOORS: FROM 14

that's a win in my mind. We wanted something outdoorsy – that's what we do – that everyone can use."

Humpal said he's appreciative of the support the dock received; in fact, virtually the entire cost of the modular dock was covered by grants and donations.

The Conservation Board received a \$10,000 grant from the Chickasaw County Community Foundation, a \$5,000 award from the New Hampton Hotel/Motel Tax Committee and a \$2,000 donation from First Citizens Bank.

"With the way budgets are, I'm not sure we could have done this without people willing to step up and help us," Humpal said. "We can't thank

those groups enough for supporting this."

And there's one more advantage to the dock.

"Any modular dock like that makes it easy to take it apart, to add to it, to change it," he said. "Right now, we love it, but the great thing is we have options down the road that we can do, too."

The dock is just one reason county parks are experiencing a boom of sorts these days.

Park usage, Humpal said, "is way up." The board's campgrounds, when Mother Nature cooperates, are close to full. And what pleases the Conservation Board director the most is that those taking advantage of the parks come from all age groups.

"What's been great to see is we're seeing especially young-

er generations embracing the outdoors," he said. "They're coming back to the outdoors, and that's the business we're in. They're getting out to hike, bike, kayak, fish, and honestly we don't care what they're doing, as long as they are doing something outdoors."

He said camping, especially at the Airport Lake Park

located just northwest of New Hampton, has been strong so far this season. All 11 of the campground's seasonal campsites have been filled, and the 10 extended stay spots are being heavily used as well.

The Conservation Board's Split Rock Campground located near Fredericksburg has seen a drop in usage but

Humpal said he attributes most of that to the rainy start to the camping season.

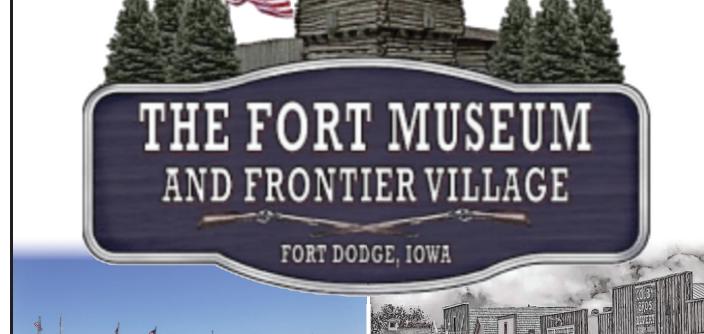
"I think we'll be back to full speed once it dries out a little," he said. "Split Rock has been wet – really wet – and unfortunately, that's one thing we don't have a lot of control over, right? If we did, we'd be rich."

Still, he isn't about to total-

ly chastise Mother Nature; instead, Humpal said that she provides the beauty that has seen park usage rise in recent years.

"Mother Nature is spectacular," he said, "and go out to Chickasaw, go out to any of our parks and you'll see some absolutely beautiful landscapes painted by her."

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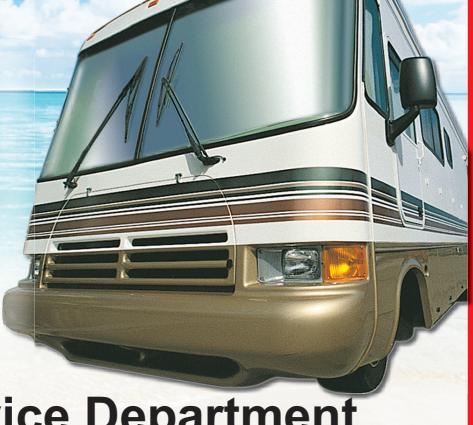
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Fun in the sun Hello Summer



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The newest addition to Chickasaw County's Airport Lake Park is a handicap accessible dock (above) that has proven to be a huge hit while sometimes, Mother Nature provides reason enough to be outdoors as these wildflowers (right) at Chickasaw Park show.

Outdoor attractions!

New dock just one more reason to get 'outdoorsy'

BY BOB FENSKA
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One of Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal's goals for years was to get a dock placed at Airport Lake Park.

"We needed one, it had been a better part of 10 years without one," he said, "so one, there was a need."

Two?

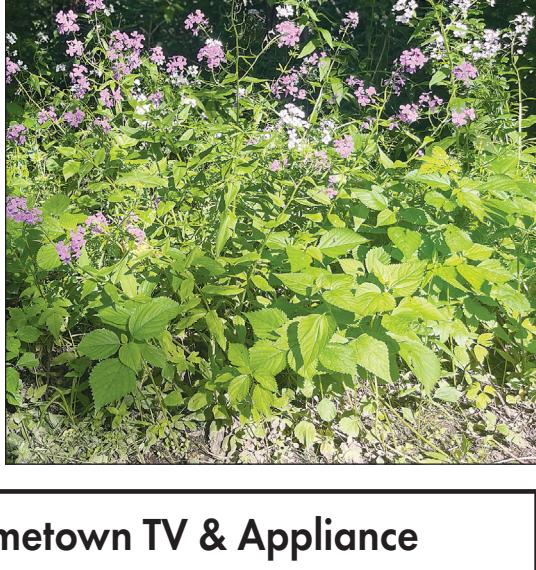
"Anything to get people more outdoorsy," Humpal said with a laugh, "but in all seriousness, it was another way

to add to the amenities to the park out there. It's pretty amazing how much it's getting used. Every time I get out there, people are using it and it's not just kids either."

And there's a third reason Humpal wanted the dock. It's handicap accessible.

"That was important because we wanted all members of a family to be able to use it," he said. "Anytime we can make something handicap accessible,

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