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Council miffed by police union

After rebuff, city leaders make job offer without extra 'benefits' to officer

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It seemed like a no-brainer to the New Hampton City Council. The city would hire a police officer with five years of experience, pay him the "going rate" of \$29.50, give him three weeks, instead of two, of vacation and give him a "sign-on" bonus of \$2,500.

Yes, the contract the city has with the union that represents police officers states that an officer hired by the New Hampton Police Department shall be paid a quarter per hour less and has not used sign-on bonuses to attract employees in the past. However, it spends about \$10,000 to send new officers to the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and that total doesn't include the officer's wages and

benefits that are paid out during the schooling. To the council members, it seemed like a win to extend the offer to Lansing police officer Darby Stone to fill the vacancy in the department created earlier this spring when Doug Eagan resigned. Not so fast, the union said. City Clerk Karen Clemens told council members that it was her under-

standing that although union members didn't hold a formal vote, "they reached a consensus that they were not in support of it." The council eventually agreed to approve the hiring of Stone under the terms of the union contract, but city leaders and Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl had a lengthy discussion

about the issues created by Rosendahl's proposal and the union's response to it. "We're a little bit shackled by this

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Cities will get another waiver on EMS payment

Supervisors get update from ambulance director; open house set for next week

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The six cities who have 28E agreements with Chickasaw County for ambulance service will get another "free" quarter when it comes to EMS. The news of the quarterly payment waiver came up during Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson's department update during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting. Under the terms of the 28Es that New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington have with the county, the cities have their payments automatically waived if the EMS fund has a balance of at least \$750,000 for two consecutive quarters. Because the fund was above that number on both Jan. 15 and April 15, the cities had their July payments waived, and after the board approved claims on Monday, the EMS fund balance was at around \$930,000, meaning the payments due on Oct. 5 will also be waived. The news of another quarterly payment being waived was part of a more than 30-minute discussion in which Knutson touched on an uptick in calls being taken by the service, an upcoming open house at the ambulance station in New Hampton, the approval of the first student in the EMS Explorer program and how the EMS service should proceed with delinquent accounts. Knutson told board members that as of Monday morning, Chickasaw County EMS had already responded to 53 calls during the month of July. "We've had a pretty substantial uptake in inter-facility transfers out of Sumner and Charles City. We've taken as many as we can for them," Knutson said, "but we're always giving priority to Mercy here in town because they are our hospital. But it is good to go out to those other hospitals and it helps us with our revenue." He said that the ambulance stationed in Fredericksburg has taken seven of those transfers and "countless times has helped back fill

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Tori Bearman, the 2023 Chickasaw County fair queen, crowns her replacement, Emma Brincks, Saturday at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show that wrapped up its seven-day run on Monday morning.

WRAPPING UP THE 'FIRST' SHOW

ACHIEVEMENT SHOW WRAPS UP SUCCESSFUL RUN; COUNTY YOUTH COORDINATOR LOOKS TO GROW NUMBERS

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Timing is everything. So, too, are good, supportive co-workers. Just ask Makaela Kime, the Chickasaw County ISU Extension youth coordinator who just wrapped up one of the busiest weeks of her life. Kime began working at the Extension office

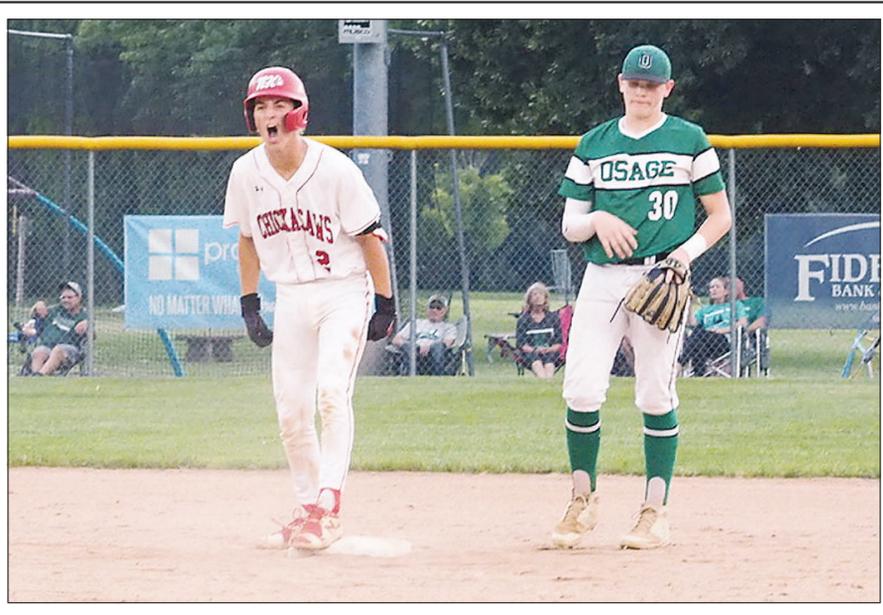
on May 21. That gave her a mere 48 days to get ready for her position's biggest event of the year — the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show. On Monday, Kime could take a well-deserved sigh of relief, for she had come through her first fair unscathed. "It's gone really well," she said just before the annual livestock auction commenced, "and it was so much fun for me to see the kiddos and all

their projects. We want to get our numbers up, no doubt about it, but the 4-Hers and the FFA kids we had here were just great." Kime took over the position previously held by Patrick Dirks, who resigned this past spring. That left her little time to get ready for her first Achievement Show as the county's youth coordinator.

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Playing to go to state!

New Hampton's Talyn Bohaty celebrates his third inning double in the Chickasaws' 9-4 win over Osage during Saturday's Class 2A district baseball championship game. The win moved the Chickasaws into the sub-state game against Denver that was played Tuesday night in Decorah, and the victor of that game earns a trip to next week's state tournament in Carroll. See **STORIES**, Page 15 and 16 Kelly Terpstra/Tribune



County receives a disaster declaration from governor

Reynolds issues proclamation after July 4 storm hits Fredericksburg especially hard

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Chickasaw County last Tuesday received a disaster declaration from Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds for storms that hit the area on the Independence Day holiday. Reynolds' proclamation activated the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program (IIAGP) and the Iowa Disaster Case Advocacy (IDCA) program for residents of the county. The news of the disaster proclamation was welcomed by Chickasaw County Emergency Management Agency Director

Jeff Bernatz, who had submitted the request after the July 4 storms led to property and tree damage in the county, especially in and around Fredericksburg. "Basically, we got it because of the storm in Fredericksburg," Bernatz said, "but it's open to all residents. Hopefully, it will help some of the people who were affected by the storm." "I know people outside of Fredericksburg are saying 'what storm?' But we had quite a bit of damage in Fredericksburg. Whatever hit that day, especially

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Gearing up for the big day!

Bride-to-be is ready (well almost), to take the walk down the aisle

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The day this edition of the Tribune comes out, Barbara Schwickerath's wedding day count-down will be at 100 days.

So the first question of the interview was obviously this: Are you ready?

The 2018 New Hampton High School graduate couldn't help but laugh.

"We're getting there."

And she laughed again at the second question — what are the biggest challenges for her as a bride-to-be?

"Oh my gosh, unfortunately, I'm a little bit of a procrastinator," she said. "OK, I might be a lot of a procrastinator, which is why I said we're getting there."

In all seriousness, though, Schwickerath and her fiancé, Josh Thiessen, are doing just fine when it comes to putting the finishing touches on their big day — Saturday, Oct. 26.

That's the date they will each say "I do" at Holy Family Parish before celebrating their wedding with family and friends at the Floyd County Fairgrounds later that day.

They announced their engagement last fall and will be married this fall, and let's put it this way: That was by design.

"We both wanted a fall wedding," she said. "It's just our favorite season. Maybe it's that we both have a farm background, but it had to be fall."

Thiessen is from Tama and he met his soon-to-be wife while both were students at Iowa State University. They are both proud "Cyclones" who are now making their own way in the workforce. He works as a sales agronomist for Farmers Win Coop while she is an ag and commercial lender at Fidelity Bank and Trust in New Hampton.

But since that big day when Thiessen popped the question, they have spent a considerable amount of time planning for 10-26-2024.

Guys, listen up here.

"He's been so helpful," Schwickerath said, "and part of the issue is I can be indecisive so I'll go on and on about something and I think there's nothing more important I can tell people than to make sure you're a team even before you get married. It can't just be the bride, right? It's his big day, too."

If the bride-to-be has any regrets, one of them might be that she didn't pay more

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Barbara Schwickerath and Josh Thiessen pose for their engagement photos this past fall. Photo courtesy of Barbara Schwickerath



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Little Brown Church Pastor Drew McHolm delivers his sermon during the worship service at his church's 2023 Marriage Reunion.

Historic church ready to celebrate a fine institution

Little Brown Church pastor's message: Marriage Reunion is open to everyone

By **BOB FENSKE**
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It's Chickasaw County's most famous church — the Little Brown Church in the Vale — and on the first Sunday of each August, it celebrates the institution of marriage.

And why not? Pastor Drew McHolm and those that have preceded him have officiated more than 76,000 weddings at the historic church nestled in the woods just east of Nashua.

McHolm will be the first to point out that the church is, well, a church — not just a wedding destination. Services are held each week and the Little Brown Church also runs the Compass Outreach Center in Nashua.

That, however, doesn't mean he doesn't get excited each summer when the annual

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Bride-to-be enjoys the 'really cool experiences' of planning wedding

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attention to the days when her older sisters — Sara and Susan — took their walks down the aisle five years ago.

"I was a college freshman and I figured that was years away," she said with a smile. "I was just along for the ride, happy for my sisters and ready to have fun. And now here I am. It's my turn, and Josh's, too."

She's learned a few things as she prepares for her trip down the aisle.

First, setting a date isn't just as easy as picking one.

"It might work for the church, but then you find out that the venue you want is taken," she said. "That can be a little stressful."

Yet, her best advice to couples who are embarking on the path that she and Thiessen did last fall is to enjoy the process. "Asking people to be in my

wedding, that was a really cool thing," she said. "That's something I'll take with me the rest of my life, seeing their reactions, it was just wonderful."

If she could change anything, it would be that her mother could be there on Oct. 26, but Leah Schwickerath passed away on Oct. 28, 2021.

It's a loss that she continues to feel, yet in a voice chock full of emotion, she said "I think Mom has been there every step of the way through this. And I know she's going to be there that day, too."

And with the wedding date countdown about to slip into double digits, she and her husband-to-be are taking it one step at a time.

"There are some things you just can't worry about," she said. "Is the weather going to be good? Why worry about that; it's not like we can control that. What matters is we're getting married, right?"



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The renewal of vows is always a highlight at the Little Brown Church's Marriage Reunion.

Little Brown Church celebrates the institution of marriage

REUNION: FROM 2

Marriage Reunion nears.

"It's a special day at our church, no question about it," McHolm said. "To see all the couples renewing their vows is a wonderful experience as a pastor. Knowing that they come from all over the country and that they all have stories to tell, it's one of the best days of the year at our little church."

This year's reunion is set for Sunday, Aug. 4, and will begin with what happens every Sunday in "the Vale" — the 10:15 a.m. "sing-a-long."

The worship service includes the vow renewal and begins at 10:30 a.m. before the reunion

moves outside for lunch, entertainment and an awards ceremony of sorts.

This year, the lunch will be served by Miller's Custom Processing and will cost \$10 a person. Music will be provided by special guest singers, Sugar & Spice from Cedar Rapids. And then the Little Brown Church will hand out awards like farthest traveled, longest married, etc.

But here's the deal, one that McHolm wants to emphasize: The reunion is open to all married couples, not just those who said "I do" at the Little Brown Church.

"I can't stress that enough," McHolm said. "We're cele-

brating the institution of marriage, not just those who were married at the Little Brown Church. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see you there."

This year's reunion is the 71st one held at the church, and McHolm laughed when he was asked if his sermon — which, pardon the editorializing, is usually a proverbial home run.

"I can tell you this much," he said, "it will probably have something to do with marriage."

The pastor, who recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of his marriage to Jesse Boatright, said he is uplifted each year

by the stories he hears from reunion participants.

"We have such a variety of people," he said. "Some are old, some are young. Some are rich; some are not. Some are talkers; some not so much. But they share that bond in finding their true loves and working to make their marriages work. That's inspiring."

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Wedding Guide

Today's hottest wedding dress trends

Among the items on a wedding planning checklist, choosing a wedding gown often is a top priority. While certain wedding dress trends withstand the test of time, others have shorter shelf lives. Though no one knows what the future holds for wedding gown trends, these are some that may be notable as brides walk down the aisle in the months ahead.

Floral appliqué and 3D accents

Florals are nothing new on wedding dresses, but they're being elevated this year with new interpretations. Floral embellishments give texture and help brides make a statement. Appliqués may be on sheer panels that serve as a top layer of the dress, or grouped together to form rosettes or additional three-dimensional floral details. Florals were on display at the Fall 2024 New York Bridal Fashion Week.

Coquette is everywhere

Flirty and feminine is the name of the wedding dress game, as many

gowns showcase feminine details like corseted tops, bows and soft colors, say the experts with Martha Stewart. Hyper-feminine looks may not be for everyone, but this style merits consideration for the bride who wants to appear romantic and approachable.

Mini dress

Although one of the first pictures to come to mind when one envisions a wedding dress may be a floor-length gown, mini dresses continue to make bold statements on bridal runways and in magazines. The abbreviated hemlines can be flirty and fun, and are featured on various types of dresses, including fitted, strapless, flowing, and even puffed styles.

Jacquard and other opulent materials

Lace long has been a bridal dress staple, but designers are branching out into other fabrics that lend luxury and opulence to dresses. Texture can make a wedding dress a unique visual during ceremonies and the after-party, and may help a bride feel

like royalty.

Pearls and more pearls

Pearl necklaces and other jewelry has long gone hand-in-hand with weddings, but brides-to-be can now find pearls turning up just about anywhere. Pearls are embroidered onto dresses, veils, sleeves, and headpieces, and even can be used on wedding cakes to mirror a pearl aesthetic used elsewhere.

Bows

Along with pearls, a growing number of designers are opting for bows in their wedding dress designs. They may be subtle, such as stitched onto the bodice of the dress, or more over-the-top, like a huge bow at the waist or near the train bustle, according to One Fab Day.

Shimmer and sparkle

A little bling (or a lot) never goes out of style. For 2024, many brides plan to embrace even more shimmer and sparkle as silver takes center stage in dress designs. Silver thread embroidery or even mirror-type

embellishments will ensure all eyes are on the bride when she makes her entrance.

Overskirts

Many brides want a dramatically shaped dress for the ceremony, only to pare down a bit for the reception. The style experts at Vogue note an overskirt provides the flexibility to easily remove layers of fabric to unveil a more fitted silhouette.

Wedding dress styles continue to evolve, and this year's trends merit modern brides' attention.



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These are some notable trends as brides walk down the aisle in the months ahead

Write wedding vows with relative ease

The exchange of vows is an integral part of many wedding ceremonies. Vows are promises made to one another that serve as the basis of the marriage commitment. Historians say some of the oldest traditional wedding vows can be traced back to manuals of the medieval church in England. There are no formal wedding vows in the Christian Bible, but those who profess this faith typically incorporate the teachings of Jesus Christ into their vows.

Many modern couples prefer to exchange their own vows rather than share standard verses. This is particularly true for couples who will be having ceremonies customized to their own beliefs and relationship histories. Writing vows enables the soon-to-be betrothed to be creative, personal and speak

from the heart. However, when faced with writing sentiments that will be expressed in front of others, nerves can set in. These tips can help couples draft vows more easily.

- Identify who this person is to you; put a label on your relationship. Is he or she a friend, partner in crime, confidante, or all of the above?

- Be sure to say, "I love you" in the vows. Many couples get so hung up on language that they may forget these most basic words at the heart of the wedding.

- Gush about all of the reasons for that love. Offer personal stories, anecdotes or something that will illustrate to the crowd why you want to spend your life with this person.

- Look to the future. Think



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These tips can help couples draft vows more easily.

about how you want to spend the years ahead. Paint a picture of what you envision your lives will look like, whether that includes children, traveling the globe, or other ideas.

- Make promises to one another. Vows are essentially promises, so come up with some you agree to abide by. These can include similar sentiments to ones that are shared in traditional weddings, or clever and humorous promises, such as to always do the dishes, or pick up clothes from the bedroom floor.

- Include stories that point

out your collective strengths and weaknesses. Don't forget to mention instances when things were tough and how you overcame them, and how you can use these lessons in your future as a married couple.

Couples who are writing their own vows should realize they do not have to rival the words of the most profound authors or learned scholars. They should be honest and simple and express the sentiments that mean the most to them as they embark on this new journey.

Unique wedding favor ideas

Guests bring gifts to weddings to express their love for couples. Gift-giving also tends to be reciprocal, with couples making sure that guests leave the celebration with their own tokens of affection and mementos of the special occasion. Although favors are not mandatory, they often are included in wedding planning to make the celebration that much more special.

Favors run the gamut from simple, such as tulle-wrapped Jordan almonds, to elaborate, like crystal vases. While there are no rules regarding the type of favors couples can offer, most soon-to-be-newlyweds prefer something that is not only unique, but will have utility as well. The following are some favors to consider.

- Food-based favors: Guests who already have a drawer full of personalized shot glasses, pens and drink stirrers with couple's names and wedding dates may appreciate the simplicity of a favor they can enjoy without having to store. A gourmet cookie, special jerky, small bottle of olive oil or maple syrup, or another food item that is widely enjoyed can be practical and affordable.

- Thank-you cards: Offer each guest in attendance a heartfelt thank-you for attend-



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The following are some unique favors to consider.

ing the wedding. Personalize the sentiments to each guest. If you have a photo of yourself with that guest, include it in the card.

- Candy or snack bar: A wedding takeaway can be as simple as letting guests fill up decorative containers with various candies and other treats displayed on a special table at the reception. For a fun twist, try to find old-fashioned candy or items you remember eating as a child to stir up nostalgia.

- Flower seeds or seedlings: Sustainable gifts such as flower seeds or small seedling plants can let guests plant something as a remembrance of the day.

- Scratch-off lottery tickets: The opportunity to return home from a wedding with a winning ticket and a few extra dollars in their pockets can appeal to guests.

- Charitable donation: Rather than giving guests favors, you may want to offer donations to a charity instead. This is a popular gesture among modern couples.

- Temporary tattoos: As a funny gag gift and segue to entertaining photo opportunities, give guests temporary tattoos that have your photo on them. They're clever and will not go to waste.

- Luggage tags: Guests will always think of you when they travel far and wide thanks to luggage tags printed with sweet sentiments.

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When drawing up your estate plans, you might find it useful to create a revocable or irrevocable trust, either of which can help your estate avoid probate court and give you significant control over how and when your assets are distributed. But who should oversee your trust?

As the person who established the trust — known as the “grantor” or “settlor” — you can also name yourself as trustee. However, this may not be the best move, particularly if the trust is irrevocable. An irrevocable trust protects the assets in the trust from creditors and civil judgments, but if you serve as trustee, this protection will disappear. It might be more advantageous for you to be the trustee of a revocable (living) trust, which can be modified without much trouble and allows you to move assets in and out of the trust and to change trust beneficiaries. You should work with a qualified estate-planning attorney to determine which type of trust, if any, is appropriate for your situation, and to get some guidance on the wisdom of serving as your own trustee.

If you decide to choose someone else as trustee, you’ll want to consider the following factors:

- **Trust** — In thinking about whom you might want to serve as your trustee, the most important attribute is trust. Do you trust that this individual will always act in your best interest? If so, then they may be a good trustee candidate, but you’ll also need to look at other considerations.

- **Financial management skills** — The person you choose to be your trustee doesn’t have to be an accountant or a financial professional — but they should be skilled at managing their own finances. And they should be well-organized and good with details.

- **Mental and physical fitness** — Your trustee could serve in that position for many years, so you’ll want to name someone who is in good physical and mental health. Of course, things



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can change over time, so if you observe that your chosen trustee has begun to suffer physical or mental decline, you may need to name a successor trustee in your trust document.

- **Conflict of interest** — You want your trustee to carry out your wishes in a fair manner — so, you should pick someone who doesn’t have a conflict of interest with any of the beneficiaries you’ve named in your trust. Of course, this can be tricky if you want to name a family member as trustee. So, if you do, you’ll need to spell out your wishes clearly — to the trustee and to other family members.

Here’s something else to think about: Instead of choosing an individual, you could name a corporate trustee. By doing so, you can receive some key benefits, such as objectivity and potentially avoiding some of the family-related disputes that can arise when an estate is settled. Also, corporate trustees have the expertise and resources to navigate the various tax and inheritance laws affecting living trusts.

Whether it’s a trusted individual or a corporate entity, the right trustee can make a big difference in the effectiveness of your living trust — and, by extension, the outcome of your comprehensive estate plans. So, start your search, get the help you need and take the steps necessary to arrive at a choice for trustee that’s right for you and your family.

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Members of Penny Corbitt’s family raise their drinks in a toast to a remarkable woman during a ceremony in which a bench in her memory was dedicated during last month’s Heartland Days celebration.

Years from now, simple but sweet bench dedication will top the Summer of ’24

Mikkelson Park is my “stress reliever,” so last week, I headed to New Hampton’s east side and walked the trail.

And on this night, one lap wasn’t enough, but as I came to the main entrance of the park, I decided to shorten lap two up a bit and cut through the park.

As I passed, a young couple — they may have been in their 30s but everyone seems young to me these days — was sitting on Penny Corbitt’s bench near the bandshell and they beckoned me over.

“Are you from New Hampton?”

“I am.”

“This bench is really nice, but we’re kind of wondering who’s Penny?”

And at that moment, it hit me. I never did the follow-up story to Penny’s bench that I promised readers back in the June 13 Tribune when we just simply ran out of room to do the story of a bench dedication any justice.

The plan was to run the story the following week, and I dropped the ball. Not that it’s never happened before; in fact, I have another “dropped ball” to pick up for next week’s paper as well.

Anywho, I told the couple a little about Penny, headed home and put it a note in my phone: Get the story done.

So, to steal a line from Paul Harvey,

here’s the rest of the story.

During last month’s Heartland Days celebration, a memorial bench dedicated to the all-too-short life of Penny Corbitt was dedicated on an almost perfect Saturday evening, and on that night, the emotions got the best of me.

First, it was hard not to love Penny. She made a visit to the doctor’s office almost fun. And she did a lot for our community. In addition to being the nurse that made the pain go away with her trademark “hey buddy” line, she was on the Rescue Squad and served on the Chickasaw Ambulance Service.

As my son Noah once put it, “I hate being sick but getting to see Penny and [Lacey] McGrath makes it almost worth it.”

But what made that Saturday evening so memorable to this guy was the actual dedication program that was oh so short but also incredibly sweet.

Dawn Heying and Mindy Humpal shared the highlights of Corbitt’s life, one that ended at the age of 54 last summer when she passed after a short and valiant fight with cancer. Father Jim Goerend followed with a blessing of the bench and reminded us to live like Penny and serve others.

By then, there were very few dry eyes in the “house,” but what I will always remember about this night — no offense to Dawn or Father Jim, who were outstanding — was the ending of this dedication ceremony.

Penny’s good friend, Rhonda McCumber, stood and asked the crowd to raise a toast to Penny.

It was, in short, just beautiful.

Penny loved music, she loved the Rescue Squad, she loved helping people. And her bench is perfectly placed. With a great view of the bandshell stage and situated just a hop, skip and a jump away from where the Rescue Squad food tent that is a Heartland Days mainstay, it couldn’t be in a better location.

I don’t drink and I hadn’t grabbed a pop or a water, but on that night, I raised an empty hand with my imaginable bottle to the sky and I looked around. Oh, there were tears, but there were also smiles. This, I thought, is exactly how Penny would have wanted her bench dedication to go.

Hey buddy, I know I’m late with this, but in a summer full of great memories, that Saturday night in Mikkelson Park still tops the list and I’ll tell you right now that nothing’s going to knock it off, either.

One of my favorite Rolling Stones’ songs is “You Don’t Always Get What You Want.”

On the way over to the office today, it popped up on my playlist and I cranked the Impala speakers to the max.

I had been thinking about this column when the song came on, and I realized the title spoke to me because what I really wanted that night was to hear Penny giving me a little grief, like she always did when we ran into each other.

That wasn’t going to happen on that Saturday night, but maybe the next best thing was looking around the park and seeing those tears and smiles.

Even a year gone, Penny Corbitt was still touching lives.

Crops are looking good, but it's not like farmers are out of woods

BY BOB FENSKE
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Ask ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol about the state of area farm fields and he’ll be frank when it comes to his surprise.

“Considering what we went through to get the seeds in the field this year,” he said Thursday afternoon, “I don’t think too many of us thought we’d be where we’re at today.”

And where is that?

“Pretty dang good, but you know people like me,” Basol said, “we’re going to tell you that we have a long way to go. ... Still, it’s pretty good right now. Some of the earliest planted corn is starting to tassel ... our soybeans are flowering. We’ve got challenges ahead, but if you go back to the end of this winter when we were still in the middle of a pretty bad drought, I’d say the guys are happy to be where they’re at right now.”

Start with the evaporation of a drought that Northeast Iowa endured for more than a year before spring and early summer rains left it in the dust.

The latest USDA Iowa Crop and Condition report that was released on Monday showed that 97 percent of cropland in the Northeast District had either adequate or surplus topsoil and subsoil moisture.

“If you would have told me on April 1 that we’d be sitting where we’re at now, I would have been a little skeptical,” Basol said and then added with a laugh, “and yes, you probably would have won the bet with me. I’ve seen droughts turn around before, but this is about as dramatic a turnaround as I’ve ever seen.”

After experiencing less-than-normal precipitation for 10 of

12 months, New Hampton has had four straight months of above-normal rainfall. During the first half of July, the city’s reporting station has recorded 4.67 inches of rain, almost two inches more than the city usually received in the first 15 days of the month.

All that rain that fell in April, May and June, though, made the crop tough to get into the ground, and while it helped rebuild soil moisture, Basol said that one of the concerns he has is that corn plants will develop strong root systems.

“We want those roots to have to dive a little deeper to get to that water,” he said, “and so far, they really haven’t had to do that. What you don’t want are those storms with high winds late in the season causing problems because the roots aren’t deep enough.”

Basol also suggested that farmers continue scouting their fields for both diseases and insects.

“We’re not hearing a lot, nothing widespread mind you, but we’re at an important time to be scouting fields and keeping a sharp eye out for things,” he said.

And as much as he wants roots to develop, Basol will also say that farmers don’t want the spigot completely turned off.

“I’m a broken record,” he said, “because I’m always talking about timely rains. We will still need them.”

“The good news in my mind is that we’re entering that part of the growing process where we want to keep the corn plant from stress and we have the moisture in the ground that will help alleviate that stress. I just wouldn’t mind seeing the plant have to work at it a little, you know?”

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

agreement,” Ward 4 council member Mindy Humpal said and then told Rosendahl that “I don’t disagree with you one single bit, but I just don’t know what that means for us with further action. This process in general is blowing my mind.”

Ward 3 Councilman Jason Speltz agreed. “I don’t understand why a union would request that somebody who is new would make less money,” he said. “How are we going to attract people who know what the hell they’re doing frankly?”

Larsen piggy-backed off Speltz’s comments but also pointed out that “when you have someone coming who already has years in, that’s the whole key. It’s not a new person who has never worked in a department period.”

Rosendahl, who took over as police chief last month, joined the meeting by video and expressed his frustration.

“It sure would be nice if we want to save money on sending someone to the academy if we are able to hire certified officers who have experience,” he said. “We really should have something there that brings them in or attracts them; otherwise, they’re just going to go to a different department.”

Public Works Director Casey Mai concurred and said that the city may have to offer incentives to bring qualified employees into the fold.

“If I find someone who is certified with the wastewater or water department, that’s BS,” he said, “and they have 20, 30 years of experience, that needs to be changed ASAP.”

Rosendahl also told council members that he did not believe his offer to Stone was violating the union contract.

“The union wages are set that the city can not go under that,” the police chief said, “but I don’t think there’s anything in the agreement that says you can’t pay them more than what the union agreement says. Correct me if I’m wrong.”

City Attorney Todd Prichard,

though, said it was his opinion that the city was bound by the union contract and that Stone had to be offered \$29.25 per hour for the 18-month probationary period and Clemens’ reading of the union agreement backed him up.

The agreement states that during the 18-month probationary period, “the employee will be paid 25 cents less than the lowest paid employee who has been assigned to the department for more than 18 months. After 18 months, they should be paid the same amount as the lowest paid employee.”

It appeared the only way for the council to extend the terms of the offer Rosendahl made to Stone would be to offer the latter an administrative position, like sergeant, but then Stone would not be a union member.

Mayor Steve Geerts wanted to put the kibosh on discussing recreating the department’s sergeant position, which the coun-

cil took away earlier this year when it learned that the city wasn’t following state code by having a union employee serving as sergeant.

“Personally, I don’t want to get into that sergeant thing right now,” Geerts said, and Larsen and fellow council member Joe Denner quickly agreed.

Instead, council members unanimously voted to offer Stone the position under the terms of the union agreement but also made it known that it wants to work for a so-called memo of understanding (MOU) with the union to help the city attract certified officers.

“It’s just something we have to have,” Speltz said. “Like Conrad says, if we don’t have something in place, those folks are just going to go elsewhere and we’re going to pay for the academy and all that.”

After the lengthy discussion on hiring Stone, council mem-

bers did approve hiring two part-time police officers — both of whom are certified.

Rosendahl said that current Mar-Mac Police Chief Robert Millin and former Lansing police officer Troy Riehm would be used when the department needed extra officers for events, as well as to help cover for officers who are on vacation or out on sick leave.

Both will be paid \$29.25 per hour.

“It doesn’t eliminate the overtime, but it will help reduce the overtime,” Rosendahl said. “So we’re paying straight pay, instead of time and a half. ... That’s part of rebuilding the morale department, I think, for me, because these guys have been short-staffed for so long. If they earn vacation and if they earn their comp times, then they need to use them. They should be able to use them without attacking our budget with a bunch of overtime.”

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Life Line Screening to be in New Hampton next week

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Laura and Dale Schmitz

Schmitz 50th anniversary

Dale and Laura Schmitz are celebrating 50 years of marriage later this month.

They were married July 27, 1974, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Hampton. They have been blessed with two children — Lisa Schmitz and David (Lori) Schmitz and grandson, Nolan, all of Ames.

Laura retired after teaching third grade for 44 years at Immaculate Conception School in Charles City. Dale is retired from Schukei Chevrolet in Mason City.

Fun facts about the couple are that they were born three days apart in what was then known as St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton and share the same baptismal date.

A card shower is being held in their honor. Cards may be sent to 1000 201st Street, Ionia, IA 50645.

Briefs

Big 4 Chamber to sponsor circus in Nashua Aug. 2

The Culpepper & Merriweather Circus is coming to the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua on Friday, Aug. 2, with two chances to see the show.

Sponsored by the Big 4 Chamber of Commerce, advance tickets for the 5 and 7:30 p.m. performances are \$13 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors. On circus day those prices will rise to \$16 and \$9. Advance tickets are available in Nashua at the Welcome Center, S&T Collision, Wilken Auto Salvage and Dairy Treat. Smoke Sizzle Sear and Cedar Valley Sales & Storage will also have tickets until July 26.

"This year, we're very excited to bring you our brand new 2024 performance," said a press release, "featuring Big Cats presented by Trey Key, our Aerialist Extraordinaire Simone on the trapeze, 10th generation Loyal Bareback Horse Riders, the Perez Daredevil Duo on the Tight Rope and Wheel of Destiny, Elizabeth Ayala's incredible foot juggling and hair hang and everyone's favorite Circus Clown Leo Acton."

Everyone is invited to watch the Big Top rise at 11 a.m. the day of the show and the midway opens at 4 p.m. with pony rides, moon bounce, giant slide, face painting and a concession stand.

Frederika business receives federal grant to expand meat processing

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development State Director in Iowa Theresa Greenfield today announced that USDA is investing \$855,762 in a project in Iowa to increase independent meat and poultry processing capacity, create more, new and better markets for producers, and lower food costs.

Leonard's Locker LLC, a family-owned business in Frederika in rural Bremer County, received a \$855,762 grant from the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program (MPPEP).

"The expansion of Leonard's Locker will increase processing capacity for local producers, lower consumer costs for food, and strengthen our local food supply chain," said Director Greenfield. "Under the leadership of President Biden, Vice President Harris, and Secretary Vilsack, USDA is making once-in-a-generation investments in rural Iowa to help grow and strengthen rural communities by lowering costs and promoting job growth."

Cedar Valley Hospice to hold training session for volunteers

Cedar Valley Hospice will hold a volunteer training for those interested in becoming a volunteer for the organization.

There will be a two-day training session on Tuesdays, Aug. 6 and 13 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cedar Valley Hospice Support Center, 900 Tower Park Dr. in Waterloo.

The registration deadline is July 30 and can be made by calling Chris Dunn at 319-272-2002.

Cedar Valley Hospice volunteers support the organization in several ways, including patient-family and grief support, fundraising/event coordination, office assistants, Hospice Home greeters, rest-assured callers and more. They serve patients and families in 15 counties.

For more information, visit cvhospice.org or call 319-272-2002.

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Youth coordinator wants to grow 4-H membership

ACHIEVEMENT SHOW: FROM 1

"A lot of things were already in place when I started, and the office staff is just absolutely wonderful," she said. "They helped me with all the questions I had, and the people who [volunteer] here are just as good. It was a good first show for me, and I'm already excited about working on growing our numbers for next year."

MONDAY'S AUCTION capped a seven-day Achievement Show that featured plenty of highlights — beginning with the Static Show that kicked off the event, continuing with the variety of shows featuring livestock and, of course, the show's special events that included a Family Fun Night last Thursday and Saturday's barbecue, awards night and queen crowning.

And for the most part, the weather cooperated. Yes, there were a few warm and muggy days, but for the most part, the rain stayed away as Chickasaw County celebrated its youth.

The food — especially during the barbecue put on by the Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association Saturday night — was excellent, and the smiles and the hugs that came from the stage that evening were heartwarming.

Emma Brincks was crowned the 2024 Chickasaw County fair queen while fellow Turkey Valley student Luella Reicks was



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Makaela Kime talks about the successes of this year's Achievement Show during Saturday's barbecue and awards ceremony.

the runner-up. Two Nashua-Plainfield youngsters — Isaiah Dix and Alexis Hovey — won the little mister and little miss

crowns. "It was a really good night," Kime said, "and to see so many people come out and support our kids was super nice."

KIME ISN'T ALL that much older than many of those 4-H and FFA members who brought their projects and paraded their animals through the fair.

She graduated from Turkey Valley in 2022 and said one of the reasons that she was interested in the youth coordinator position was the fact that she could work with young people.

"I was in 4-H when I was younger but then I was pretty active in FFA in high school," she said. "I did play a lot of sports, too, but I think both are really important. When I see kids talking to judges one-on-one, I can't tell you how important that is. Those skills — the interviewing, for example — that's stuff you take to the college, that you use the rest of your life."

There's no doubt that Kime, who was the 2021 Fayette County fair queen, likes her new job, and she has big goals for the coming year. She wants to grow membership in both the Clover Kids and 4-H.

"Our numbers aren't where we want them, but we're going work very hard to get more kids involved," she said. "The benefits of being in Clover Kids, 4-H, FFA — all of them really — are so good and we're going to really work to get that message out there."



Snapshots from the show!

Auctioneer Greg Miller goes to work with a crowd of bidders at the annual auction Monday that brought the 2024 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show to a close.



Chickasaw County fair queen candidate Luella Reicks (left) shows off her "go-to" dance move, Youth Coordinator Makaela Kime congratulates Bill Schilling on his 4-H Hall of Fame honor and Billy Bearman hugs his daughter, Tori, after presenting her with the Amanda Bearman Memorial Scholarship.



Lucy Tupper (left) "hangs out" at the Achievement Show with her mother, Chickasaw County ISU Extension Director Amanda, while Aleah Eichenberger (above) competes in the Beef Show.

A pair of Horse Show competitors walk their horses back to the barn after Thursday morning's competition at the Achievement Show that was held on the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.



Achievement Show photos by the Tribune's Bob Fenske

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Thursday	77	60	--
Friday	82	60	--
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Sunday	86	66	--
Monday	87	67	--
Tuesday	78	63	--

Forecast

Thursday: Sunny and cool with a high of 74 and a low of 54.
Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 75 and a low of 58.
Saturday: Partly sunny with a high of 78 and a low of 60.
Sunday: Mostly sunny but slight chance of pop-up thunderstorms; high 78, low 60.

Extended forecast: Our mild summer stretch of weather continues with highs in the upper 70s and lows in the lower 60s.

Meetings

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

History

- In 1940, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who first took office in 1933 as America's 32nd president, is nominated for an unprecedented third term.
- In 1947, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower appoints Florence Blanchfield to be a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, making her the first woman in U.S. history to hold permanent military rank.
- In 1969, shortly after leaving a party on Chappaquiddick Island, U.S. Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy of Massachusetts drives an Oldsmobile off a wooden bridge into a tide-swept pond and 28-year-old Mary Jo Kopechne dies in the crash.
- In 1984, James Oliver Huberty opens fire in a crowded McDonald's restaurant in San Ysidro, California, killing 21 people and wounding 19 others with several semi-automatic weapons.
- In 1989, 21-year-old actress Rebecca Schaefer is murdered at her Los Angeles home by Robert John Bardo, leading to anti-stalking laws being enacted around the country.

Birthdays

- American gangster George "Machine Kelly" was born in 1895.
- John Glenn, the first American to orbit Earth, was born in 1921.
- American actress Kristen Bell turns 44.
- American actor Vin Diesel turns 57.
- English golfer Nick Faldo turns 67.
- Longtime New York Yankees manager Joe Torre turns 84.

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Bruce Alan Steege, 72

Bruce Alan Steege, age 72 of Fredericksburg, died Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at his home.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, July 26, 2024, at the Fredericksburg City Hall.

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

Bruce Alan Steege, a cherished member of the Fredericksburg community and a beacon of friendliness and adventure, passed away on July 10, 2024, at the age of 72. Born on July 9, 1952, in New Hampton, Bruce was a figure known for his thoughtful nature and unwavering spirit.

After graduating from Fredericksburg High School in 1970, Bruce continued his education at Upper Iowa in Fayette, where he earned his business degree in 1975. His pursuit of knowledge and dedication to his studies laid a strong foundation for his future endeavors.

Bruce dedicated over three decades of his life to serving the local community as a respected Farm Bureau Agent in Fredericksburg. His professionalism and commitment to his work were evident to all who knew him.

Following his retirement from Farm Bureau, Bruce channeled his work ethic into the construction field, where he applied his business acumen and hands-on skills to remodel homes, contributing to the growth and development of his beloved hometown.

An active and integral part of the Fredericksburg community, Bruce devoted time to maintaining the beauty and dignity of the Rose Hill Cemetery.

He could be found each morning, engaging in lively conversation and sharing a cup of coffee with friends and neighbors at a downtown Fredericksburg café and All-Stop. Bruce's presence at these gatherings will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.

Bruce's passion for life extended to the golf course, where he enjoyed spending sunny afternoons at Plum Creek Golf Course. His love for the game was matched by his enthusiasm for thrifting, where he sought out hidden treasures with an adventurous heart.

A true Hawkeye fan, Bruce's dedication was evident through his over 30 years of holding



Bruce Steege

season tickets, cheering on his team through every high and low.

He is lovingly remembered by his brother, Ken (Susan) Steege; sister, Janet Forsman; uncle, Gary (Helen) Schultz; his faithful canine companion, Murphy; and a host of nieces and nephews, Aimee (Shawn) Parrish, Carrie Forsman, Andrew (Laura) Forsman, Alissa Steege-Bieschke, Kristine (Craig) Meyer, Kara (Matt) Covey and Justin (Ceara) Steege. Bruce's legacy will also live on through his 18 great-nieces and nephews, who will continue to be inspired by his life's stories and the wisdom he imparted.

Bruce was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Schulz Steege; his father, Kenneth E. Steege, and his brother-in-law, Darrel Forsman.

As we bid farewell to Bruce Alan Steege, we celebrate a life lived to the fullest, characterized by genuine kindness and a spirit of generosity. His memory will continue to be a guiding light for all who had the privilege of knowing him. Bruce's passing occurred in Fredericksburg, the place he was born, the place he worked, and the place he called home — a fitting testament to his deep roots and love for his community.

Bruce's life was a journey of joy, companionship, and service. As we honor his memory, we reflect on the impact he made through his actions and the indelible mark he left on the hearts of those around him. Bruce's story is not one of an end, but a lasting legacy that will be cherished and celebrated by all who were touched by his extraordinary life.

In lieu of flowers, Bruce's family asks that memorials be made to Rose Hill Cemetery.

Beverly Ann Barnes, 79

Beverly Ann Barnes, age 79 of Fredericksburg, died Friday, July 12, 2024, at Hillcrest Home in Sumner.

A private family service was held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home in Fredericksburg, followed by a graveside service at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Born on March 2, 1945, to Harrison and Verla (Fordyce) Hegland in Marshalltown, Beverly was one of seven children and her siblings included Wanda (Ronald) Rodgers, Wayne Hegland, Ricky (Linda) Hegland, Ronnie (Rhonda) Hegland, Brenda Hegland and Randy (Kim) Hegland.

Beverly met and married Lawrence "Larry" J. Barnes Sr. on Aug. 18, 1963, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, while she was working in a local restaurant.

After getting married they had two children, Chandler and Lawrence "Joe" J. Barnes, Jr. They moved to Batesville, Mississippi, for a short time and then moved to West Union, where they added two more children — Jeffrey Barnes and Tara Barnes Garthoff — to their family.

They then settled in Fredericksburg.

Beverly worked at the Beatrice plant in Fredericksburg for a few years, then eventually went to work at Kwik Star in



Beverly Barnes

New Hampton for an additional 15 years in the kitchen.

Beverly loved her family, especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed the many pets they had throughout the years.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Lawrence J. Barnes Sr.; sons, Chandler Barnes of New Hampton, Lawrence J. Barnes, Jr. of Clarksville, and Jeffrey (Christine) Barnes of Lancaster, South Carolina; and daughter, Tara (Craig) Garthoff of Clarksville.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents, Harrison and Verla (Fordyce) Hegland; brothers, Wayne Hegland, Ricky Hegland and Ronnie Hegland; and grandson, Brandon Kane.

Roland Klotz, 83

Roland Klotz, age 83 of Fredericksburg, died Friday, July 12, 2024, at Linn Haven Rehab and Healthcare in New Hampton.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

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

Property Transfers

Martin E. Hemann and Lori Ann Hemann to Bethany R. Geerts; FREDERICKSBURG OAK LAWN ADDITION Lot: 21 Block: 1 FREDERICKSBURG OAK LAWN ADDITION Lot: 22 Block: 1 FREDERICKSBURG OAK LAWN ADDITION Lot: 23 Block: 1. Susan Nosbisch, Susan M. Nosbisch and Timothy G. Nosbisch to Andrew Stutzman and Becky Stutzman; W77 E434-1/2 S10R SE SE 19-97-13 W200 E634-1/2 S10R SE SE 19-97-13. Thronsdon & Thronsdon Inc. to Jeremy D. Usher; LYING ERLY OF LINE OF RR NOW REMOVED NEW HAMPTON NO ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 4 PT LYING ERLY OF LINE OF RR NOW REMOVED NEW HAMPTON NO ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 4.

Marjorie Jane Howard Natvig, 94

Marjorie Jane Howard Natvig — wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother — age 94 of New Hampton, died Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at the Good Samaritan Society in Canton, South Dakota.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with MaryAnn Diesburg officiating.

Inurnment will be held at the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. A lunch will be served after the inurnment.

Marjorie was born in New Hampton, Iowa on Feb. 9, 1930, to attorney John and Mildred Howard. She grew up next door to the Russell family, and she loved riding the horses that they raised.

As a young woman, Marjorie was a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the New Hampton



Marjorie Natvig

Pool. She also clerked at Gardner Drug Store on Main Street.

After graduating from New Hampton High School, she attended the University of Iowa School of Business. Once her children were in school, Marjorie went to work alongside her lifetime friend, Gert Hintz, as a high school secretary.

Mary 'Patti' Muller Jacobi, 102

Mary 'Patti' Muller Jacobi, died Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in Des Moines.

Patti often said she considered herself "lucky" though her family and friends would say they were the lucky ones. She will be greatly missed.

Patti was born May 11, 1922, in Topeka, Kansas, to Daniel Albert and Anne Neal Muller. She was a resilient, resourceful woman, in part because of her modest upbringing. She lived through the Dust Bowl with her mother, brothers and extended family.

Patti earned her bachelors degree from Kansas State University in Manhattan in 1944.

After the war, she traveled to France, then Switzerland where she worked for the Foreign Service at the US Consulate in Bern. There, she met Heinz Jacobi, a medical student. By both their accounts, it was love at first sight, followed by courtship and marriage in Bern. In 1953, she returned to the US with Heinz, where they raised



Mary Jacobi

their family.

Patti was a devoted wife, wonderful mother, and intelligent woman, who was curious her entire life. She was an avid reader including daily newspapers, a consummate wordsmith, and crossword puzzle master. As had her librarian mother, she encouraged her children to read any and everything of interest. Their home was filled with books, the sounds of clas-

Herbert L. Quigley, 70

Herbert L. Quigley, age 70 of Frederika, died Friday evening, July 12, 2024, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Becker & Son Funeral Home in Tripoli.

Military rites will be provided by Brandenburg-Krueger Post 4013, V.F.W. of Tripoli and Thomas E. Woods Post 223, American Legion of Sumner.

Visitation will follow the service and military rites from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

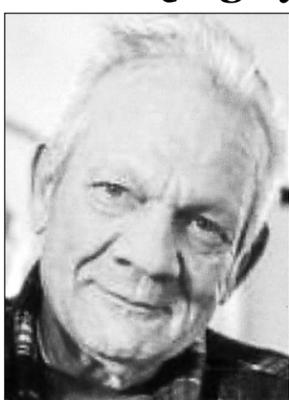
Memorials may be made to the family for later designation. Becker & Son Funeral Home in Tripoli is assisting Herb's family. Online condolences may be left at www.beckermilnesrettig.com.

Herbert Louis, son of Clayborne and Annetta (Scott) Quigley was born March 22, 1954.

He received his education in the Tripoli School System and graduated from Tripoli High School in 1973.

Following high school, Herb enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served until being honorably discharged in 1976. During his service, he was stationed in California and Okinawa.

In the early 1970s, he met Sue Anfinson and after several



Herb Quigley

years of courtship, the couple was united in marriage in 1980. The couple would later divorce.

Herb worked as a machine operator for many years at P.C.I. in Reinbeck.

He enjoyed stockcars, go-kart racing, fishing, and was able to fix anything.

Herb had several things that he enjoyed but his greatest enjoyment came from time with his family, especially his great-nieces — Maelyn, Quinton and Brynlee.

Herb is survived by his step-daughter, Susie (Gene) Meyer of Sumner; step-son, Jim Anfinson of Waterloo; eight step-grandchildren, Tyler Meyer of Sumner, Trevor (Hannah) Meyer of

Marjorie married Julian Richard Natvig on May 6, 1951. They had three children — Pamela (James) Leib, Julia Natvig and John (Lucinda Schuft) Natvig — two grandsons, Nathan (Heidi) Leib, and Zachary (Zhavanya) Leib, and four great-grandchildren, Khalil Hesvik and Zaydn, Zalo, and Zahbeeyahna Leib.

The Natvig family spent their weekends and vacations camping, canoeing, bicycling, and cross-country skiing. After retirement, Richard and Marjorie enjoyed Elder Hostel trips across the United States and a tour of the Scandinavian countries.

Marjorie was a lifelong knitter. She learned the skill from her mother, as they made warm clothing for World War II soldiers. Her beautiful and creative sweaters, mittens, scarves, and hats continue to keep family and friends warm and cozy.

Her kindness and positive attitude will continue to be an inspiration to all who know her.

sical music, and the smell of freshly baked bread.

With a keen eye for color and design, Patti somehow made time for intricate knitting and needlepoint while raising five children. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi and the philanthropic organization PEO.

Patti was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Heinz Siegmund Jacobi in 2006; her parents; and younger brothers, Daniel and Neal Muller.

She is survived by her children, Daniel (Patricia Houlihan) Jacobi, David Jacobi, Deborah Jacobi, Dinah (Eric) Olson and Elizabeth (Terry Berger) Jacobi; seven grandchildren; and sister, Vicki Muller.

Having outlived most of her peers, and as she wished, the family will hold a private service.

They would like to thank the staff of Wesley on Grand, EveryStep Hospice, private caregivers Jocelyn, Aijla, and especially Rosa Campos who lovingly cared for Patti in the last four of her 102 years.

Betty Jean Marie Wadey, 87

Betty Jean Marie Wadey, age 87 of Nashua, died Sunday, July 14, 2024, at the Allison Care Center in Allison.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 2024, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua with Russ Nesbit and Steve Walvatne presiding.

Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Margo Pleggenkuhle, 79

Margo Pleggenkuhle, age 79 of Fredericksburg, died Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the Hillcrest Home in Sumner.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg with Scott Smith presiding.

Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in

Fredericksburg. Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in Fredericksburg have been entrusted with arrangements.

First Security helps fundraiser for Chickasaw Township fire district

The First Security Foundation recently announced it had contributed \$5,000 toward helping the Chickasaw Township Fire District, update its technology.

The fire district that provide service which to Ionia, Basset and Chickasaw Township, is using these funds to purchase Battery-Operated Jaws, Battery-Operated Cutters, and Battery-Operated

Rams.

First Security employee Patty Hammel, who works at the Ionia branch, says, "Any money brought in is always an advantage to our volunteer fire department. They rely on donations to keep equipment serviced, maintained, and updated to ensure they can respond to any community emergency without hesitation."

Church Services

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TRINITY LUTHERAN

223 S. Water
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Pastor Dan Christensen
Service times: 6 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m., Sunday.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC

202 N. Broadway
641-394-2105
Father Jim Goerend
Mass times: 4 p.m., Saturday; 8 and 10 a.m., Sunday; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m., Sunday.

NEW HAMPTON METHODIST

201 N. Locust Ave.
Service time: 9 a.m. Sunday.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN

611 W. Court St.
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 4 p.m. Saturday Divine Service

HARVEST CHURCH

481 S. Linn Ave.
harvestcares.com
641-394-4380
Service time: 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

PRAIRIE LAKES

234 S. Linn Ave.
prairielakeschurch.org
641-456-6880
Pastor Cory Orr
Service times: 9 a.m., Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4 E. Court St.
Service time: 9 a.m. Sunday, joint service with Ionia UCC in New Hampton.

JERICO

JERICO LUTHERAN

2512 120th St., New Hampton
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine Service (check website).

SAUDE

SAUDE LUTHERAN

2949 Stevens Trail, Lawler
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine Service (check website).

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

firstumcnewhampton.com
Service time: 9 a.m. Sunday, joint service with New Hampton UCC in New Hampton.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC

Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, July 27, 6 p.m.

LOURDES

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC

Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday, 4 p.m.

ALTA VISTA

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC

Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday, July 27, 6 p.m.

ELMA

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CATHOLIC

Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass: Sunday, 7:15 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m. Sunday.

NORTH WASHINGTON

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION

Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.

Bought with blood of Jesus

It's important that we do not compromise ourselves, our beliefs

"Everybody has a price."

You might hear that line in a movie when a shady character is trying to change someone's mind. I suppose it happens in real life too. If enough money or incentives are offered, perhaps anything would be considered "on the table."

What about your beliefs? What would it take to change your mind about something you hold to be true? Do you believe anything so deeply that you would rather die than give it up?

Judas Iscariot had a price to betray Jesus—thirty pieces of silver. The ruling religious

leaders might have wondered if the other disciples of Jesus had a price like that.

After Jesus' ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on them at Pentecost, the twelve disciples began to boldly preach the truth about Jesus.

The religious leaders commanded them to stop. Jesus' disciples replied, "we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Soon they were arrested again. This time, the religious leaders had them beaten before once again ordering them to be silent. The apostles left "rejoicing that they were counted worthy to

suffer dishonor for the name," and "they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (Acts 5:41, 42).

There was no earthly price that could make them go silent about the truth. They wouldn't be bought or otherwise persuaded to stop.

Why? Because they had already been purchased and won by Jesus, the Son of God incarnate.

The price He paid was the price of His own holy life to save them and all sinners. The apostle Peter explains, "you were ransomed... not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter



Pastor Peter Faugstad serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton and the Jerico and Saude congregations northeast of town (<https://saudejerico.com/>).

1:18-19).

No matter how much you might be offered to compromise yourself and your beliefs, it could never equal what you already have through Jesus.

Zip's owner joins Catholic Foundation board

Paul Rottinghaus, owner of Zips Truck Equipment, Inc. in New Hampton and the e-commerce site Zips.com, has joined The Catholic Foundation in the Archdiocese of Dubuque (CFAD) Board of Directors.

"I am interested in working with groups that are investing in the future, especially as it involves our youth," says Rottinghaus.

Rottinghaus is a long-time businessman with a number of real estate investments in the Charles City and New Hampton areas.

He holds dual degrees in business management and economics from the University of Northern Iowa. His wife Margo and he have adult children and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish in Charles City.

He belongs to a number of industry groups, the Charles City Area Development board, NIACC Foundation Board and serves on the Immaculate

Conception Finance Council. He is also in the International Towing and Recovery Hall of Fame.

Rottinghaus will serve on CFAD's Grant Committee, in addition to joining the board.

"I look forward to working with Paul, tapping into his business acumen and seeing his commitment to our mission to help those we serve," says Michele Brock, CFAD executive director. "He joins a wonderful group of professionals from throughout the geography of the Archdiocese who strategize and govern the organization. They serve CFAD well in addition to being leaders in their own communities and churches."

Additional new board member is Mike Drees, president of CUSB Bank in Cresco. There is more about these individuals



Rottinghaus

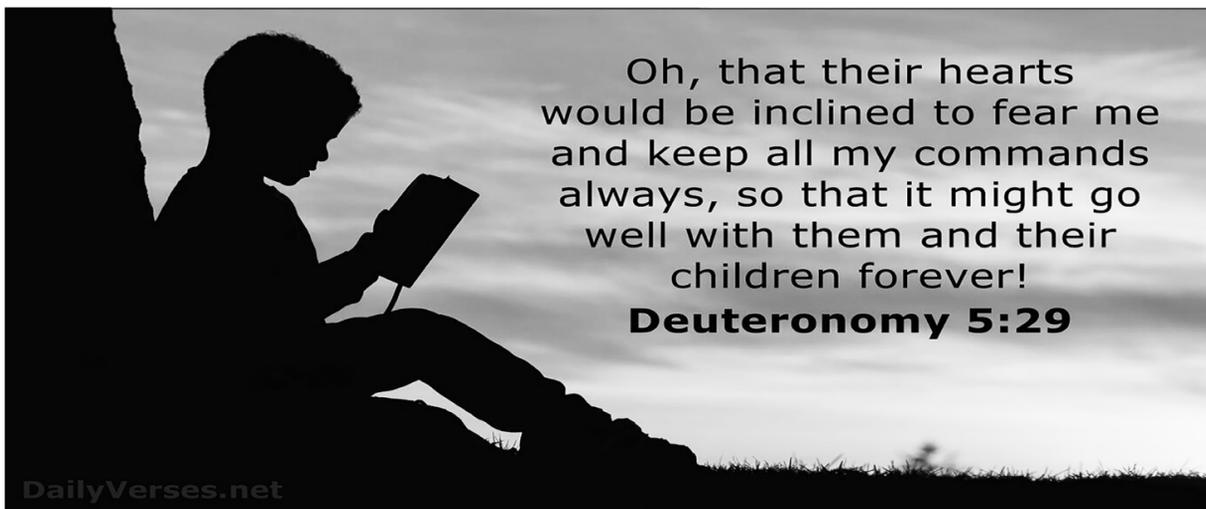
and the 11 other board members at OurCFAD.org/leadership.

CFAD offers charitable planning, investing and grantmaking services. As a public, nonprofit, Catholic community foundation based in Cedar Rapids, it is separate from, yet collaborative with, the Archdiocese Pastoral Center.

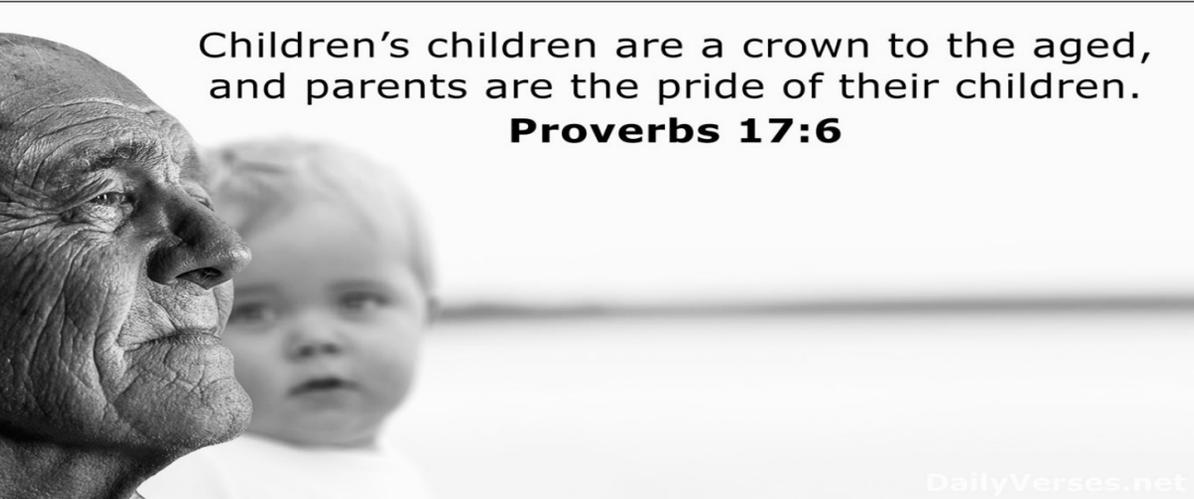
CFAD holds donor advised funds and endowments for donors and many Catholic parishes, schools, cemeteries, social services and other Catholic organizations.

CFAD works with donors who want their Catholic values perpetuated in a legacy gift and helps them structure that in the best way for them, their family and the organizations they want to benefit. CFAD invests these legacy gifts in Catholic responsible choices, and through donor agreements, grants these gifts as donors intend.

Visit OurCFAD.org for more information or call 563-552-0176.



Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!
Deuteronomy 5:29



Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.
Proverbs 17:6

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Pastor Drew McHolm
Service times: Sing-A-Long Service, 10:15 a.m., and worship service at 10:30 a.m., Sunday.

REPUBLIC CHURCH

1794 280th St., Ionia
Pastor Sarah Namukose
Service time: 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

314 Brasher Street
Pastor Sarah Namukose
Service time: 9 a.m. Sundays.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

300 Merrill St.
Pastor Todd Burrichter
Service time: 9 a.m. Sundays.

CEDAR POINT CHURCH

310 Main Street
Pastor Darin Cerwinski
Service time: 6:30 p.m. Friday.

ST. MICHAELS CHURCH

602 Cedar Street
Father Tom Heathershaw
Service time: 6:30 p.m. Saturdays.

ST. JOHN'S UCC - PLEASANT HILL

10009 Union Ave.
Pastor Drew McHolm
Service time: Sunday, 9 a.m.

PLAINFIELD

UNITED METHODIST

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

LAWLER

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

IMMANUEL CRANE CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FREDERICKSBURG

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD

222 S. Washington Ave.
Pastor Ron Koch
Service time: 8:30 a.m., Sundays.

PEACE UCC CHURCH

221 Oak St.
Pastor Scott Smith
Service time: 9 a.m., Sundays.

WAUCOMA

ST. MARY CATHOLIC

218 3rd St. NW
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, July 28, 8:30 a.m.

ST. LUCAS

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC

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

PROTIVIN

HOLY TRINITY

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

LITTLE TURKEY

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

3303 160th St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, July 28, 10:30 a.m.

CLARKSVILLE

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST

COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of July 14

1949 (75 years ago)

• Festina: In the corner of a wooded yard, halfway between Calmar and West Bend in Winneshiek County, stands a unique shrine immortalizing the mutual love of a mother and son. It is called the St. Anthony of Padua Chapel and is reputedly the smallest cathedral in the world.

• Chickasaw County recently purchased a new Caterpillar tractor from the Gibbs Clark Co. to be used for road work. Cost of the tractor and supplies purchased amounted to \$12,839.48.

• The swimming pool was one of the busiest places in town during the hot spell. On July 3, 800 entered the pool, 1,000 on July 4 when the swimming was free and from 400 to 600 on the other hot, humid days. A total of 593 children are taking the free swimming lessons sponsored by the Red Cross, 223 of them are from New Hampton.

1974 (50 years ago)

• The Chick-A-Squares, an area square dance group, will sponsor a free square dance on the streets of downtown New Hampton, Friday evening, July 19, beginning at 8 p.m. The public is invited to view the dance and anyone interested may join in dancing.

• Ridiculous Day Specials at Ben's Foodliner: Pork Roast, 89 cents per LB.; Tomatoes, 39 cents per LB.; Ice Cream, 1/2 Gal. for 69 cents; Potato Chips, 59 cents, Cheerios, 59 cents; Bush Pork n' Beans. 4 cans/\$1.00; Western Dressing, 69 cents; Tide, 3 LB. Box, 97 cents; Bounty Towels, 2 for 89 cents; Northern Tissue, 4 rolls for 55 cents.

1999 (25 years ago)

• Athletes and sports fans on all levels lost a good friend this week with the death of Harry Gundacker on Thursday, July 15.

An accomplished athlete himself, Gun, as he was referred to, lent his support and promoted athletics throughout his lifetime, especially as a sports writer and editor for the New Hampton Newspapers for 46 years. Many will remember Harry for his popular "The Bull Pen" weekly column, then eventually his coverage spread to high school varsity sports.

Harry went to 247 straight football games without a miss, major surgery kept Gun from that 248th game. His loyalty extended to other sports besides football, with Harry attending 210 sporting events in one year alone, he also had a knack for making young athletes feel good about themselves.

In recognition to his dedication over the years, Gun was the recipient of several honors. Gun was laid to rest, with his beloved St. Louis Cardinal's baseball cap in hand, in New Hampton Cemetery following a funeral service at Trinity Lutheran Church.

2014 (10 years ago)

• The New Hampton baseball team earned a trip to the district final on Saturday. Nathan Anderson laced the ball over the fence for a grand slam home run. Those four runs gave the Chickasaws a commanding 9-0 lead in a district semifinal win over Osage which they went on to win 10-4.

The win moves them on to the district final against 32-1 and eighth ranked South Winn Saturday at New Hampton.

• The spring we didn't get it here now. High temperatures around the area didn't make it out of the 60s on Monday and may not again on Tuesday.

The first chance of an 80-degree day in the forecast doesn't arrive until Sunday as high temperatures are expected to be in the 70s and lows are expected to be in the 50s throughout the work week. It may be July 14, but New Hampton has yet to record a high temperature of 90 degrees.

2019 (5 years ago)

• The new middle school will be ready for students on Aug. 23. Superintendent Jay Jurrens gave the Tribune a tour of the new school that is part of a \$19.415 million investment New Hampton voters approved in a February 2017 referendum and also includes a new vocational agriculture and industrial technology center, as well as a new competition gymnasium.

The district has finalized contracts for two entities that will move into part of the downtown complex that will be vacated by the middle school. The Keystone Area Education and the Head Start preschool program will take over the space in the 1939 building.

• Howard Wilshire was inducted into the IJA's Society of Fellows, one of the highest honors a jeweler can attain in the state.

Wilshire has been working as a jeweler since 1958, when he was 15 and took his first job in Sioux City.

He attended Gem City College in Quincy, Illinois, and worked as a watchmaker and served on the faculty at Gem City College before he and his wife, Marty, became co-owners of Wilshire Jewelry in New Hampton.

He has served on the Iowa Jewelers Association Board of Directors for numerous terms and served as president from 1997 to 1999.

Federal funds available for agencies that provide food, shelter programs

Agencies providing emergency food and shelter programs in Chickasaw County can apply for federal funds to assist their efforts.

The county has been awarded \$7,307 through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

A local board will determine how the funds, appropriated by Congress, are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area.

Eligible local service agencies must be private voluntary nonprofits or units of government eligible to receive federal funds; have an accounting system and practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food or shelter programs; and have a voluntary board if they are a private voluntary organization.

Agencies interested in applying for EFSP funds should contact Sheri Allredge, Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, at (319) 235-0311 for an application.

Applications must be received by August 7, 2024.

CITY OF NEW HAMPTON

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

INVITATION TO SUBMIT BID

Introduction. The City of New Hampton (City) is seeking sealed bids for the sale of land.

Minimum Bid: \$1.00 Plus Cost of Survey and Recording fees

Description of Property. The City of New Hampton is accepting bids for the following: Parcel #19-11-12-2-26-243 (near intersection of Croell Drive and West Garfield Street)

Due Date & Time: Sealed bids for the land must be filed before Monday, August 5th, 2024 at 4:30 pm at the New Hampton City Hall, 112 E Spring Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659.

For more information:

please visit the City's website at <https://www.newhamptonia.com/rfps-rfq>

TRIBUNE OFFICE HOURS: MONDAYS-THURSDAYS,

8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.; 1:30 TO 4 P.M.

FRIDAY, 8:30 TO 11:30 A.M.

Chickasaw County EMS to hold open house on Wednesday

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

the trucks up here [in New Hampton] when they're out."

Knutson also made a pitch for the open house Chickasaw County EMS will hold from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday to celebrate the recent remodeling that added living quarters to the ambulance station that is located just off the intersection of North Water Avenue and Prospect Street in New Hampton.

The event will begin with a 4 p.m. ribbon cutting by New Horizons-Chamber and include refreshments, tours of the facility, CPR demonstrations and free blood pressure checks.

"We haven't really had anything at the station for the public," Knutson said following the meeting, "and we thought this would be a good way to show them the investment they've made in EMS in the county."

He also touched on the approval of

the first "explorer" for a program that Knutson hopes will generate more interest from young people when it comes to EMS.

During Monday's meeting, supervisors approved soon-to-be New Hampton senior Ella Knutson as the first student in the program in which students who are taking the EMT class can work on Chickasaw County EMS events like the open house and also "ride along" on calls.

"Obviously, they won't be providing medical care," he said, "but it will give them a taste of what we're all about. It's a way to reach out to young people and say we need you."

And finally, during Monday's discussion with supervisors, Knutson asked board members for direction on how to proceed with collections of delinquent accounts.

The EMS director said several residents who had outstanding ambulance bills had reached out to him about "settling" their

accounts, and he asked supervisors if the county was open to making settlements?

County Attorney David Laudner expressed his concerns about having Knutson, or any other county official, make decisions on crafting settlements for delinquent accounts.

"I don't think that the county should be in the business — or your department I should say — should be in the business of determining if someone is able to pay and if so, what we should settle for," Laudner said. "I think that opens us up to why did you settle with this guy for 30 cents on the dollar and settled this lady for 60 cents and those type of things."

Instead, Laudner said that the county should continue to use the collection service it hired to take care of delinquent accounts.

Board members agreed and told Knutson that if he gets direct calls from those with delinquent accounts, he should refer them to the collection agency.



New Hampton Community Schools Notifications

ORIENTATION FOR FAMILIES

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST
2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST
4:00PM - 6:00PM
5TH GRADE ORIENTATION AT 5:00PM

HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14TH
6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

NOTICE ~ ALL ATHLETES

You must have a Doctor's certificate of fitness before you are eligible to participate in athletics. Athletes are responsible for obtaining their own physicals.

All athletes must have insurance or waiver of insurance along with emergency procedure cards on file with school before they will be allowed to participate.

IMPORTANT: Students participating in interscholastic athletics, cheerleading and dance; and their parents/guardians; must sign an acknowledgement form stating they have received the information provided on the concussion fact sheet titled, "HEADS UP: Concussion in High School Sports." Students cannot practice or compete in those activities until this form is signed and returned.

SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

Ten buses will operate in the district to provide transportation for approximately 720 rural students. Bus assignments will be published in a later issue.

High School students living in New Hampton may ride from the elementary school building to the high school building in the morning and from the high school to the elementary building in the afternoon.

SCHOOL BUS VIDEO CAMERAS

The New Hampton Community School District Board of Directors has authorized the use of video cameras on school district buses. The video cameras will be used to monitor student behavior, to maintain order on the school buses, and to promote and maintain a safe environment. Students and parents are hereby notified that the content of the videotapes may be used in a student disciplinary proceeding. The content of the videotapes are confidential student records and will be retained with other student records. Videotapes will only be retained if necessary by the administration. Parents may request to view videotapes of their child if the videotapes are used in a disciplinary proceeding involving their child.

REPORTING A SAFETY CONCERN

- If you see something, say something.
- Call 9-1-1 if there is an immediate danger, if you know about an emergency, or if you see suspicious activity.
- Otherwise you may report any other safety concerns via the district's reporting number 641-394-2134 Extension 6008. This number allows students, staff, parents, and community members to confidentially submit concerns regarding safety, harassment, intimidation, and bullying to the district administration. All reports may be submitted anonymously.

PARENT NOTIFICATION

Parents'/Guardians' Rights Notification:
Parents'/Guardians in the New Hampton Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child's teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child's teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. You may also request the qualifications of an instructional paraprofessional who serves your student in a Title I program or if your school operates a schoolwide Title I program.

Parents'/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling or sending a letter to Office of the Superintendent, 710 West Main Street, New Hampton, IA 50659.

STUDENT ABUSE BY SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNED INVESTIGATORS

Chapter 102 of the Iowa Administrative Code prescribes procedures for charging and investigating incidents of abuse of students by school employees. The school district's designated investigators are: Jay Jurrens, Superintendent (641) 394-2134, Jamie Steege or Jessica Moore, school nurses (641) 394-2134

HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

The school district provides students with instruction in human growth and development. Parents may review the human growth and development curriculum prior to its use and have their child excused from human growth and development instruction. Parents should contact the principal if they wish to review the curriculum or to excuse their child from human growth and development instruction.

Jay Jurrens

Superintendent 641-394-2134 ext. 6

Matt Manson

High School Principal 641-394-2134 ext. 3

Cory McDonald

Activities Director 641-394-2134 ext. 4

MULTI-CULTURAL GENDER FAIR (MC/GF) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Students, parents of students, or employees of the New Hampton Community Schools have the right to file a formal complaint alleging non-compliance with the regulations out-lined in Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or Section 12.(8) of the Iowa State Education Standards.

Level I (Informal and Optional) - Employees with a grievance of discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin or disability may first discuss it with their principal or immediate supervisor, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. A student or parent with a complaint of discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, national origin or disability should immediately discuss it with the teacher, counselor or building administrator involved.

Level II (Informal and Optional) - If the concern remains unresolved, the grievant is encouraged to approach the MC/GF Compliance Committee for the purpose of resolving the concern through fact gathering and discussion. The role of this group is to reconcile, if possible, the concern of the grievant using an informal procedure. The group will consist of the grievant, the person against whom the grievance has been filed, the principal or designee, a minimum of two MC/GF Advisory Committee members, and the MC/GF Facilitator.

Level III (Formal) - If the grievance is not resolved at level one or level two and the grievants wish to pursue the grievance, they may formalize it by filing a complaint in writing on the Compliance Violation Form, which may be obtained from the Compliance Officer.

The remaining steps in the grievance process will be reviewed with the grievant. The entire grievance procedure is available for inspection in the Compliance Officer's Office along with other information relating to these topics. Please contact Brad Schmitt, Middle School Principal, 710 W. Main, New Hampton, IA 50659, (641) 394-2134 ext. 2 b_schmitt@new-hampton.k12.ia.us if you have any questions, concerns, or complaints. Mr. Schmitt is the Title VI and Title IX Officer for the New Hampton Community School District.

PARENTAL NOTICE GENERAL EDUCATION INTERVENTIONS

The New Hampton Community School District uses a problem solving model to address student concerns through general education interventions. Problem solving activities are part of the school's general program and may occur at any time throughout the school year. The problem solving process is a systematic set of procedures designed to look at different factors that might be affecting student success, such as what is taught, how it is taught, and how the student responds to these processes. During the problem solving process, school personnel (including special education staff and Keystone special education personnel) may be involved in gathering information that will be used to develop effective interventions.

As parents, you are key participants during all facets of problem solving. If a child is recommended for special education services, parents must give written consent. Parents may also request that their child be considered for special education services at any time by contacting the child's principal.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the New Hampton Community School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any program and practices of the school system.

The New Hampton Community School District has the responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligations to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parents or guardians disagree with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Katie Fisher, Section 504 Coordinator for the New Hampton Community School District, at (641) 394-2134 ext. 1.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students who are 18 years of age or older ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days after the day the School receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students who wish to inspect their child's or their education records should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the records they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy rights under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students who wish to ask the School to amend their child's or their education record should write the school principal (or appropriate school official), clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it should be changed.

If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to provide written consent before the school discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. The criteria for determining who constitutes a school official and what constitutes a legitimate educational interest must be set forth in the school's or school district's annual notification for FERPA rights. A school official typically includes a person employed by the school or school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the school board. A school official also may include a volunteer, contractor, or consultant who, while not employed by the school, performs an institutional service or function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist; a parent or student volunteering to serve on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee; or a parent, student, or other volunteer assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official typically has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school or school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, or is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes of the student's enrollment or transfer.

(4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the School to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are: Student Privacy Policy Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202

ANNUAL NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

The New Hampton Community School District offers career and technical programs in the following service areas: Industrial Technology, Family and Consumer Sciences, Business, Vocational Agriculture, and Health Sciences.

It is the policy of the New Hampton Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Equity Coordinator, Brad Schmitt, Middle School Principal; 710 West Main, New Hampton, Iowa 50659, 641-394-2134 ext. 2, b_schmitt@new-hampton.k12.ia.us

Brad Schmitt

Middle School Principal 641-394-2134 ext. 2

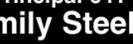
Emily Steele

Elementary Principal 641-394-2134 ext. 1

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New Hampton Community Schools



County won't receive funds to help pay for recent road flooding costs

DISASTER: FROM 1

The straight-line winds, had a punch." The IIAGP may provide up to \$7,000 of assistance, reimbursement and/or vendor voucher, for covered items to households with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

ing the final day to apply Aug. 23. The IDCA program addresses serious needs to overcome disaster-related hardship, injury or adverse conditions.

sonal residence may contact Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NICAC) online at www.neicac.org. The IIAGP application can be downloaded from the Disaster Assistance page under Programs.

better understand the damage sustained. Damage to property, roads, utilities and other severe weather-related information may be reported to the Chickasaw County Emergency Management Office by phone at 641-394-2046 or email j.bernatz@chickasawcounty.iowa.gov.



Bob Steenson/Charles City Press

The Charles City Main Street Bridge over the Cedar River reopened last Wednesday afternoon.

Charles City bridge closed because of flooding finally reopened to traffic

By Bob Steenson bsteenson@charlescitypress.com

The Main Street bridge over the Cedar River in Charles City reopened last Wednesday afternoon.

The city of Charles City posted a notice online stating, "We have received clearance to reopen the Main Street bridge. Per the recommendation of the bridge inspection firm, we will be placing a 28 ton limit on the bridge."

The Charles City Police Department posted a notice at about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, saying the bridge was open but noting the weight limit - "which means no semis or large heavy trucks rated for over 28T," it said.

The bridge had been closed since June 23, when rising floodwaters covered the entrances to both the Main Street and the Brantingham Street bridges, closing them both. The flooding also caused issues downriver in Nashua, where low-lying neighborhoods and Cedar View Park were affected by Cedar River floodwaters.

The Brantingham Bridge was reopened within several hours as the river level fell, but the Main Street Bridge remained closed out of concern over potential damage from debris in the river that may have hit it, or damage from the rushing water itself, which at the river's crest came within a couple of feet of the top of the arches under the bridge.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JULY 8, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbart, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa.

THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCELS 2024-34, 2024-35, 2024-36 AND 2024-37 IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 14 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 96 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 8 TH DAY OF JULY, 2024 at a regular meeting by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of PARCELS 2024-34, 2024-35, 2024-36 AND 2024-37 IN THE NW1/4 OF SECTION 14 ALL IN TOWNSHIP 96 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA Has now been considered and should be approved.

Tribune, Nashua Reporter, and Fredericksburg Review 1st full week of August. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Discussed Cott Systems for Chickasaw County and Website for Recorder's office with Donald R Beussink, Account Executive, Cott Systems, Inc.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Quarterly Reports ending June 30, 2024 for the Auditor, EMS, Sheriff, Veterans' Affairs and Recorder. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve Minutes for July 1, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, and Cerwinski. Abstained: Breitbart. Motion carried.

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 8 TH DAY OF JULY, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinski, Chairman. Aye: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbart, Suckow, Cerwinski. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve purchase of (2) Skid Loaders per the Chickasaw County Purchase Policy with trade in for \$97,500.00 for Secondary Roads. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbart to approve BarCom not to exceed \$2,195.00 for security reasons. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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New Hampton Community School Combined Earnings Report Without Benefits 2023-2024

Table with columns: Employee Name, Earnings Amount, Adam, Jennifer, Adam, Justin, Aegerter, Lisa, Anda Madrueno, Maria, Anderson, Cheryl, Anderson, Kristina, Aries, Andrew, Babcock, Kathryn, Balk, Sheena, Bauler, Rachel, Bear, John, Bear, ZoAnn, Bercik, Kassie, Bjergum, Gloria, Bohr, Terry, Boos, Tyler, Bouska, Susan, Brandenburg, Patricia, Bridges, Christine, Brincks, Emily, Brincks, Kristie, Brincks, Sara, Burrett, Denise, Cannon, Sherryl, Cano Espinal, Paola, Cantu, Jeremiah, Cantu, Jill, Cerwinski, Jodi, Ciavarelli, Caleb, Dallman, Jason, Davila Medina, Nadiezhdha, Demaray, Cheri, Denner, Julie, Dowd, Leo, Dreckman, Rhonda, Drowelaw, Tabitha, Dunagan, Lorraine, Durnan, LeAnn, Eberly, John, Egan-Holtz, Stephanie, Eichenberger, Miranda, Engelhardt, Kandace, Erlandson, Shane, Evanson, Joslyn, Evens, Ashtin, Farrell, Alexia, Farrell, Steven, Floden, Lyndee, Frahm, Brock, Franzén, Darlene, Frerichs, Scott, Fuller, Nancy, Gebel, Jennifer, Geerts, Andy, Geerts, Helen, Geerts, Jessica, Geerts, Norbert, Gilbert, Jennifer, Gibson, Alex, Good, Michelle, Gott, Cody, Gray, Roxanne, Hackman, Cassie, Hackman, Jacob, Hackman, Trista, Haggerty, Daniel, Hake, Theresa, Hansen, Merlyn, Hanson, Brittany, Hanson, Kitana, Hatfield, Amanda, Havlik, Barbara, Heeren, Janet, Hemesath, Austin, Hemesath, Emily, Hennessy, Kim, Hennessy, Kyle, Heying, Jessica, Hofmeister, Tate, Hoskins, Kelly, Hubeback, Andy, Hulbert, Candace, Hulbert, Shawn, Jenkins, Hannah, Jenkins, Scott, Johnson, Gretchen, Junk, Amber, Jurrens, Jay, Kane, Amy, Kaumans, Kathryn, Kayser-Kemp, Karen, Keifer, Sydney, Kemp, Richard, Kinley, April, Kleespies, Amanda, Klunder, Susan, Knutson, Theresa, Konecne, Maggie, Koster, Erica, Kuehn, Ruth, Kuehner, Kimberly, Kuehner, Michael, Kuhn, Arlene, Kuhn, Joseph, Larsen, Laura, Lares, Amy, Lares, Jeanette, Lares, June, Lechtenberg, Dustin, Lechtenberg, Jessica, Lechtenberg, Judy, Lechtenberg, Michelle, Leichtman, David, Leistikow, Amy, Lentz, Diane, Lester, Ashley, Lewis, Kyra, Liddle, Michelle, Maas, Shannon, Macon, Tisha, Mahoney, Susan, Mai, Allison, Manson, Kristina, Manson, Matthew, Martinek, Alexis

Matthews, Kelly, Mc Donald, Cory, McAvoy, Joanne, McGrath, Karen, Meisner, Rick, Menken, Hannah, Merchant, Tiffany, Mettner, Debra, Miller, Jemma, Miller, Todd, Mizer, Abigail, Mohling, Dean, Mohling, Shelley, Monteith, Jeffrey, Moore, Cynthia, Moore, Jessica, Moorman, Erin, Moorman-Ginapp, Jennifer, Morton, Julie, Muetheries, Mary, Nelson, Melissa, Newbrough, Amy, Nielsen, Alan, Nichel, Jacob, Nuss, Carolyn, Nystel, Stephanie, O'Donnell, Kelly, O'Donnell, Michelle, O'Hollern, Patricia, Ohrt, Jamie, Ollendieck, Diane, Olson, Eric, Olson, Kimberly, Onken, Molly, Oxendine, Kyle, Pagel, Dennis, Parks, Brenda, Patterson, Jessica, Paulus, Christopher, Paulus, Matthew, Pearce, Rodney, Pemble, Chad, Pethoud, Shannon, Pfaffle, Jeanne, Pfaffle, Steven, Pickar, Lois, Plahn, Mary, Popken, Darla, Porter, Kathryn, Praska, Patricia, Prouty, Zachary, Quirk, Anita, Rausch, Ryan, Reams, Reece, Reicherts, Rose, Reicks, Michelle, Rethamel, Barbara, Richter, William, Ries, Lynn, Roberson, Lisa, Roberts, Laura, Rocha, Beirut, Rodgers, Amanda, Roeder Glenn, Jill, Roethler, Adam, Roethler, Christy, Rommes, Jordan, Rude, Jason, Russ, James, Sanford, Emily, Sanford, Nicole, Schmitt, Abraham, Schmitt, April, Schmitt, Bradley, Schmitt, Brian, Schmitt, Erica, Schmitt, Rachel, Schnoebelen, Richard, Schumacher, Timothy, Schutte, Staci, Schwickerath, Emma, Schwickerath, Janet, Schwickerath, Laura, Schwickerath, Linda, Schwickerath, Lynette, Scott, Tanya, Shekleton, Gannon, Sinnwell, Melissa, Sittig, Terry, Sittig, Trevor, Slick, Steven, Snook, Shelby, Sorensen, Laura, Speltz, Jason, Spratt, Damian, Steege, Jamie, Steele, Emily, Steven, Linda, Swehla, Janell, Talib, Fayssal, ten Hoeve, Patricia, Tenge, Richard, Thronsdon, Stefanie, Tiemessen, Linda, Uglum, Erin, Valdez Ortiz, Areli, Vorwald, Robert, Vossberg, Nikkole, Wakeman, Dixie, Walz, Morgan, Ward, Kris, Whalen, Laurine, Wickham, Jamie, Wickman, Kathleen, Wight, Derek, Winters, Angela, Worpel, Jayden, Wright, Debra, Wright, Larry, Wuchter, Angela, Wyckoff, Samantha, Zack, Chantelle, Zeien, Dixie, Zeien, Thomas, Zenk, Laura

New Hampton Community Schools First Day of School August 23, 2024



REGISTRATION

Parents of children in the elementary, middle and high school are asked to register their children online for the 2024-25 school year. Online registration will open on:

Monday, July 29, 2024

Go to: new-hampton.k12.ia.us

Click Menu, go to Registration, and follow the links.

If you need assistance, please contact the School Offices or stop in after August 1st. Parents new to district should stop in or call the school office after August 1st for assistance.

The purpose of registration is to provide an opportunity for parents to pay school fees, hot lunch/breakfast fees and to find out their class assignments. This service is necessary to eliminate congestion on the first day of school. Education Options Registration will be with registration on the above dates.

FEE SCHEDULE

Table with columns: INSTRUCTION FEE, K-4, 5-8, 9-12, 7-8 GRADE ATHLETIC TOWEL FEE \$20.00, RevTrack online fees will be waived until August 23, 2024

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Table with columns: BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAMS AT ALL BUILDINGS BEGINNING Friday, August 23, 2024, Breakfast (preK-4), Lunch Per Meal (preK-4), Lunch Per Meal (5-12), Extra Milk Per Carton, Afternoon Milk (K-3)

Lunch fees may be paid during registration. Please fill out a Free/Reduced Lunch Form to see if you qualify. The High School will have a closed noon period - students will eat in the cafeteria whether they bring their lunch or use the school lunch program.

OPTIONAL FEES

Table with columns: School Yearbook High School, Vehicle Registration

High School students who drive vehicles to school must register each vehicle. All vehicles must have a sticker/tag visible from outside the vehicle in order to legally park in the high school parking lot.

ACTIVITY PASS

Student Activity Passes will be FREE for all regular home Athletic events held at New Hampton CSD. Thanks to the generous partnership with Bank Iowa, NH Athletic Booster Club, First Citizens, Rochford Insurance Agency, O'Donnell Insurance, Fidelity Bank, Security State Bank, Luana State Bank, Joe Maloy Insurance, Nobsisch Insurance, and Curtis Franzen - Farm Bureau Financial. State sponsored tournaments, NEIC Conference Tournaments, the high school and middle school musicals, and the high school variety show are NOT included in this fee.

Table with columns: K-4, 5-12, H.S. Activity Admission Fees, Adults, Students, Family

The school will provide the opportunity for adults to obtain a ten-punch activity pass for the 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$50.00 per ticket. With the ten-punch ticket at \$50.00, an individual will save \$10.00 over the cost of ten single admissions. Over and above the cost of savings, an activity pass holder will gain quicker admission to events. People who hold an activity pass will not need to stand in line to obtain their single admission ticket. These activity passes will only be honored at New Hampton home events and would not apply to state sponsored tournaments, the high school musical, and NEIC Conference tournaments. The ten-punch activity passes can be obtained during the dates noted above for student registration days or from the Superintendent's Office any day during normal business hours.

WAIVER OF STUDENT FEES

Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price lunch, the Family Investment Program (FIP), Supplementary Security Income (SSI), transportation assistance under open enrollment, or who are in foster care are eligible to have their student fees waived or partially waived. The Standard Fee Waiver application form will be available when parents register their children. This waiver does not carry over from year to year and must be completed annually. This waiver of student fees applies only to the above listed fees. Fees for the high school and middle school yearbooks and activity passes are not included in these waiver provisions.

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Table with columns: Employee Name, Earnings Amount, Manson, Kristina, Manson, Matthew, Martinek, Alexis

City Council offers its help to get Lead Service-Line Inventory survey complete

By BOB FENSKE editor@nhtrib.com

New Hampton City Council members on Monday night offered its Public Works director some help in getting property owners in the city to complete a survey the city is required to complete by Oct. 16.

Cities around Iowa are being required by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to have property owners complete what is called a Lead Service-Line Inventory survey.

The good news is that a recent mailing put out by Public Works Director Casey Mai and a story in the July 11 Tribune helped bring in 85 completed surveys in the last week.

But there are 1,679 properties in the city, meaning that slightly more than 30 percent of properties have owners who have yet to fill out the survey that the city must report to both the DNR and the EPA in three months.

Considering that Mai and the city first made the pitch for surveys to be completed in the fall of 2022, he is concerned that the survey won't meet the two agencies' timeline.

City Councilman Jason Spletz said during Monday's meeting that he believes the city's elected officials might be able to help.

"If we can get a list of who hasn't completed it, I'm guessing all of us on the council will know some of the people," he said, "and we can reach out to them, too, and tell us how important it is for the city that we get this done."

His fellow council members and Mayor Steve Geerts agreed and said they would also be willing to help.

Mai said his biggest concern is that the city could be fined by the EPA and/or the DNR if it doesn't hand survey results with 100 percent participation from property owners.

"I don't think that's right, but with tight budgets, the last thing we need right now is to lose money from them because of this survey," he said.

Mai has said the survey is limited to just a few basic ques-

tions, name, address, where the water service line enters a structure, what material makes up the service line, what style of water meter does the structure have, does the structure have a sump pump, and if so, where is the water being discharged.

Mai said most structures have their service lines enter through the basement.

Properties without basements usually have the service line enter the structure either in a utility room or a garage.

He added that most service lines are copper but some may be lead, galvanized or plastic.

The public works director

said that residents can fill out the survey either online or on paper, and reminded property owners that they can call him at 641-557-8244 if they need help completing it.

He said in addition to meet-

ing EPA and DNR requirements, the survey is also helping his department with what he called "inventory" issues. The final two questions — the ones dealing with water meters and sump pumps — are city

driven. He pointed out that if lead service lines are discovered, property owners may be eligible for funding to replace those lines.

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Table of legal notices including Electric Utility Board Room meeting, Attest: Courtney Lechtenberg, and various utility bills and payments.

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE M. STEEGE, Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR003222 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Darlene M. Steege, Deceased, who died on or about May 10, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 1st day of July, 2024, the last will and testament of Darlene M. Steege deceased, bearing the date of the 14th day of August, 2014, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Marvin Steege, Calvin Steege and Darrell Steege were appointed executors of the estate.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2024.

Marvin Steege Executor of estate 2745 310th St. Fredericksburg, IA 50630

Calvin Steege Executor of estate 2823 Stanley Ave. Fredericksburg, IA 50630

Darrell Steege Executor of estate 2829 Quinlan Ave. Fredericksburg, IA 50630

Christopher F. O'Donohoe ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP Attorney for executors 101 North Locust Avenue, P.O. Box 310 New Hampton, Iowa 50659 ICIS Pin #: AT0005848

Date of second publication 25 day of July, 2024

No. 24112 7/11/24 7/18/24

No. 24115 7/18/24 7/25/24

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Agvantage FS plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit.

General Permit No. 2 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities.

The storm water discharge will be from: The construction of an addition to an existing agricultural chemical facility. The construction will include a new ag/chem process building, storage tanks, exterior concrete dike, aggregate and concrete pavement and associated drainage features to control runoff.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines IA 50319.

Storm water will be discharged from 31100102 point source(s) and will be discharged to the following streams: East Fork Wapsipinicon River

No. 24127 7/18/24

Legal Notice

City of Alta Vista Council Meeting Monday, July 8, 2024

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Adam Roethler, Samantha Slick, and Amy Lares in the Alta Vista City Hall.

Agenda was discussed. Slick made the motion, seconded by Roethler to approve the agenda.

June 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Slick made the motion, seconded by Lares to approve the June 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

Citizen Forum was discussed. City attorney was discussed. After discussion, Lares made the motion, seconded by Slick to hire Lynch Dallas, P.C. and sign the Contract for Legal Services.

Budget amendment was discussed. A budget amendment is needed. Will set date and time at the August meeting.

Resolution 2024-7-6 to transfer \$9,850 from the LOST account to the General fund in the General Account for the partial tree removals was read.

Fire Department was discussed. Library was discussed.

Roethler made the motion, seconded by Lares to approve the disbursements.

June Disbursements To Whom, Amt, Purpose State of IA \$169.97, WET Tax State of IA \$278.35, Sales Tax US Treasury \$2,270.80, Withholdings IPERS \$1,375.32, Withholdings Wellmark \$778.67, Health Insurance Premium Alliant Energy \$7,492.11, Electric Purchase City of Alta Vista \$300.56, Utilities

to repair City Hall and Fire Department roof from the damages caused by the communication tower falling.

Old Creamery was discussed. Nuisance properties were discussed. Clerk will send letters to residents violating Ordinance 150.03 - Duty to Trim Trees and Ordinance 52.05- Mowing Required.

Ordinance book was discussed. Speed cameras were discussed. Sidewalks were discussed. Clerk is still waiting to hear back from ICAP on what standards to follow.

Burning in town was discussed. Clerk will send letters to residents who are burning in town.

Audit was discussed. Delinquents were discussed. Water was discussed. Sewer was discussed.

Sanitation was discussed. Parks were discussed. Handicap parking spot at Linden Park was discussed.

Electric was discussed. No financial reports were present. Roethler made the motion, seconded by Lares to approve the disbursements.

June Disbursements To Whom, Amt, Purpose State of IA \$169.97, WET Tax State of IA \$278.35, Sales Tax US Treasury \$2,270.80, Withholdings IPERS \$1,375.32, Withholdings Wellmark \$778.67, Health Insurance Premium Alliant Energy \$7,492.11, Electric Purchase City of Alta Vista \$300.56, Utilities

Void \$- Cooley Pumping, \$285.00, Toilet Rental Innovative Ag Services \$624.00, Diesel Jendro Sanitation \$1,438.74, Garbage Pick UP

John Deere Financial \$6.73, Paint Leisure Time \$15.89, Water Shipment Mary & Zip's Repair Inc \$106.90, FD Microbac Laboratories, Inc \$17.50, Drinking Water Analysis

New Hampton Tribune \$161.87, Publications Stanton Electric LLC \$1,898.19, Outlets, Tower, Fuses

AMLINE \$524.83, Towels and Garbage Bags Amy Lares \$58.68, Mileage AV Shopper \$19.70, Publications Microbac Laboratories, Inc \$123.00, CBOD

Void \$- Jarrett Holthaus \$497.20, 5/26-6/8 Buchholtz, Dale W. \$1,153.36, 5/26-6/8 QuickBooks \$694.43, Program Jarrett Holthaus \$575.60, 6/9-6/21 Buchholtz, Dale W. \$1,153.36, 6/9-6/21 Rick Heying \$46.17, 6/10 Meeting Amy Lares \$46.12, 6/10 Meeting Kayla Pride \$46.12, 6/10 Meeting Samantha Slick \$46.17, 6/10 Meeting Burt Ostert \$92.35, Mayor Pay-June Windstream \$212.24, Telephone/Internet Travelers-Zurich \$7,914.00, Workman Comp \$30,423.93

Library Account City of Alta Vista \$39.39, Utilities City of Alta Vista \$811.42, Payroll Liability

VISA \$334.05, Supplies Flatjod, Christina \$265.84, 5/26-6/8 Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$359.84, 5/26-6/8

Flatjod, Christina \$239.56, 6/9-6/21 Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$356.51, 6/9-6/21

Pat Halvorson \$48.00, Wages Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$32.16, Mileage Windstream \$132.09, Telephone/Internet Center Point Large Print \$49.50, Books

Edgar Epperly \$50.00, Author Visitation AV Shopper \$204.75, Advertising \$2,923.11, \$33,347.04

June Disbursements General \$13,065.99, Road Use Taxes \$4,330.09, Snow Removal \$1,092.68, Water \$255.53, Sewer \$1,297.56, Electric \$10,382.08, Library \$2,923.11, Economic Development \$33,347.04, Debt Services \$33,347.04, Total \$33,347.04, General \$10,636.38, Option Tax \$2,322.57, Road Use Tax \$1,922.77, Water \$6,323.73, Sewer \$4,357.41, Electric \$30,647.11, Utility Deposits \$20,000.21, Debt Service \$50.38, Economic Development \$50.38, Library-Accounts \$50.38, Library-County \$50.38, Library-City \$50.38, Library-State \$50.38, Library Donations \$50.38, Library Sales \$50.38, Sales \$50.38, Transfers In \$50.38, Council and Mayor concerns were discussed.

Lares made the motion, seconded by Slick to adjourn at 8:04 pm. Ayes: Roethler, Lares, Slick. Nays: none. Absent: Pride, Heying. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be Monday August 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Alta Vista City Hall.

Burt Ostert, Mayor Attest: Jarrett Holthaus, City Clerk

No. 24129 7/18/24

Legal Notice - Legal Notice

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

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton.

Board members present were Berns, Cantu, Dahl and Anderson. Babcock was absent. General Manager Brian Quirk, Attorney O'Donohoe and Deputy Clerk Courtney Lechtenberg were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:25 p.m.

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

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Berns; that the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 10, 2024, be approved as presented. Ayes - Four. Nays - None. Absent - Babcock. Motion carried.

Moved by Dahl; seconded by Berns; that claims in the amount of \$73,603.47 be approved as presented. Ayes - Four. Nays - None. Absent - Babcock. Motion carried.

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

General Manager Report: 1. Fiber pulled in and spliced to the Mohawk Apartments

2. Continuing to get new customers Moved by Dahl, seconded by Cantu; that the meeting adjourn at 5:40 p.m. Ayes - Four. Nays - None. Absent - Babcock. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair TELECOMMUNICATIONS JULY 8, 2024 5:15 P.M.

Cedar Falls Utilities, Wholesale Bandwidth \$1,287.42 Payroll Account, June Salaries \$21,836.61

USA Television, Video Programming \$1,222.50 Madison National Life Ins, Term Life, AD&D, Supplemental Life \$72.35 ARIN, Annual Fee IP Addresses \$1,000.00

BIG Network, Digital Base, Total Base, BTN \$346.06 Calix, Inc., Cloud Support, Upgrade, Credits \$702.91

Cedar Falls Utilities, 28E Agreement \$1,223.45 FARR Technologies, Network Monitoring, General Consulting \$1,809.00

Fiserv Card Connect, Monthly Fee \$1,220.14 Innovative Systems, Software Monthly Fee, Printing, Mailing, License \$17,744.73

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M.T.S. Inc, Window Washing \$334.24 NCTC, Video Programming \$8,078.25

New Hampton Tribune, Legal Publication/Marketing \$127.04 NIMECA, Disability Insurance \$82.55

Rapid Printers, UPS, Copy Paper, Print Cartridges \$193.99 Schueth Ace Hardware, Battery AAA, Wire Conn \$25.98

Showtime Networks, Inc., Showtime Package \$8.51 US Copyright Office, Licensing Fee \$67.00

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED \$73,603.47 PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE JUNE 10, 2024

AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance \$48.12 Ameritas Variable Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$90.00

EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$1,797.40 Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withholding Tax \$583.18

Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS \$2,577.46 Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance \$3,239.82

TOTAL PAYROLL, \$8,335.98

No. 24121 7/18/24

I hereby certify the above report to be a true accurate account of transactions during the period(s) specified.

Matthew Ysbrand, Treasurer

Matthew Ysbrand

No. 24117 07/18/24 07/19/24

Report Totals: 13,023,151.94 20,259,399.86 33,282,551.80 19,961,299.65 72,564.11 13,393,816.26 13,393,816.26 0.00 381,789.10

Beginning Treasurer's Balance 2,536,217.12

Total Revenues 2,668,926.27

Beginning Balance + Total Revenues 5,205,143.39

Total Expenses 2,763,700.62

Change in Outstanding 58,991.20

Legal Notice - Legal Notice

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Table with columns: Beginning Treasurer's Balance, Total Revenues, Beginning Balance + Total Revenues, Total Expenses, Change in Outstanding, Calculated Ending Treasurer's Balance, Actual Ending Treasurer's Balance, Difference, Outstanding Bank Items.

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New Hampton keeps composure to claim Class 2A district title

DISTRICT: FROM 15

These Chickasaws had a solid approach at the plate and it also proved that the hard work put in by numerous players paid off at batting practice.

“Talyn literally has blisters on his hand from hitting so much,” said NH head coach Cory McDonald. “Besides forcing the boys to stay in this ballpark and hit morning through the night – there is nothing more we could have practiced. We were over-prepared for this game and it showed. We faced one of the best pitchers in Class 2A and we beat him.”

New Hampton senior left-hander Kael Meyers is also included in that conversation about who is considered the top pitcher in 2A.

Meyers didn't have his best stuff on the hill but it was good enough. He fanned eight, walked four and hit a batter, but he allowed just four hits and one earned run. Meyers worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the sixth where he induced a line-drive out to Gilbert to end the Green Devil threat after the Top of Iowa Conference squad had closed to within four runs down.

“I was just going into the game knowing I didn't have to do too much. I trusted my bats and we practiced this whole week to face him and I thought we did a really good job chasing him out early in the game,” said Meyers about Gast.

Gast, who currently leads the entire state (all classes) with a .600 batting average, hit an RBI double to right in the fifth to net Osage's last run of the evening. He was 3-3 with two RBI at the plate, but surrendered six earned runs on the night – double his total headed into the elimination contest.

Gast is third in 2A in strikeouts with 109 and Meyers is fourth (109). Meyers is tied for the state lead with 10 wins. He has not lost a game this season and is 10-0 with a 1.03 ERA.

New Hampton's game plan against Gast and Osage was simple – but obviously easier said than done.

“Make him throw strikes,” said NH senior center fielder Braden McShane. “There were a lot of guys getting on with walks and good battles.”

Many teams have taken the same approach this summer, but have not come up with positive results in an attempt to collect hits and runs against the hard-throwing lefty. One key according to Gilbert is don't wait around looking for that perfect pitch off the hand of Gast.

“Jumping on him first pitch,” said Gilbert.

Bohaty agreed. “The approach was to be aggressive and hop on his fast-ball,” said Bohaty, who leads Class 2A in putouts (311) and threw another runner out at second trying to steal on Saturday.

Bohaty answered the call as this red-hot bat produced two run-scoring doubles that produced four RBI. Bohaty homered and doubled in the 10-1 district semifinal victory over Garner-Hayfield-Ventura last week Tuesday. Bohaty's second-RBI double chased Green Devil ace Max Gast in the top of the third.

“When you get a pitcher in

a hole like that, you could just see it tear down their defense. We just kept putting it in play and that's all we needed to do because they were making errors,” said Bohaty.

New Hampton played well enough on offense against Osage to overcome five errors. The Chickasaws had several runners thrown out at the plate or get hung up between third and home without scoring.

“We had some errors, but we overcame that. We didn't lose our composure and we kept battling,” said Bohaty. “You can't give up at any moment. They gained some runs on us, but we never lost focus there.”

Gilbert laced an RBI triple to dead center over the head of Jake Krebsbach to score New Hampton's final run in the bottom of the fifth. The ball rocketed off Gilbert's bat and the threatening sky that surrounded Mikkelson Park on Saturday evening saw a gust of wind carry the ball all the way to the fence.

Rausch continued NH's hit parade in that five-run third inning to break the game wide open with a bloop single to right field, New Hampton up 5-2 at that point. Bundy, first-pitch swinging, ripped an RBI single to right in the next NH at-bat to jump the score up to 6-2. Eckley cranked a run-scoring single to left that made the score, 7-2.

The postseason victory was extra special for McDonald, whose birthday was Saturday. The New Hampton skipper celebrated his 50th birthday in style after the game as fans that stayed to soak in the victory sang him “Happy Birthday” near home plate.

McDonald shares a birthday (July 13) with his late father – Roscoe “Mac” McDonald. The first summer after his passing in October of 2020 at the age of 86, New Hampton went on a storied run on diamonds throughout the state and defeated Forest City in a district semifinal game in 2021 on the McDonald's shared birthday, which helped the Chickasaws reach Carroll.

“Here we are,” said McDonald. “Knowing my dad and how much he liked to celebrate and how much he loved a great time – I know my dad is here in spirit. My dad's here. My dad is here. He's celebrating his 90th with me on our birthday. This is the way my dad would want to celebrate it – watching these extraordinary young men compete would have my dad smiling ear to ear.”

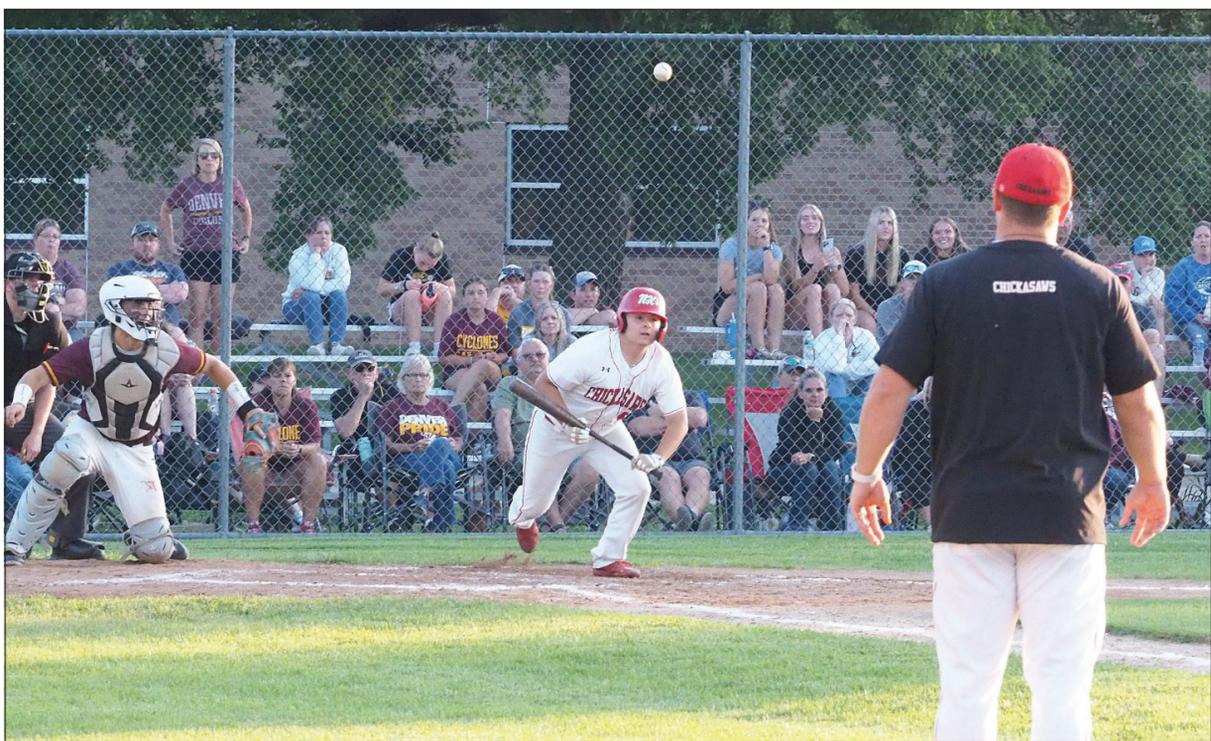
New Hampton played in its 15th-consecutive district title game since McDonald took over the program in 2009.

The Chickasaws will be heavy favorites over the Cyclones in the substate game, but Gilbert wanted to remind what pretty much any fan of baseball already knows.

“Nothing's guaranteed,” said Gilbert.

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OS 002 201 0 - 5
NH 205 110 X - 9
Pitching - Kael Meyers 5 2/3 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 8 K; Braden McShane 1 1/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

2B - Talyn Bohaty 2. 3B - Ben Gilbert. Runs - Meyers 3, McShane 2, Ty Robinson 2, Gilbert 1, Bohaty 1. Hits - Bohaty 2, Jaxon Eckley 1, Gilbert 1, Meyers 1, McShane 1, Reid Rausch 1, Braxton Bundy 1. RBI - Bohaty 4, Rausch 2, Eckley 1, Gilbert 1, Bundy 1.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Ty Robinson lays down a bunt in substate baseball action on Tuesday in Decorah. The Chickasaws are off to the state tournament in Carroll where they'll take on Class 2A's best in an eight-team field.

McShane's bat; Eckley's arm leads NH

NH BASEBALL: FROM 16

through in the bottom of the fourth.

McShane, who would finish the night 4-for-4, led off with an infield single and Bohaty was hit by a pitch before a perfect sacrifice bunt by Reid Rausch moved both of them in scoring position. Braxton Bundy's infield single scored McShane and then Robinson dropped a single just over the second baseman's head to score Jenkins, who was Bohaty's courtesy runner and when Bundy scored on a balk, New Hampton had a 3-0 lead.

Both RBI singles in that inning came on two-strike pitches, a fact not lost on New Hampton's veteran coach.

“We have worked a ton on our two-strike approach at the plate,” he said, “and it's paying off. Make contact, put the ball in play, that's where it has to start, and our guys did that over and over tonight.”

Denver, though, didn't roll over; in fact, the Cyclones got a run back in the top of the fifth inning before pitcher Jaxon Eckley got a strikeout to end the inning with the tying run at second.

“I knew the guys were counting on me, and I don't know, I got into trouble tonight but I knew I had to keep battling for my teammates,” Eckley said.

New Hampton put together another three-run inning in the fifth as Rausch's infield single scored Meyers and when the ball got away from the Cyclones' first baseman, McShane and Jenkins raced around the bases to make it 6-1.

Still, Denver wouldn't quit and loaded the bases with just one out in the sixth. Eckley buckled down again, getting a strikeout and a lineup to third baseman Caden Rochford to escape unscathed.

After New Hampton added two more runs – thanks to an RBI double by Gilbert and a run-scoring single off the bat of McShane in its half of the sixth – New Hampton was three outs from heading to Carroll for the first time since 2021.

Although Denver would load the bases again, Eckley recorded all three outs in the inning via the strikeout and the dogpile



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New Hampton's Ben Gilbert (above) raises the state banner and Noah Jenkins (below) crosses home plate in the substate final victory over Denver in Decorah on Tuesday.

Eckley finished with a four-hitter and struck out nine. But the junior also walked five and hit three batters. But all that mattered was that he gave up just one run and left 12 Cyclones stranded on base.

“He dug down deep,” McDonald said, “and he showed a competitive grit and gave us a whale of an effort.”

New Hampton is state bound, but the Chickasaws are not content with just making state; this time, they want to make some noise. New Hampton's trips to state in 2019 and 2021 both were one-and-done affairs. This year, they want more.

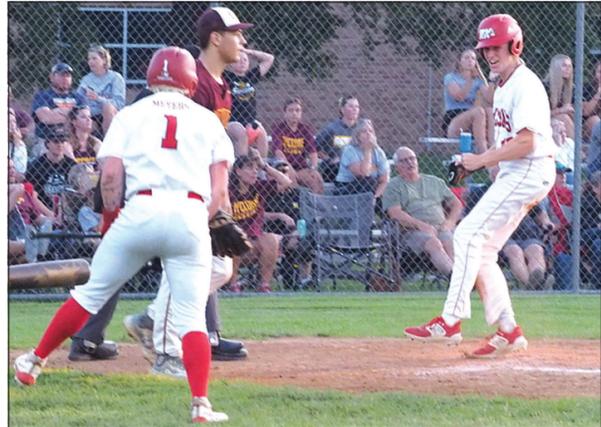
“It's great going back to Carroll,” Robinson said, “but now it's time win some games there. We're not satisfied.”

Just ask McShane.

“I want to be a Chickasaw for three more games,” he said. “We're going to focus on winning that first game and take it from there.”

McShane, Bohaty, Meyers and Gilbert all played pivotal roles on that 2021 team. Back then they were the proverbial babes in the woods, just freshmen.

“People thought we'd go to state every year, but God had a little bit different plan for this group,” McDonald said. “We had injuries and all that, but



they found the strength to get back to the top and enjoy the success they had this year. And I know these guys aren't done working. That's what makes this such a special group of guys.”

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Jaxon Eckley 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 9 K.
2B - Ben Gilbert. Runs - Braden McShane 2, Talyn Bohaty 2, Braxton Bundy 1, Noah Jenkins 1, Kael Meyers 1, Gilbert 1. Hits - McShane 4, Eckley 1, Gilbert 1, Meyers 1, Reid Rausch 1, Bundy 1, Ty Robinson 1. RBIs - Bundy 1, Robinson 1, Rausch 1, Gilbert 1, McShane 1.

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Shatek/Kobliska win tourney for fifth time

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back. This is like our 25th time that we've played in it." The Dimels love New Hampton so much that they plan on building a summer home near the nine-hole golf course in the near future.

"First of all, we love New Hampton," said Dana. "We love coming back to New Hampton." Dana Dimel has moved on from El Paso, Texas, where he coached the Miners to the New Mexico Bowl in 2021. He said he has recently been hired on as a senior offensive assistant for a Big Ten football school. That conference's media days will be held next week when the announcement is made.

"It's not official yet," smiled Dana. Josie's Midsummer Classic is a can't miss destination for Dimel and his wife, who saw their son, Winston, play full-back for UTEP back in 2018.

"I missed one year. I can't remember," said Dana. "I think it was when I was the head coach at Houston. Something was going on with my job and that's the only time I couldn't make it back."

What makes the "MidSummer" so sweet and such a great time?

"The people make it special and how much they support it," said Dana. "I've said this before. I don't know if I've ever met anybody from New Hampton that I don't like."

This year's tournament was once again won by the duo of Brad Shatek and Craig Kobliska – who fired a 121 to win the championship flight by five strokes. Nolan Boyd (member) and Carter Stochl (guest), along with Jordan Rommes (member) and Logan Schweinefus (guest), tied for the runner-up slot with 126s.

Shatek, a NHGCC member and Vice President of Fidelity Bank & Trust in New Hampton, won the tournament for the fifth time with his guest playing partner in Kobliska. The winning duo won the tournament last year.

There were eight flights, including the championship flight, that comprised 64 pairings that played 36-holes over the weekend to crown several winners in various flights.

The competition is top-notch and the conversation and memories made are priceless according to Dimel.

"The young people that organize and run it put so much of their hard-earned time into it. You can tell there's so much pride in it," said Dana Dimel. "They take such great care of the golf course. The golf course is so well-maintained. Just everything is done in a very first-class way. It's just nothing but fun – everybody enjoying each other's company."

Julie seconded what her husband had to say about the committee members of the NHGCC, volunteers and employees that put on one hell of a fundraising party in New Hampton to honor a legend and help keep the golf course in New Hampton as lush, vibrant and as beautiful as ever.

"It's the same people and they've just kept it rolling for so many years," said Julie.

When asked what's the first thing one would think of when Duane "Josie" Josephson comes to mind or his name is brought up and Julie had this to say.

"The most amazing person there ever was," said an emotional Julie.

Of course, she would have loved for her husband to meet her father, but he passed before the couple was married.

"He didn't get to meet him," said Julie about her husband, Dana.

A special moment occurred on Friday during the kick-off ceremony when Nick Noehl, a NHGCC member who played in the tournament, recognized a couple familiar faces to many – Vern Laures and his wife, Jean.

Vern and Jean were named honorary starters and have been lifelong NHGCC members. The Laures – who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary in September – had several members of their family



Photo provided by NHGCC

Vern and Jean Laures (above) take part in Friday's kick-off ceremony of the Josie's MidSummer Classic at the NHGCC and Julie Dimel (below) watches the golf action with her dog Lucky on Saturday.



in attendance to mark the special occasion.

Vern and Jean have been NHGCC members since 1965 and along with others helped raise over \$300,000 in less than 30 days when the newly-constructed clubhouse faced financial problems back in 2007.

Vern Laures – who started Vern Laures Auto Center in town over 60 years ago – perhaps summed it up best about the community of New Hampton and its accompanying golf course.

"Faith, family and friends is what this life is all about," said Vern Laures.

Trojans fall at Kee High in district play

Hawks top TV for fourth time in 2024

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley Trojans' season came to end last week Tuesday at Shooky Fink Field in New Albin against the host Kee High Hawks.

It was the fourth time this year that the Trojan baseball squad had taken on Kee. The final meeting was for the opportunity to move on and advance in a Class 1A, District 8 semifinal tilt.

Playing in its first second-round postseason contest in six years, TV fell to Kee by a score of 10-0 in six innings.

Kee High knocked out the Trojans in the opening round last year by a score of 6-1 and the Hawks have now defeated TV four times in the last six postseasons.

Kee (26-11) would go on to lose to Upper Iowa Conference champion South Winneshiek (23-9) by a score of 3-1 this past Saturday night in the district title game in Calmar.

Kee High broke the game wide open in the second inning with seven runs on six hits to race out to a 7-0 lead. The Hawks batted around and sent 10 Hawks to the plate in the difficult frame for the Trojans. A big blow in that inning was Jordan Cota's bases-loaded double that cleared the bases. Cota would go 2-3 in the game with four RBI.

"We had trouble getting out of the second inning and that was our downfall. The kids battled to the end, but a seven-run deficit is difficult to overcome," said Trojan head coach Dan Stepan, who wrapped up his 22nd season coaching his Trojans after the district setback.

The Trojans threatened to score in the top of the second inning after freshman Jordan Kriener reached base on a single with two outs and sophomore Hunter Kruse drew a walk. Kee High hurler Cameron Lind was able to notch a strikeout to get out of the inning. Lind did the same in the fifth as he

worked a strikeout to get out of a first-and-third jam.

Lind pitched five innings and allowed three hits – the one by Kriener, Russell Nieman and Oliver Schmitt.

Stepan sent his sophomore ace out to the hill in Logan Busta and he could not get out of that big second inning for the Hawks. Busta retired the top of the order in the first inning on a grounder to third, comebacker to the mound and a groundout to second. Nieman relieved him and pitched four-plus innings. He allowed four hits, two earned runs and struck out three.

Schmitt's single started off the sixth and was followed by an Aidan Holthaus hit-by-pitch. Cota, working in relief, was able to fan a batter to end the contest without letting a Trojan runner cross the plate.

TV did not commit an error in the elimination contest.

TV advanced to the semifinals of district play after topping Riceville, 8-3, in the opening quarterfinal round of play on Saturday, July 6 in Calmar.

"You always want to advance through the rounds and it was nice to get to the district semifinal this year," said Stepan.

The Trojans (11-16-1) lost to Kee during the regular season by scores of 6-0, 5-0 and 8-3.

Turkey Valley won nine out of 11 first-round games from 2008 to 2018 according to Stepan.

The Trojan seniors that played their final game in a TV uniform were Schmitt, Nieman, Holthaus, Caleb Kurtenbach and Braylen Byrne.

"Our five seniors were very pivotal to our success. They were the heart of our order and will be missed. We are talking about graduating 17 total varsity baseball letters in those five young men. They will be hard to replace," said Stepan.

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Pitching - Logan Busta 1 1/3 IP, 5 H, 7 R, 7 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Russell Nieman 4 1/3 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

Hits - Nieman 1, Oliver Schmitt 1, Jordan Kriener 1.

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Members of the Turkey Valley baseball team this summer included (front row, from left) Alex Hanson, Nicholas Bernhard, Hunter Kruse, Jonah Orvis, Mitchell Kriener, Hugo Busta, Isaiah Wheeler, Jayden Rausch, Cale Langreck (back row) head coach Dan Stepan, Wyatt Maklenberg, Ethan Orvis, J.D. Kruse, Russell Nieman, Oliver Schmitt, Caleb Kurtenbach, Braylen Byrne, Aidan Holthaus, Logan Busta, Jordan Kriener and assistant coaches Steve Busta and Noah Hanson.



Members of the Turkey Valley softball team this summer included (front row, from left) manager Sofia Rivera, Jenna Threlson, Morgan Vsetecka, Aver Vsetecka, Raelen Manderfield, Makinley Lutgen, Kendall Kuennen, Alexis Elsbend, (back row) head coach Junior Hackman, Courtney Ball, Alexis Gruenberg, Annika Bodensteiner, Delaney Busta, Haylee Hanson, Autumn Maklenberg, Addison Lutgen, Layni Schuchhardt, assistant coach Anthony Troyna, and (not pictured) Karstyn Lukes.

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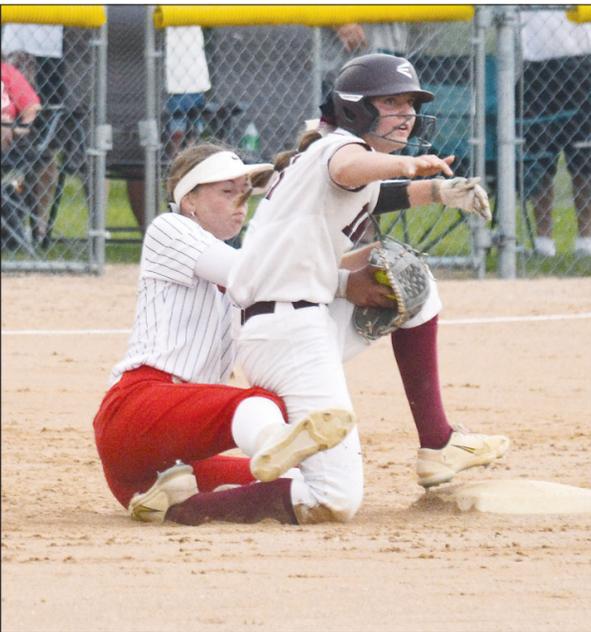
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New Hampton shortstop Jenna Heeren (above) makes the tag on Independence's Jordin Derr for an out at second base while the Chickasaws' Claire Geerts (below) lines a basehit during Saturday's regional semifinal game.

New Hampton battles but comes up short in 3A regional semifinal

Independence quiets Chickasaw bats; 6-1 loss ends careers of two outstanding seniors

By Bob Fenske
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In a perfect world, New Hampton seniors Jenna Heeren and Claire Geerts would have awoken Sunday morning with their high school softball careers still intact.

Alas, the world — especially the sports version — sometimes throws us curveballs.

So instead of getting ready for a Class 3A regional final, the two seniors dealt with the anguish that came with a 6-1 loss to Independence in Saturday night's semifinal game, but Heeren and Geerts both took the glass-is-half-full approach as they talked about their final game and season as Chickasaws.

"It wasn't what we wanted," Geerts said, "but it was the best season we've had since we started playing and it was fun. Obviously, we'd love to be playing another game, but we fought hard all season long."

Heeren echoed her teammate. "This is the most fun I've had

CHICKASAWS GET FIRST PLAYOFF WIN SINCE 2020.

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in my five years of playing," she said after the Chickasaws wrapped up a 14-14 season, the first time New Hampton had reached the .500 mark since 2019. "We came a long way this year, and I think what made this special was we never quit, we never gave up. Even in a lot of the games we didn't win, we had a 'we believe' mindset."

New Hampton certainly didn't quit on Saturday despite facing an early 3-0 deficit.

The Chickasaws used a two-out rally in the third inning to get on the scoreboard as freshman Sydney Laures drew a walk, moved to second on a passed ball, took third on a Cora Schwickerath single and scored on a wild pitch.

In the fourth inning, Heeren

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The state-bound New Hampton Chickasaw baseball team dogpiles near the mound in Decorah on Tuesday evening after an 8-1 win over Denver that sent them to the Class 2A State Tournament in Carroll next week.

STATE TOURNEY BOUND BABY!

CHICKASAWS TOP UPSTART DENVER 8-1 IN SUBSTATE GAME TO EARN TRIP TO CARROLL

By Bob Fenske
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New Hampton senior Ty Robinson stood in a sea of humanity Tuesday night, and nothing — absolutely nothing — was going to wipe the smile off his face.

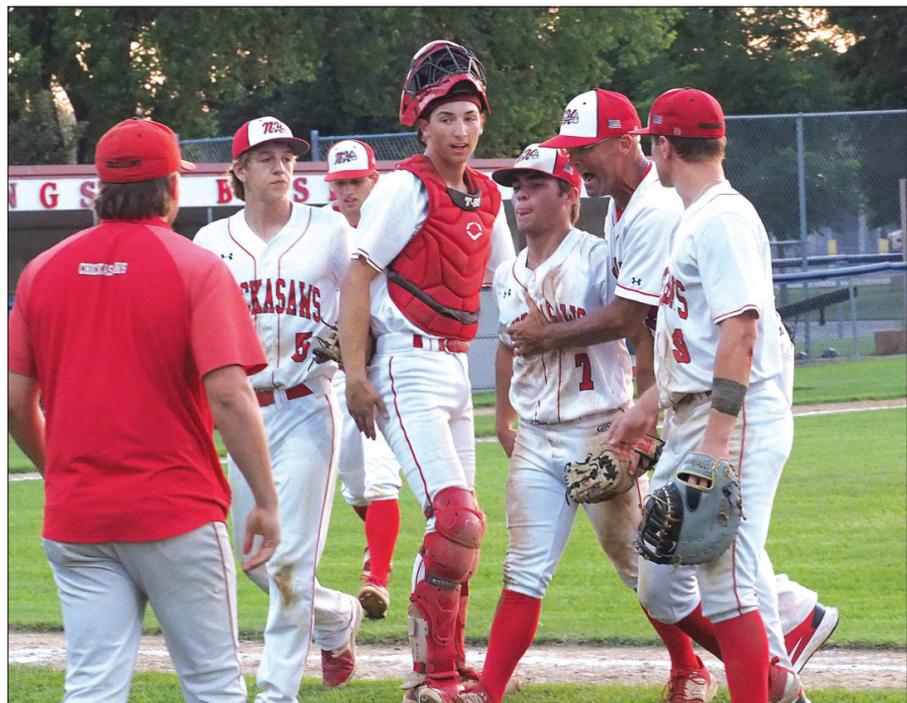
"These guys are amazing, all of 'em," he said, "and I'm just so glad we get to play more baseball."

The Chickasaws had just beaten an upstart Denver squad that had entered the postseason with four wins by a seemingly comfortable margin. The scoreboard said it was a rout — 8-1 New Hampton — in the substate game played at Decorah, but make no mistake about it, this was a gritty win by a determined bunch of Chickasaws.

The win improved New Hampton's record to 27-6, but honestly, the record didn't matter one iota. Advancing to the state tournament for the third time in the past six seasons, that's what counted.

The Chickasaws will head back to Carroll for the Class 2A tournament and will play on Tuesday. Pairings for the state tournament weren't announced until Wednesday morning after this edition of the Tribune went to press, but coach Cory McDonald was emphatic Tuesday night when he said his group of six seniors — Talyn Bohaty, Ben Gilbert, Noah Jenkins, Kael Meyers, Braden McShane and Robinson — not only deserved to end their careers on the big stage that is state but they had earned it.

"There are no words to express how proud I am of this group of seniors, this group of players, our fans and our community," an emotional McDonald said Tuesday night. "They've battled through so

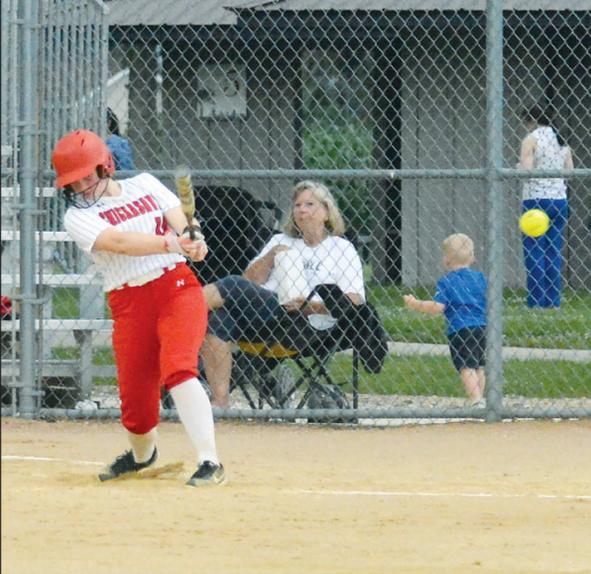


much, yet their commitment to the game and to each other is just amazing."

Make no mistake about it, though, New Hampton had to work out of it against a Denver team that had pulled off three stunning victories to claim its district title and earn a substate date with the sixth-ranked Chickasaws.

Through 3 1/2 innings, neither team could navigate a runner to the plate before the Chickasaws finally broke

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Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver (above) chips on to the green of Hole No. 9 at the Midsummer Classic on Saturday and Dana Dimel (right) tees off on Hole No. 1 at the NHGCC.

MidSummer Classic nails it again

Vern and Jean Laures named honorary starters

By Kelly Terpstra
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The 1970 Topps baseball card — with gray border — of Duane "Josie" Josephson shows the Chicago White Sox slugger holding his bat and ready for a pitch to come his way.

Dana Dimel had one of those collectible cards — along with several others — which featured the former White Sox and Boston Red Sox catcher that was born and raised in New Hampton.

In fact, Dimel's collection of that all-time great Chickasaw sports legend was made even more noteworthy and cherished for him personally when he married one of Josephson's daughters, Julie, after the former Major Leaguer retired.

Dimel — the former head football coach at UTEP for the last six seasons — was milling around the clubhouse and getting ready to tee-off on Hole No. 1 at the New Hampton Golf & Country Club this past Saturday afternoon. He was also honoring a father-in-law he never got to know.

Dimel was taking part in the memorial golf tournament known as the Josie's Midsummer Classic. The men's best-shot format tourney is named after Josephson, who helped start the fundraising get-together back in the early 80s. Josephson passed away in 1997, but his memory is just as strong as ever as the 42nd installment of the much sought after and well-thought-of tournament concluded on Sunday.

"This tournament epitomizes my dad," said Julie Dimel, the fourth of Duane and Nancy Josephson's six kids — along with Jeff, Jon, Terri, Suzi and Kris.

Dimel's playing partner was Jeff Josephson and all those affiliated with the Josephson bunch wore black White Sox jerseys on Saturday to memorialize "Josie." Dimel said he's been playing in the memorial golf tournament that helps raise funds for the NHGCC for a quarter of a century.

"It's been named after 'Josie,' who everybody adores," said Dana Dimel. "That makes it even more special to be

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