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Kenwood bid comes in higher than expected

Board of Supervisors receives one bid for joint county-city paving project but it's 113 percent of engineer's estimate

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It wasn't the news the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors wanted when it came to a much-talked about road improvement project. During Monday's board meeting, supervisors received just one bid on a paving project for a 0.7 mile stretch of Kenwood Avenue from Highway 18

south to 210th St., and that bid came from Croell Inc. for \$797,120.71. The bad news? That, according to Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing, is 113 percent over the engineer's estimate that is a joint venture between the county and the city of New Hampton. Board members last month set Monday as the bid letting date and had hoped that by giving contractors

the option of completing the project in 2025 that the county would attract more competitive bids. Instead, supervisors hit "pause" on the project, although it appeared that board members were still in support of the project that would fix a road that Lensing has said often in the past has fallen into disrepair. After Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski opened the only bid the

county received, Lensing asked the board if it would go into a short recess so he could calculate what the costs would be to the city of New Hampton. Instead, supervisors said they were comfortable with waiting until this coming Monday's meeting before voting on whether or not to award the project.

Supervisor Matt Kuhn pointed out that the New Hampton City Council doesn't meet until Aug. 5 so "there's really no rush"

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Both Ashlyn & Delaney Busta are lifeguards at the New Hampton Pool and we would like to help support them and their family!

They were involved in a devastating accident and Ashlyn is currently hospitalized in Iowa City. We have reduced the entry fee for this swim to \$5 and if able, we kindly ask that you give a separate free will donation to the Busta Family upon entry. If writing a check, Please make payable to "ASHLYN BUSTA BENEFIT" and it will be taken directly to Bank Iowa.

City's Legion post bucking the trend with membership

Key to Fae Stine Post 38's success? Attracting younger members to join with 'no pressure'

BY BOB FENSKE
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These are tough times for veterans organizations around the country, but New Hampton's American Legion post is swimming against the proverbial tide. "We're doing pretty well," said Brian Quirk, who has been a member

of the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 for three decades and served the organization in a variety of roles, including commander. "Our membership is strong, and we've been able to attract younger folks who have come home from the service."

The key? Not applying the pressure.

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Off to state tournament baseball!

New Hampton senior Talyn Bohaty (above) autographs Kai Smith's t-shirt while teammate Caden Rochford (right) waits inside the bowels of the bus to load up equipment as the Chickasaws began the trek to Carroll and the Class 2A state baseball tournament. Second-seeded New Hampton took on Applington-Parkersburg in the tournament's opening round on Tuesday evening.

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Swim under the lights to benefit injured lifeguards

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The New Hampton Municipal Pool wants to help two of its own so it's dedicating tonight's (Thursday) "Late Night Swim" to a pair of lifeguards who were injured earlier this month in an accident.

"Swim for Them" will run from 8:30 to 10 p.m. today at the pool, where a freewill donation will be taken to support the family of Ashlyn and Delaney Busta, two of the pool's lifeguards who were injured in a boating accident over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. New Hampton Parks and

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Cale and Chloe Pickar have a little fun at the New Hampton Municipal Pool's splash pad on a warm Monday afternoon.

August pool hours remain up in the air

Parks and Rec director says facility has had a 'solid' year but may be short on lifeguards

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Finding lifeguards who can fit a shift into their busy schedules has almost become a rite of August for New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman.

The summer of 2024 is certainly not the exception. Between older lifeguards heading back to college and younger high school-aged students diving into fall sports and other school activities, it's a challenge to put it succinctly. "We haven't made any definite decisions," Hackman said, "but honestly, we're probably

going to have to have some kind of alterations to the schedule next month. August is just a really difficult month. We want to be open but we have to have the staffing."

Hackman said the pool has had a "solid" summer, but she added that the weather hasn't always cooperated. She said even with the lack of a real honest-to-goodness heat wave, attendance hasn't been bad but the facility also hasn't had those days when the whole town seems to be at the Mikkelson Park facility. "We haven't had those string

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Pre-planning a funeral can be final gift to your family

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Years ago, when Andy Hugeback was in mortuary school, he heard some sage

advice from one of his instructors.

"I remember it like it was yesterday," Hugeback said, "because it's so true. He told us, 'The last gift you can give

your kids is to plan your own funeral.' And he was right. It's such a difficult time for family members that pre-planning makes perfect sense."

Hugeback is now a funeral director at his family's business, Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory, and he estimates that he has met with 80 residents this year and helped them pre-plan their funerals.

"It's become a pretty big thing," he said, "and I think people are realizing a couple of things — how much it takes the pressure, if you want to call it that, off their family members and that they can have the funeral they want."

And how detailed are those plans?

That, the funeral director said, is entirely up to those who come in to have a chat about pre-planning their funeral.

"It can be super detailed or it can just be the a rough design of what the funeral will look like," Hugeback said. "I have a bunch of questions I ask them — like do you want it in a church, do you want a visitation here at the funeral home, do you want a burial or cremation? There's a lot that goes into funeral planning, and I'll go in as much, or as little, detail as they want."

He said Hugeback-Johnson's

pre-planning can take two different routes. It can just be a simple planning of the funeral or it can be the beginning of "pre-paying" for that last rite.

"That's another gift you can give your family," he said. "Let's face it, funerals aren't cheap and to have that off their plate, if people can afford it, it's something to think about."

He said one of the advantages of pre-paying for a funeral with Hugeback-Johnson is that the funeral home will honor that price even if that funeral occurs years in the future.

At the same time, Hugeback said he is up front with those who meet with him.

"I can't promise them the exact casket, for example," he said, "because if it's 10, 20, 30 years down the road, I don't know if they'll still have that. What I tell people is that we will get really close to it."

And while he asks a lot of questions, he also said that pre-planning isn't a "one-and-done" process.

Pre-planners always have the option of changing their minds.

"Some people are really specific," he said, "right down to knowing what songs they want played and sang at their funeral, but over time, they change their minds. I just had someone stop in and say they wanted to change their songs, we pulled out their folder and changed it."

And just like no two funerals are alike, so, too, no two pre-planning sessions are the same.

Some people know exactly what they want included — and not included — in their obituaries. Some people basically just want to make sure their funeral is in this church. Some



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Funeral Director Andy Hugeback poses for a family picture with his wife, Hayley, and their two children — Mila and Brooks.

people know they want lunch served at the funeral home or catered by this restaurant.

But the comforting part of the process for many who visit with Hugeback is that they are not adding an extra burden on their spouses or children when they pass away.

Hugeback said that while most of the people he visits about pre-plans are in their 70s, "if you're 25 and want

to plan your funeral, we'll sit down and talk."

In the end, funerals are really about a lot of logistics, and getting those out of the way is a comfort to both the pre-planner and their families.

"You hear it all the time, 'I'm not sure what mom wanted' or 'would dad like this?' Pre-planning is a way to know what mom wanted and what dad liked."

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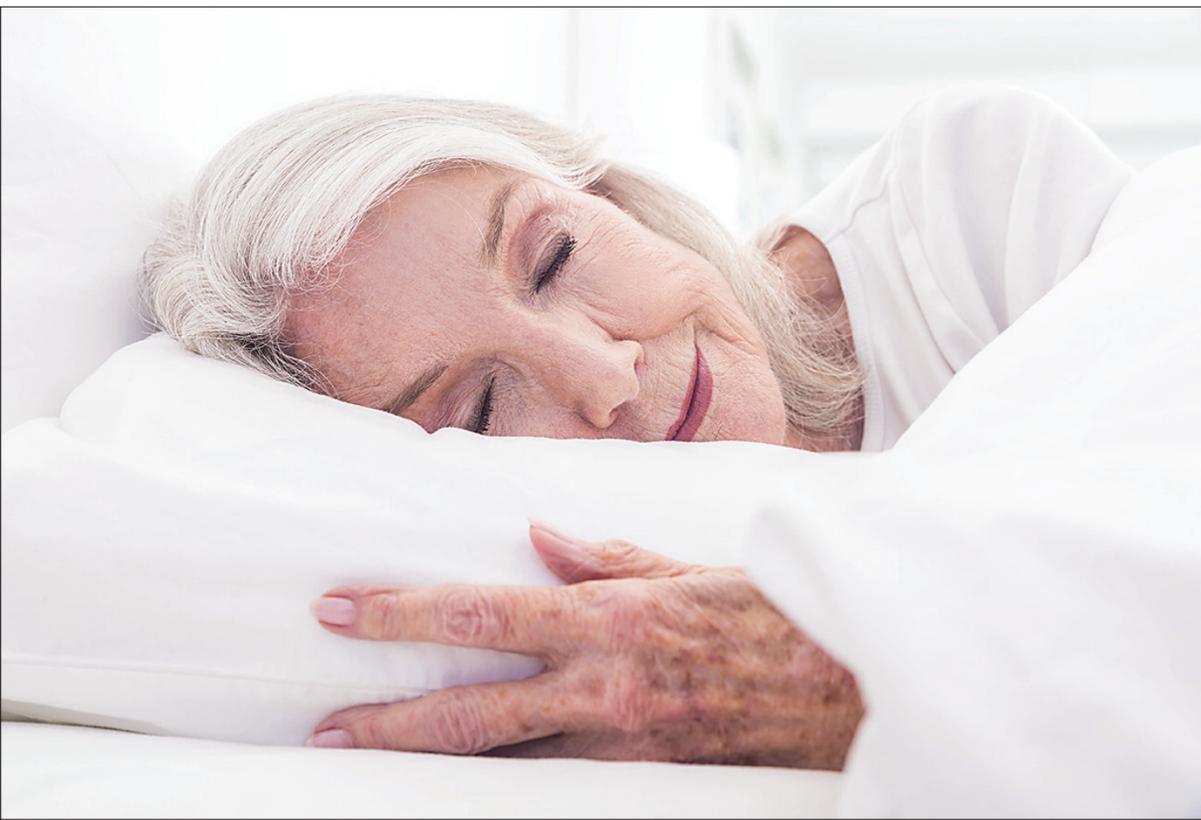
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The National Council on Aging says sleep issues that older adults face may be a byproduct of various contributing factors.

The link between sleep and healthy aging

A good night's rest can be just what the body needs to feel revitalized and ready to tackle a new day.

Indeed, rest is important for people of all ages, including seniors.

The National Council on Aging notes the brain needs sleep to regulate the body, restore energy and repair damage.

Recognition of that is vital for aging men and women, some of whom may be more vulnerable to sleeping problems than they realize. In addition to being more vulnerable to age-related health problems that can interrupt their sleep, thus affecting its quality, aging men and women may find their sleep routines change over time.

For example, a 2019 study published in the journal BMC Geriatrics found that active elderly people reported it took them longer to fall asleep as

they got older.

The NCOA says it's a misconception that older adults need more sleep than younger people, noting adults of all ages require the same amount of nightly rest.

However, things may change for seniors in regard to how much time they need to spend in bed.

The NCOA notes this is because adults may be more likely to experience poor sleep quality and continuity.

When that occurs, adults still need the recommended minimum of seven hours of nightly sleep, but they may need to spend more time in bed since it's taking them longer to fall asleep.

It's important that aging adults recognize that they can spend too much time sleeping as well.

A 2019 study published in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society found that

too much sleep is linked to the same health problems as too little sleep, issues that include an elevated risk for heart disease and falls.

Sleep issues affecting older adults also may be a byproduct of various contributing factors. The NCOA notes that frequent contributors to sleep concerns include:

- Pain that affects the back, neck, or joints
- Mental health issues, including anxiety and depression

• Neurodegenerative disorders that are more frequent among aging populations, such as dementia and Alzheimer's

- Sleep apnea or disordered breathing at night
- Restless leg syndrome, a condition that tends to worsen with age and is characterized by an urge to move limbs often

• Nocturia, a condition marked by a need to urinate at night

- Stimulating medications or medication interactions
- Decreased exposure to sunlight
- Sedentary lifestyle

Aging men and women who are experiencing difficulty sleeping should know that such issues are treatable and not something that needs to be accepted as a normal part of growing older.

For example, individuals whose sleep is routinely interrupted by a need to urinate can avoid certain beverages, including alcohol and caffeinated drinks.

Sleep and healthy aging go hand in hand.

Aging adults experiencing difficulty sleeping can consult their physicians and visit ncoa.org to learn more about overcoming sleep-related issues.

The 'silver tsunami' is real phenomenon in U.S., Europe

The United States is changing, and observant individuals may notice the nation is skewing a little older than it has in recent years.

Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate roughly 56 million Americans had reached age 65 by 2020, which marked a nearly 39 percent increase since 2010. The increase in the population that has reached traditional retirement age has been dubbed a "silver tsunami," and that increase could stretch government resources thin in the decades to come. In fact, a 2018 report from the Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy noted that the federal government could face considerable challenges as more of its budget is allocated to age entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare.

That problem may not prove unique to the United States, as the United Nations estimates that the elderly population in Europe is expected to account for around 30 percent of all residents by 2050.

Though entitlement programs differ from country to country, finding ways to successfully manage the silver tsunami could be imperative to various nations' financial stability in the decades to come.

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There's help as you get ready to go on Medicare

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It's not the easiest world to navigate.

Just ask anyone who has gone through the process of getting enrolled in Medicare — which may be the biggest challenge of them all when it comes to turning 65.

But the good news is there's help and it comes from a ship — mind you, not a cruise one but a different kind of SHIIP, the acronym for Senior Health Insurance Information Program.

"It's a very complicated process, to say the least," said Jennifer Monteith, the public relations and development director at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, "and the best part of SHIIP is it pro-

vides help, provides support that people need to navigate the process so that they're getting what they need."

MercyOne has two SHIIP counselors — with another one coming on board once his training is complete — who not only help those reaching Medicare age but also work with those already in Medicare during the program's annual "open enrollment" period.

And Monteith is quick to point out that local insurance agencies also provide services to those who are on Medicare.

Last year, more than 250 area residents took advantage of the services offered by the hospital's SHIIP counselors, who are trained in helping people navigate the complex system.

Monteith pointed out that the counselors won't tell people

what they have to do; instead, they are on hand to provide the information that residents about to become Medicare eligible need to make sure they get the plans that will cover their needs.

According to the website medicare.gov, there are a variety of types of Medicare.

There's what people refer to as "traditional Medicare," i.e. Parts A (hospital insurance) and B (medical insurance).

But there is also Part D, which provides drug coverage.

There's also Medicare Advantage and Medigap; in other words, we weren't kidding when we said it's not the easiest world to navigate.

And, of course, there are scammers out there as well, which is why Monteith believes residents who are about to



become Medicare eligible should reach out to SHIIP counselors and/or trusted insurance agents.

"Our information is out there, so just like you get the AARP cards, when you get close to 65, you're going to get a lot of offers," she said. "They're going to offer you different kind of perks — eating out, gift cards, all that — but it takes help from people to make sure you're getting the coverage you need."

"A \$50 gift card doesn't help you that much if it doesn't cover the prescriptions you have to have, right?"

Those who are not receiving Social Security benefits need to understand Medicare dead-

lines. Basically, you have three months before your 65th birthday, your birthday month and three months after your birthday to enroll in the program.

And even those who have been on Medicare for years rely on SHIIP counselors and trusted insurance agents because Medicare is ever changing.

"Counselors are constantly going to training because like anything, Medicare doesn't remain the same," Monteith said. "What worked this year or five years ago for someone may not work now."

Those that want to avail themselves of the services from MercyOne New Hampton's SHIIP counselors can call the hospital at 641-394-1626 to set

up an appointment.

"I think picking someone you can trust, using a SHIIP volunteer for example, is just a really smart thing to do," Monteith said. "They've been there and can talk your language."

And there is no charge for those who use the confidential program.

"Really, the whole point of the program is to help our residents be able to make informed decisions," Monteith said.

"Again, they're not going to tell you that you have to do this or do that, they're going to help you — by laying all the information out there — be able to make a decision that's best for you."

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Let's look at some of the common options available for borrowing and using credit:

- **Credit card** – When used carefully – and not over-used – a credit card can be a valuable tool, especially if you travel frequently. Many people tend to stick with the same credit card without exploring what else is out there. Try to find a card that rewards you in as many ways as possible – and then keep your eyes open occasionally for even better rewards that can change from time to time. Obviously, you want a card with a low interest rate, although ideally, you'd like to pay the card off each month without incurring any interest. You also should take a close look at a card's other features. Are you getting a competitive amount of mileage points?

- **How much is your annual fee?** Do you have a generous "cash back" program? Do you have access to "extras," such as airport lounges?

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- **Securities-based lend-**

ing – Just as a home equity line of credit lets you borrow against the equity in your home, a securities-based loan, such as a margin loan, lets you borrow against the value of your investments, including stocks, exchange traded funds and mutual funds. Some people take out margin loans to purchase more investments, but you can use the money for any purpose. The margin loan process is usually not complex and when you make repayments, you're paying yourself back. However, you should approach a margin loan with caution because if you borrow too much, the value of your margin account may fall below the maintenance requirement – the minimum dollar amount you must keep in your margin account after you've started taking money out. When this happens, your brokerage institution may issue a maintenance call that requires you to either deposit more money or marginable securities or sell some of the investments in your account.

Ultimately, when weighing your borrowing and credit options, you'll want to evaluate several factors: the interest rate you'll be paying, the purpose for taking on the debt, your ability to repay it without impinging on your cash flow, and so on. With careful thought and planning, and, if needed, help from a financial professional, you can make your debt work for you – and not the other way around.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Motorists make their way down a stretch of Kenwood Avenue that Chickasaw County and New Hampton officials hope to complete a paving project on either later this year or in 2025.

Supervisors give engineer OK to fill open assistant position

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

and his fellow board members agreed.

The project between the county and the city of New Hampton was first proposed in January, and two months later, the city came on board and signed a 28E agreement with the county to pay back its portion of the project costs over a five-year period.

Because the Croell Inc. property along the east side of the road is within the city limits, the city is responsible for half of the costs for about 2,016 1/2 feet of the project. The preliminary engineer's estimate for New Hampton's portion of the project was just under \$175,000, and if the city's portion increases by 13 percent, that would mean New Hampton would pay about \$22,750 more.

Under the terms of the agreement between the two entities, the city will pay the county back in five equal annual installments, beginning on July 5, 2025.

The county plans on using most of its remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars to fund its portion of the project, and will front the city money through its Infrastructure Fund.

The bid opening took place after supervisors gave the go-ahead to Lensing to fill an open assistant engineer position created by the recent resignation of Leighton Gaul. New Hampton resident Terry Johnson

questioned Lensing on the need for two assistant engineers, especially in light of the fact that before Dusten Rolando resigned his engineer position in 2021, the county shared an engineer with Floyd County and had just one assistant.

"Dusty will tell you right away, he didn't do much design," Lensing said. "I am picking up a lot of that design, and I am picking up a lot of that design and I'm also trying to train two assistants to pick up that design."

In the past, Lensing has pointed out that doing design work "in-house" saves the county money because it doesn't have to pay consultant fees.

The engineer added that he's hoping the county will add TIF road projects and that the county is seeking and receiving more grants.

"It's a lot of time, Terry. If you want to come in, I'll tell you," he said. "Bremer County has three assistants to their engineer. Howard County has a singular engineer and he has two assistants."

When Johnson countered with "Bremer has more paved roads than you'll ever have," Supervisor Jake Hackman, who joined the meeting by phone, made a motion to fill the open position and it passed on a 5-0 vote.

Lensing, though, had less luck when it came to raising a new employee's pay two months earlier than the contract with the union that represents Secondary Roads

Department.

Under the terms of the contract, a new employee is paid 90 percent of the base wage for six months and then 95 percent of the base wage for his or her second six months.

"I will say he has done a great job working and fitting in with all the guys," Lensing said and added that he had reached out to the union and had been told it had no qualms about granting the bump from 90 to 95 percent two months early.

Kuhn, though, expressed doubts because he thought the county would be setting a precedent.

"My concern is that we're starting something here by doing this earlier," he said. "I'm not saying this guy isn't a great employee, but I'm just concerned we're starting something."

"Starting to incentivize doing good work or being above and beyond," Lensing responded. "It's not like I'm saying we want to give it to everybody ... but that would force us to look at their performance by setting this precedent and it could go one way or the other. It could go good; it could go bad."

But on a 3-2 vote – with only Supervisors Steve Breitbach and Travis Suckow supporting the motion – the board voted not to grant what would have been a \$1.41-per-hour wage increase.

New superintendent ready to build relationships at N-P

Marley will continue as superintendent at Tripoli

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Jay Marley is first and foremost a people person.

He's been that way since his high school days back in Riceville and throughout his career in education.

"I'm a relationship guy," Marley said, "and I think that's the most important part of education. The goals we want to achieve only happen when you have good relationships with students, teachers and parents."

So that's why Nashua-Plainfield's new superintendent has hit the ground running since beginning his new position on July 1. His goal is to talk with every single staff member in the district before the official start of the school year on Aug. 16, the day the district's teachers begin the annual pre-school year professional development days.

"I'm not coming in here to reinvent the wheel," Marley said. "Nashua-Plainfield has a lot of good things going for it. I knew that when I applied for the job, I knew that when I got the job, my goal is to find those good things and make them great and see where we can improve."

Marley will continue to work as the superintendent at Tripoli as the two districts entered a sharing agreement in which he will focus about 60 percent of this time in Nashua-Plainfield and 40 percent in Tripoli.

He has spent the past three years as both the superintendent and principal at Tripoli, where he has worked for the past five years. He spent his first two years at the small district in Bremer County as the middle school and high school principal, special education director and activities director.

Before going to Tripoli, he had a variety of roles at Osage, beginning as a classroom teacher and coach before becoming the district's middle school principal and activities director.

His heart, Marley said, belongs in small, rural districts like Nashua-Plainfield and Tripoli.

schools give kids. Are there challenges? Absolutely, but I think when you take a team approach, when you're willing to listen to input from everyone, that's when you clear those hurdles."

Marley graduated from Riceville in 1995, so he's been familiar with Nashua-Plainfield for decades; after all, when he was a Wildcat four-sport athlete back in the day, the two schools were both in the old Corn Bowl Conference.

He grew up with five brothers and sisters, and four of the Marley siblings are educators. "We had great teachers and support from our parents growing up," he said, "and I think that's one reason we have a houseful of teachers. We had great examples to follow."

Marley is, in a word, organized. So that means he has a plan for his first six months on the job.

Phase I is relationship building and will be ongoing through August. Phase II is seeking to understand, which will take place in August and September. He has dubbed Phase III setting the course and that will take place from September through November. And Phase IV? Delivery, which he says will be delivered in December and beyond.

But it starts with relationships, ones he began seeking on July 1. He said he's going to ask three simple questions to help guide conversations with staff members.

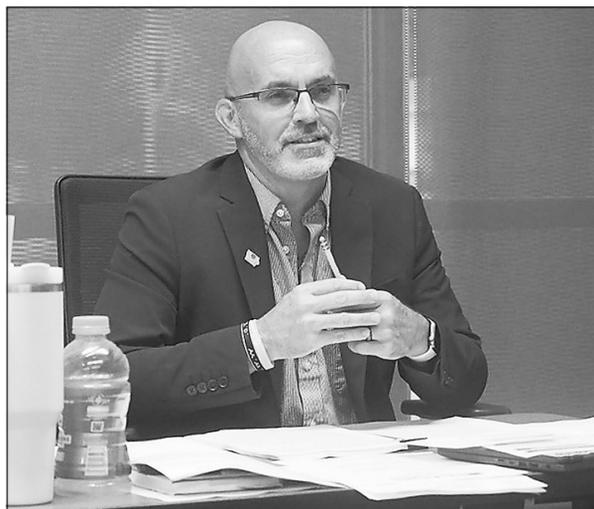
- What should the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District keep doing?

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- What should the Nashua-Plainfield Community School District start doing?

"They sound simple, but I really want our people to know that we all have a stake in the future of our district," he said. "Through the hiring process and all that, I've come to know we have a strong board that really cares about kids in our community, and I can't wait to get going."

He added that he will also reach out to various stakehold-



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Nashua-Plainfield Superintendent Jay Marley listens to the discussion during a July 15 School Board meeting.

ers – current students, recent graduates, parent groups, the Nashua-Plainfield Education Association, community leaders, major employers, business owners, church leaders and non-profit organizations.

"My goal with these conversations is to reinforce a culture of collaboration and trust between the community and the district," he said. "Let's be up front here, schools like ours are the lifeblood of small communities like Nashua and Plainfield, and we all have a stake in making sure they're successful."

And while 2024-25 represents the first school year in which he'll be a shared superintendent, he has spent much of his educational career holding down more than one role at a time.

"That helps, certainly," he said. "Be it teaching and coaching or being a principal and an AD or a principal and a superintendent, I think I've learned a

lot about multi-tasking."

One of the things he's learned is the importance of "balance" between his work life and his personal time. Away from school, Marley officiates wrestling and baseball. He's also a big Chicago Cubs and Iowa Hawkeyes fan, enjoys running, crossfit, cutting firewood and fishing.

It's that last hobby that is going to take him down to the dam one of these days.

"I can't wait to do a little fishing here in Nashua," he said, "and if I run into someone down there, I'm sure we'll do a little talking about school, too."

He paused and smiled. He's excited for his future and especially the future of the districts he is serving.

"I've never regretted the decision to go into education," he said. "Working with students, teachers, parents, stakeholders to help prepare our kids for the future, what can be better than that."

Lack of lifeguards may lead to reduced hours at the pool

POOL: FROM 1

of 90-degree days when the only place you want to go is the pool," she said, but she added that this year's "pool rats" are a hearty bunch. "The crazy thing is we've had some chilly days where I've been really surprised at how many kids are out there. No way I would go swimming on those days but they're there."

She added that the two sessions of swimming lessons the pool had were well attended and that this week's Water Tots program has a good number of 4- and 5-year-olds in attendance.

"It's been a good year, don't

get me wrong," she said, "but I'm nervous about August. We'll do the best we can."

She said she hopes to have an announcement later this week or early next week on what the pool hours will look like next month.

"We'd love to do regular hours, absolutely, but it's amazing how busy our lifeguards are," she said. "We lose the college students because they head back to campus and with camps and practices – a lot of them are in the afternoon – it just makes it tough to fully staff so we're just asking people to know we're doing the best we can."

Pool officials hope late-night swim event will help family of lifeguards

SWIM: FROM 1

Recreation Director Tara Hackman said the pool has reduced the entry fee for tonight's event from \$10 to \$5 and will accept donations that will be turned over to the Busta family.

"We were going to just donate the proceeds of the admission," she said, "but because we're a [government entity], that isn't really allowed so hopefully people will donate the rest of the normal rate to help Ashlyn and Delaney and their parents."

Both sisters were injured in the accident, and although Delaney Busta is home, Ashlyn Busta remains hospitalized in Iowa City.

Those who want to help the Busta family can also drop off checks made payable to the "Ashlyn Busta Benefit" at Bank Iowa.

"We hope we get a good turnout," Hackman said. "The late-night swims are always popular, and this is a really good cause to support. They're great kids who really did a nice job at the pool this summer."

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Nashua VFW post may be nearing its end

Commander tells city leaders that barring a 'miraculous' turnout, post may have to disband

By **KELLY TERPSTRA**
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A sad reality was discussed at the Nashua City Council meeting that was held on July 15.

Local Veteran of Foreign War (VFW) posts across the nation have shuttered and closed their doors as older veterans pass on. Apparently, Nashua is no exception.

Nashua VFW Post 6782 in Nashua is nearing its end according to current Commander Bill Schmidt.

Schmidt and VFW Quartermaster Dan Bilharz addressed the City Council earlier this week about the next step taken with the city and the veterans organization that has lost close to one million members nationwide over the last

30 years.

"I think what we're looking at and I think what you're thinking is we're pretty much looking at dissolving our VFW," said Schmidt. "There's not enough people to defend me to have meetings. And those that do are in their 90s and late 80s and then us youngsters here - I'm 60 and he's 73."

Nashua accepted the VFW building at 217 Main Street as a gift last month as the building will be sold to the city for \$1 - henceforth the city can receive the property as acceptance of real estate.

Now it appears the VFW in town will be no more.

"Unless we get some miraculous turnout in young veterans coming to the VFW ... which we kind of put out in our newsletter

and nothing's really happened. It's a sad thing. It's a sign of the times," said Schmidt.

Father Time has taken away many of the local members from Nashua's post over the years, with some still attending meetings at an advanced age.

"We do have four in the high 80s and 90s. Who knows when they're gonna go," said Bilharz. "There's only six of us that attend meetings anymore. We just can't take that."

The final decision on the outcome of Nashua's VFW will take place next month with a vote by its members.

"We haven't voted yet, but we have a meeting in August," said Schmidt.

While Nashua's post will no longer be active, current members can still keep an affiliation

with the VFW on a state or national level.

"They will possibly keep the memberships going through the state," said Bilharz.

A resolution passed by all three Council members in attendance last month stated the property will be used and maintained as a Nashua Veterans Hall, with grantor and all other U.S. military veterans associations and auxiliaries in the city are entitled to use the building for meetings and events at no charge and given priority to scheduling. The City shall prohibit the removal of photographs and other memorabilia of the post currently attached to the building.

"It would be free for them to use, but we can rent it to others," said Nashua City Clerk



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Nashua VFW Post Commander Bill Schmidt speaks during a Memorial Day program in May.

John Ott. "All costs would be assumed by the city."

Nashua City Attorney David Skilton said the local VFW is in sound enough financial shape to pay for its utilities (water, electric, etc.)

"I'll go back to the club and say, although not required, as long as we're able to make the utilities - to pay them," said Skilton.

Now that may all change after the news that was brought down by Schmidt and Bilharz.

"You're still renting the facility out?" asked Nashua Mayor Hal Kelleher.

"That's up to you guys," said

Bilharz.

Bilharz said the VFW building on Main St. in downtown Nashua used to rent out that location 13 or 14 times a month before COVID hit. He said that number has now dropped dramatically.

Bilharz said the insurance for the building of \$1,750 a year has been paid for this year.

The VFW organization will celebrate its 125th anniversary this coming September and was established back in 1899 following the Spanish-American War. The headquarters of the VFW are located in Kansas City, Missouri.

Despite 'different time,' Legion post in New Hampton 'strong'

LEGION: FROM 1

He said much has changed since he received his honorable discharge from the Army.

"It was a different time obviously," said. "A lot of those guys were drafted or they enlisted because of the draft."

"We just don't have the number of veterans we used to have. The World War II guys are almost all gone, and look at the ages of the Korean and Vietnam guys."

The U.S. hasn't had the draft in place since June 30, 1973, when the last man was inducted. That ended 25 consecutive years in which America filled the ranks of its military through the Selective Service. That means it's been almost a half-century since a drafted military member returned home from the service.

That means recruitment of younger veterans is vital for smaller veterans organizations like the Fae Stine Post.

"But you get to some of these smaller towns than us and you can go years without having someone return home from the military," Quirk said. "It's

tough, but at the same time, years ago, it used to be that you'd get out of the service and you'd join a Legion, a VFW and you didn't think twice about it. That isn't the case anymore."

Quirk, though, said he and his fellow veterans need newly-minted veterans to help fill the ranks. Veterans organizations, as he put it, fight to make sure that the government follows through on the promises it made to those in the military and also help support older veterans.

"I know this is a little morbid, but we always say we need the younger generation so there's someone to bury us," he said. "But seriously, if you gave me a sounding board to the people getting out of the military, I'd tell them to join. It's not just that they're helping themselves and their fellow veterans, but there's a camaraderie there. They've gone through the same things you have."

And so far, so good for New Hampton's Legion post as membership is still in the triple digits.

"I think we have a strong post," Quirk said, "and we're working to keep it that way."

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.

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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

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NOTICE ~ ALL ATHLETES

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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.

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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.

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- If you see something, say something.
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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.

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EMPLOYEES AND ASSIGNED INVESTIGATORS
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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
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The Lord's Prayer is the perfect prayer to recite word for word, but it is also the God-given pattern for how we human beings can pray God-pleasing petitions.

Notice how the Lord's Prayer has you recognize your daily need:

- to know the Creator intimately, by name

- to have a part in the eternal kingdom of God

- direction for your misguided will

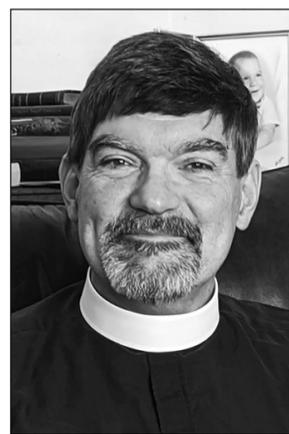
- heavenly help for your sustenance

- forgiveness for when you trespass

- help with temptations

- protection from evil

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead



The Rev. Ronnie Koch is the pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, where worship services are held at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday.

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Having a little fun with the first ticket for the Fall Festival

The Holy Family Parish annual Fall Festival will take place Sunday, Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., while serving lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be live music from the Bruce Beringer Band, kids games, FFA kid's tractor pull, BINGO and Peach Cart Company on site serving beverages. Meal and \$5 Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance at the Parish Office or day of. All are welcome to attend! Father Jim Goerend (and cat Callie) purchases the first meal ticket from Fall Festival Committee member Andrew Zweibohmer.

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For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.
2 Corinthians 8:12

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1794 280th St., Ionia
Pastor Sarah Namukose
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314 Brasher Street
Pastor Sarah Namukose
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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.

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602 Cedar Street
Father Tom Heathershaw
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Service time: Sunday, 9 a.m.

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Pastor Sue Cira
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Pastor Ron Koch
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Pastor Scott Smith
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Father Nick Radloff
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Thursday	75	52	--
Friday	77	55	--
Saturday	74	56	--
Sunday	80	59	--
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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 79 and a low of 60.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 81 and a low of 63.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 84 and a low of 68.

Sunday: Mostly sunny but chance of thunderstorms late; high 85, low 70.

Extended forecast: We'll start the work week with typical summer weather — mostly sunny skies and warm with highs in the 80s but chances of storms.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

• In 1943, Benito Mussolini, fascist dictator of Italy, is voted out of power by his own Grand Council and arrested upon leaving a meeting with King Vittorio Emanuele.

• In 1956, 45 miles south of Nantucket Island, the Italian ocean liner Andrea Doria and the Swedish ocean liner Stockholm collide in a heavy Atlantic fog and the accident results in 51 deaths.

• In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the world's first baby to be conceived via in vitro fertilization (IVF) is born at Oldham and District General Hospital in Manchester, England, to parents Lesley and Peter Brown.

• In 1985, Rock Hudson, a quintessential tall, dark and handsome Hollywood leading man of the 1950s and 1960s who made more than 60 films during his career, announces through a press release that he is suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

• In 2000, An Air France Concorde jet crashes upon takeoff in Paris, killing 109 passengers and crew on-board as well as four people on the ground.

Birthdays

• Gen. Henry Knox, the first Secretary of War of the U.S., was born in 1750.

• American TV actress Estelle Getty, best known for her role on "Golden Girls," was born in 1923.

• NFL great Walter Payton was born in 1954.

• Bryce Young, the Alabama quarterback who won the Heisman Trophy in 2021, turns 23.

• Matt LeBlanc, who starred on TV's "Friends," turns 57.

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Margo Pleggenkuhle, 79

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

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

Interment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg with Megan, Lindsey, Alex, Haley, Jed, Braden, and Logan serving as honorary urnbearers.

Friends greeted 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 has been entrusted with arrangements.

Born on Sept. 4, 1944, in New Hampton, to Lyle and Marjorie (Ellison) Mattke, Margo's effervescent spirit was evident from an early age.

She was the cherished wife of Roger Pleggenkuhle for 61 years. After a basketball game, they became high school sweethearts when Roger consoled Margo after the tragic death of Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper and Ritchie Valens. They were then married on Sept. 22, 1962, at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg. Together, they built a life filled with laughter, love and enduring memories.

A proud graduate of Fredericksburg High School in 1962, Margo's education laid the foundation for her lifelong love of learning and connecting with others. She embraced the role of homemaker with enthusiasm and creativity, always finding ways to infuse her daily tasks with social interaction and joy. Whether it was through her work at AMPI in Fredericksburg, Rockwell Automation in Sumner, Comprehensive Systems in New Hampton or her extensive involvement in community activities, Margo made a lasting impact on everyone she met.

Margo's interests were as vibrant and diverse as her personality. She had an unparalleled talent for creating homemade birthday cards adorned with stickers, which were treasured by family and friends.

Her love for jewelry was evident, as she had an exquisite collection that she wore with pride and loved sharing with her great grand daughters.

Holidays were a special time for Margo, as she delighted in setting festive tables that became the centerpiece of family gatherings. She invented fun games to play at holidays, which included baskets of prizes to choose from.

Always dressed "to the nines," she exuded elegance and charm, leaving a lasting impression on those around her.

For several years, Margo and Roger wintered in Las Vegas, bringing a bit of their Iowa traditions and fun to the desert. Margo's curious nature led her to collect an array of eclectic items, from beautiful rocks (half eaten jawbreaker) to unique trinkets, each with its own story. Her "birthday crown" was

Rosalie June Richardson, 86

Rosalie June Richardson, age 86 of Fredericksburg, died Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Hillcrest Homes in Sumner.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at United Methodist Church in Fredericksburg.

Visitation was held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at United Methodist Church in Fredericksburg prior to the service.

Interment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg. Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg have been entrusted with arrangements.

Property Transfers

Leanne R. Rahlf to Phillip M. Zeien; FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 10 Block: 14 CORRESPONDING TO FREDERICKSBURG UNION PLAT Lot: 19 Block: 14 FREDERICKSBURG UNION PLAT Lot: 20 Block: 14.

Deborah Ann Koester and Larry Todd Koester to Larry Todd Koester; L4 & 6 IN NW1/4 NW 29-97-13.

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Merkel Family Trust, Elizabeth A. Fazzio CO TR, Elizabeth Fazzio CO TR and Daniel B. Merkel CO TR to ONE DIVIDED ONE QUARTER INTEREST EACH, Elizabeth A. Fazzio, Daniel B. Merkel, Amy E. Merkel and Jennifer A. Lynskey; E1/2 SE 25-94-11.

Walter W. Wendland and Janet A. Wendland to BLC, Inc.; PARCEL 2022-15 FREDERICKSBURG MATTKES FIRST ADDITION Lot: 6.

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John O. Anderson Jr. TR, Nancy J. Anderson TR and John O. Anderson Jr. LIV TR to Nolan Boyd and Victoria Boyd; JOSEPHSONS ADD L3.

Jolene A. Dungey, Mark Dungey, Jeffrey R. Weigel, Ralynn Weigel, Janell M. Nelson, Richard Nelson, Jody L. Weigel, Jill Weigel, Janeen K. Kemp and Dominic Kemp to Jacob Mundt; NEW HAMPTON FAIRVIEW ADDITION Lot: 10 Block: 2.

Kurtis E. Bond, Kristen E. Bond, Robert D. Bond and Emily J. Bond to Lynn R. Lantow and Deanne R. Lantow; E1/2 NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 13 Parcel: 191319101086.



Margo Pleggenkuhle

a beloved tradition, symbolizing her approach to life every day was worth celebrating.

Margo was known for her "Margo-isms" and "Margo-moments," which brought smiles and laughter to friends and family alike. Her witty remarks and spontaneous antics were endearing and often the highlight of any gathering. A devoted volunteer at the local treasure chest, she found joy in giving back to her community and helping those in need.

An avid fisherwoman, Margo cherished the tranquility of being on the water and the thrill of the catch. She was also the life of the party, always ready to raise a glass, share a dance, or tell a joke. Her love for life was infectious, and her presence made every occasion more fun and memorable.

Above all, Margo was loving, funny and spirited. Her unwavering love for her family was evident in every aspect of her life.

She was a devoted mother to her children, Jody Meier, Jay Pleggenkuhle, and Jill Nicolaisen, and their bond was a testament to her nurturing and affectionate nature.

Margo's legacy is one of love, laughter and the importance of cherishing every moment. Her family and friends will forever hold dear the memories of her vibrant spirit and the light she brought into their lives.

Margo is survived by her husband, Roger Pleggenkuhle of Fredericksburg; daughter, Jody (RJ) Meier of Fredericksburg, son, Jay Pleggenkuhle (Elliott Nilsson) of Las Vegas; daughter, Jill (Jon) Nicolaisen of Fredericksburg; brother, Curt Mattke of Las Vegas; sister, Rosalie (Dave) Richardson of Fredericksburg; grandchildren, Megan (Mitch) McDonough, Lindsey Taylor, Alex (Sarah) Sternat, Nathan (Sarah) Nicolaisen, Haley (Derek) DeGross, Braden Pleggenkuhle, Jared (Laura) Nicolaisen, Emma Nicolaisen and Logan Pleggenkuhle; great-grandchildren, Vaughn and Vance McDonough, Otto and Stella Taylor, Skylar, Tate and Aubrey Sternat, Leah, Aria, Margo and Max Nelson, Ava and Ian Nicolaisen and Charlie DeGross; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She treasured each and every one dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lyle and Marjorie (Ellison) Mattke; and parents-in-law, Alfred and Erma Pleggenkuhle.

Charles (Charlie) Kevin Kellner, 63

Charles (Charlie) Kevin Kellner, age 63 of Ionia, passed away Thursday, July 18, 2024, at Unity Point-Methodist Hospital in Des Moines after a very short battle with leukemia.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua. A funeral service will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 25, 2024, at United Methodist Church in Nashua with the Rev. Sarah Namukose.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua has been entrusted with Charles' arrangements.

Charlie was born on Dec. 18, 1960, in Charles City, to John and Lorraine (Rogers) Kellner of Ionia.

Charlie graduated from Nashua High School in 1979.

After high school, Charlie continued his lifelong passion of working on the family farm. Over the last 40 years, Charlie saw a lot of changes on the farm



Charlie Kellner

— selling off the cattle in 1991 to building his own grain drying system in 2001. He truly loved the farm.

When not farming, Charlie enjoyed politics. He became involved in politics and watching everything on Fox News since 2016. He enjoyed a good debate. He would always let you know when you were wrong and

why you were wrong.

He had many cherished dogs and cats throughout the years.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Nashua.

Charlie is survived by his siblings, Diane Oltmann of Grimes, and Cindy (Mason Larson) Kellner of Cedar Falls; his nephews and nieces, Jimmy (Kate) Oltmann of Polk City, Jamie Oltmann of Waterloo, Stacia (Nate) Marra of Deltona, Florida, Krista Kellner of Wheeling, Illinois, and Austin (Dana) Kellner of Wheeling, Illinois; and great-nieces and nephews, Brinley, Bishop and Maren Oltmann, Athena and Maximilian Marra and Carolyn and Levi Kellner.

Charlie is preceded in death by his parents, John and Lorraine Kellner; brothers, Craig and Leroy Kellner; and brother-in-law, Jim Oltmann.

Please direct memorials to Chickasaw County S.N.A.P. and Charles City P.A.W.S.

Jerry Lee Schmudlach, 86

Jerry Lee Schmudlach, age 86 of Fredericksburg, died Sunday, July 21, 2024, at his home after a courageous 13-year battle with leukemia, lung cancer and stomach cancer.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Burial was held in Alcock Cemetery, Frederika.

Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Wednesday.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice or Alcock Cemetery, PO Box, Frederika, IA 50631.

Jerry was born Oct. 20, 1937, at St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton, the son of Henry and Henrietta ("Jettie") Immerman) Schmudlach.

He was baptized on Dec. 5, 1937, and confirmed on Sept. 24, 1950, at Peace Evangelical Church, Fredericksburg.

He attended country school and often rode his pony there. On May 19, 1955, Jerry graduated from Fredericksburg High School.

Following graduation, Jerry enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California, during peacetime. Jerry was honorably discharged in 1958, returning home to Iowa where he worked for Hewitt Brothers Lime Quarries, then to Farmer's Butter & AMPI Dairy, slinging 80 pound cans of milk from farmers coolers to the milk truck. Later, Jerry drove tanker for Beatrice Cheese until his retirement.

Wallace William Schilling, 96

Wallace William Schilling, age 96, passed away at home surrounded by family on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Saint John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Charles City with Pastor Intern Beth Hurt officiating.

Burial will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Charles City.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024, at Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home in Charles City and continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Wallace was born Jan. 3, 1928, at New Hampton, being delivered by his great uncle, Dr. Nicholas Schilling. He was the only child of Henry and Anna (Miller) Schilling.

Wallace attended Immaculate Conception school in North Washington and also attended country school at Deerfield No. 8.

On August 3, 1968, he was united in marriage to Donna Marie Kock at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly.

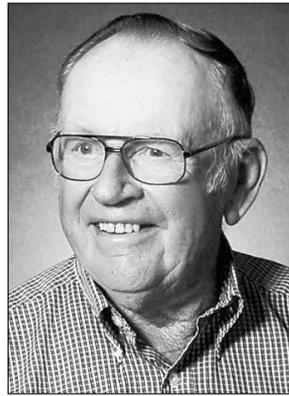


Jerry Schmudlach

Jerry's favorite sport was baseball, playing second base. He continued to play baseball with the town teams and the Old Timer's on Dairy Day. Throughout his life, there were family trips to many major league stadiums. A few of Jerry's most fond memories were attending the 1965 World Series watching the Dodgers beat the Twins and watching his brother Donald pitch in the minor leagues.

At a New Year's Eve party in Fredericksburg in 1960, Jerry met Betty Ann Burmaster. Jerry and Betty were united in marriage later that year on Aug. 28. To this union, four children — Derek Dean, Kerwin Kraig, Wade Lee and Alissa Leeann — were born.

Farming was always his life. First with his boys helping him, and later in life, Dad helping his boys. Jerry's first tractor was a Farmall Super C with a two-row cultivator and planter, which he used on 80 acres. This Farmall Super C is still used today attached to a buzz saw. Jerry's "retirement job" was cutting trees and making firewood for many customers until



Wallace Schilling

To this union, two children — Brian and Julie — were born.

Wallace was a bus driver for Colwell Consolidated School, worked at Oliver/White Farm Equipment for 31 1/2 years, until it closed, and farmed his whole life in the Deerfield, Alta Vista and Colwell areas.

He grew up farming with a team of horses, as his father was known for his quality horses (having 18 at one time). His father purchased their first tractor when Wally was a teenager.

his passing.

In Jerry's early years, he enjoyed competing in local farm pulls with his 1030 & 1270 Case tractors. He also enjoyed attending chuckwagon races, hunting deer and gathering with friends at farm auctions. Most recently, Jerry enjoyed going to Wrightz Sale Yard in Floyd with Kerwin to scout for the best deal on used equipment.

Jerry and Betty enjoyed dancing the night away at the Riviera Ballroom in Janesville. They traveled coast to coast riding Amtrak, cruising through the Panama Canal and vacationing in Hawaii and Alaska with family, but the best memories were made attending grandchildren's events, seeing the youngest grandchild graduate from high school this past May.

Farming was always his life ... his hobby garden included a sweetcorn patch that lasted for several weeks each summer, due to his strategic planting dates and a well-placed electric fence.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty (Burmaster) Schmudlach of Fredericksburg; son, Kerwin Schmudlach of Fredericksburg; son, Wade and Donna Schmudlach of Tripoli; daughter, Alissa and Brad Bixby of New Berlin, Illinois; grandson, Stone Schmudlach of Tripoli; granddaughter Jettie Schmudlach of Tripoli; grandsons, Casey Bixby and Lucas Bixby of New Berlin, Illinois; granddaughters, Malena Bixby of Kansas City, Missouri, and Kenna Bixby of Marshall, Minnesota; brother, Roger Schmudlach of Fredericksburg; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Donald Schmudlach, and a son, Derek Schmudlach.

At the age of 19, Wally began farming on his own, due to the passing of his father. In 1955, he moved to his current farm west of Colwell. If you drove by the farm, you probably saw Wally driving on his H Farmall or one of his Case tractors. He enjoyed collecting scale model tractors and single-row corn pickers.

Wallace is survived by his son, Brian Schilling of Charles City; daughter, Julie (Jeffrey) Kisch of Charles City; brother-in-law, Frank Giglio of Florence, Kentucky; nieces, Kathryn (Robert) Nielsen of Florence, Kentucky, and Cheryl (Chris) Engel of Hebron, Kentucky; along with several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Anna Schilling; wife, Donna Schilling; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clarence and Ruth Kock; and sister-in-law, Janice Giglio.

Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home, Charles City, is in charge of local arrangements. Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall for the family at www.hauserfh.com.

Big 4 Chamber of Commerce bringing circus to Nashua next week

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.

JoAnn Ruth Larson Betten, 96

JoAnn Ruth Larson Betten died Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at New Hampton with her family by her side.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 223 S. Water Ave., New Hampton. JoAnn's Celebration of Life of service will begin at 11 a.m.

The family has requested no flowers. On behalf of JoAnn's wishes a donation made payable to the General Fund, Trinity Lutheran Church, be sent to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 223 S. Water, New Hampton or a charity of your choice.

JoAnn Larson Betten was born July 7, 1928, at Wright County, Belmont Township, to parents Joe and Ruth Larson. JoAnn was the youngest of six children.

During high school JoAnn was a cheerleader, participated in band as a trombone player and was class president. After high school, JoAnn attended teacher's training, which allowed her to teach in the rural school system.

JoAnn Larson married Kerny (C.H.) Betten on Feb. 25, 1948, at Kanawha. Together they farmed and raised their family in Hancock County. JoAnn and Kerny were active in the Christian Reform Church, Kanawha, where JoAnn was the church choir director.

In 1958, Kerny and JoAnn purchased a farm in Jacksonville Township, New Hampton. While in New Hampton, JoAnn worked as an egg sorter at a local egg company; she also was the local Avon distributor. Later, JoAnn began teaching in the New Hampton Elementary School system, New Hampton.

JoAnn elected to improve her teaching degree and



JoAnn Betten

began attending Upper Iowa University. In 1969, JoAnn earned her bachelors of arts degree in education. JoAnn continued to teach kindergarten and also third grade at the New Hampton Elementary School System. JoAnn influenced many children over the 23 years of teaching.

The Betten family was active in 4-H. The Betten family was awarded the Chickasaw County 4-H Family of the Year Award.

When JoAnn retired from teaching and Kerny semi-retired from farming, they enjoyed a new chapter of their lives together which allowed them to travel with their RV throughout the United States to visit family and friends.

It was important to JoAnn and Kerny to attend as many family weddings, family gathering, family high school and college graduations. JoAnn and Kerny believed "the family" was the cornerstone.

They enjoyed their annual camping and fishing trip to Leech Lake and also to northern Ontario in Canada with family and friends. There were many memories of fishing which

involved the red Lund boat known as "the Betten Bardge."

JoAnn and Kerny enjoyed spending their winters in Mesa, Arizona, at The Resort with their "Az friends." While in Arizona, JoAnn participated in ladies' softball, choir and melodramma's. JoAnn enjoyed going to all the various gatherings and various activities.

In 2008 Kerny and JoAnn celebrated the 60th wedding anniversary in Arizona. In 2009, Kerny passed away in Arizona.

JoAnn met Carmen Miller from Cortez, Colorado, and at the age of 82 and 83, JoAnn and Carmen married in 2010. They enjoyed a life together for 12 years.

Survivors include son, Roger Betten, (Anna) Betten, California; son, Douglas Betten (deceased) (Trish), Washington, daughter, Jody (Rick) Dosser, Iowa; grandchildren, Amanda Betten, California, Brenda Betten (James), California, Nick Betten, California, Renae Betten, California, Rodney Betten (Lihn), Washington, and Shelley (Doug) Sedgwick, Iowa; great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Ethan Betten, California., Sophie and Ian Sedgwick, Iowa; sister-in-law, Lela (Harm) Freemann, Iowa; plus many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding JoAnn in death were here parents, Joe and Ruth Larson; husband, C.H. (Kerny) Betten; husband, Carmen Miller; siblings, Marion (Didio) Ernst, Russell Larson, Lowell Larson, Doris Shear and Clarice Yarger; son, Douglas Betten; and grandson, Jermiah Dosser.

JoAnn's ashes will be placed alongside C.H. (Kerny) at the Amsterdam Township Cemetery, Kanawha, Iowa. There will not be a gravesite ceremony.

Roland Carl Klotz, 83

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

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Roland Carl Klotz was born June 1, 1941, in Fredericksburg. He was the only son of Alfred and Nette (Walters) Klotz.

His early years in Fredericksburg were filled with learning and laughter, culminating in his graduation from Fredericksburg High School, where he laid the foundations for a life of dedication and hard work.

It was at a dance in Waterloo where he met the love of his life, Evelyn, and together they embarked on a journey of companionship and mutual



Roland Klotz

support, marrying in Sarasota, Florida, on Jan. 2, 1991.

Roland's professional life was equally fruitful; he dedicated over three decades to

John Deere in Waterloo, where his commitment and expertise were well recognized.

In tandem with his career, Roland nurtured the land, farming with passion and care in the fields southwest of Fredericksburg.

Survivors include his wife of 33 years, Evelyn; a daughter, Diana Poncelet of Ellington, Florida; two step-sons, Donald (Rachel) Lightfoot and Jesse Lightfoot, both of Waterloo; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Donna (James) Rassler of Montana and Jane Klotz of Nebraska.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

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Bill J. Mulder, 87

Bill J. Mulder, age 87 of Fredericksburg, died Sunday, July 21, 2024, at the Tripoli Nursing and Rehab Center.

A private family service will be held at Peace UCC Church with Pastor Scott Smith presiding.

A public Celebration of Life will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at the Fredericksburg Community Center.

Hugebaack-Johnson Funeral

James 'Jim' Barnett, 75

James "Jim" Barnett, age 75 of New Hampton, died Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at the Rehabilitation Center of Hampton in Hampton. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 26, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

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

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

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

INSTRUCTION FEE	
K-4	\$55.00
5-8	\$80.00
9-12	\$85.00

7-8 GRADE ATHLETIC TOWEL FEE \$20.00

One time payment per year if a student participates in football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling and/or track.

RevTrack online fees will be waived until August 23, 2024

OPTIONAL FEES

School Yearbook High School	\$60.00
Vehicle Registration	\$15.00

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 from 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, Nobsch 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.

K-4	Free	5-12	Free
H.S. Activity Admission Fees		M.S. Activity Admission Fees	
Adults	\$6.00 per event	Adults	\$3.00
Students	\$6.00 per football event	Students	\$2.00
Students	\$4.00 per other event	Family	\$5.00

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.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

BREAKFAST/LUNCH PROGRAMS AT ALL BUILDINGS BEGINNING **Friday, August 23, 2024**

Breakfast (preK-4)	\$1.85	Extra Milk Per Carton	40¢
Lunch Per Meal (preK-4)	\$2.75	Afternoon Milk (K-3)	\$45.00
Lunch Per Meal (5-12)	\$2.85		

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.

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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Briefs

Salsa making workshop set for Aug. 6 in New Hampton

Learn all the basics of water bath canning and salsa making at a Food Preservation Workshop on Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The workshop, offered at the Chickasaw County Event Center, 301 N Water Avenue, is part of the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Preserve the Taste of Summer program. Jill Weber, a human sciences specialist in food and health with ISU Extension and Outreach, will lead the workshop.

During the hands-on workshop, participants will:

- Learn the basics of water bath canning,
- Hear the most up-to-date canning and salsa making recommendations,
- Make and can salsa, and
- Take home and enjoy a jar of salsa that they canned.

"These workshops are fun and helpful for beginning canners as well as experienced canners," states Weber, workshop instructor. "We will provide the most up-to-date science and guidelines for water bath canning."

The cost of this hands-on workshop is \$40, and participants can register for the workshop at <https://go.iastate.edu/EHH54P>.

Registration is limited and the deadline to register is July 30.

To learn more or to ask questions, contact Jill Weber, jrweber@iastate.edu, or at 319-234-6811.

AgVantage FS, Nexus to make asset exchanges

AgVantage FS (Waverly) and Nexus Cooperative (Charles City) have reached an agreement whereby Nexus will acquire the Aplington, Chapin, and Dewar grain assets from AgVantage FS, and AgVantage FS will acquire the Elgin, Lamont, and Randalia agronomy assets from Nexus. This asset exchange follows extensive discussion between the two cooperatives around how each could better utilize their facilities, staff, and other resources to improve operational efficiencies in service to their members.

"We believe this asset exchange is a better strategic fit for both cooperatives," said Jason Schwenneker, CEO of Nexus.

"Every day we work to do what's right for our employees and producers for the long term and this exchange will enable more investment and enhanced services to area producers going forward."

Leaders within both companies are finalizing details for an early August transition of ownership.

"Every decision we make is with the benefit of our members in mind. By focusing on our strengths in the agronomic services area, the facilities and equipment we'll gain in this agreement will position us for long-term growth," said Matt Kruse, Retail Division Manager for AgVantage FS. "This partnership demonstrates our desire to partner with organizations that align with our principles and create tangible benefits that will benefit the members we serve."

Both companies will continue to work in close cooperation to ensure there are no disruptions to farmer service during the transition. Nexus will honor all grain contracts at any of the AgVantage locations. AgVantage will honor and service any agronomy customer contracts at the Nexus locations.



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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 2-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 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. Volunteers serve patients and families in 15 counties, including Chickasaw. For more information, visit cvhospice.org or call 319-272-2002.

Rotary Club to put on computer recycling event in September

The New Hampton Rotary Club will be holding its annual computer recycling event on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the New Hampton Auto Value parking lot. Accepted items include desktop computers, laptop, notebook and netbook computers, monitors, printers, scanners, hard drives (internal or external), keyboards, computer mice, speakers, cords and cables, ink and toner cartridges, software, Microsoft Xbox, Microsoft Zune, Microsoft Webcams. Times for the event will be announced at a date closer to Sept. 18.

Ice cream and more at Immanuel Lutheran July 30

It's more than ice cream, but Immanuel Lutheran Church is holding an "ice cream social" on Tuesday, July 30, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Included on the menu are pork sandwiches, potato salad, fruit and baked beans, and of course, ice cream with toppings, brownies and apple crisp. A free-will donation will be taken for the meal, which will be held at Bethany Hall, 1241 Pembroke Ave, Lawler.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of Ionia met in special session Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Ionia City Hall. Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Crooks, Day, Holthaus, Rausch present. Geerts absent. Also present was Clerk Donna Geerts. Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order. Motion by Day, seconded by Crooks to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Council reviewed two applications received for the part time seasonal maintenance position. Holthaus made a motion, seconded by Rausch to adopt RESOLUTION 24-15 A RESOLUTION HIRING JAMES BRUMMOND FOR THE PART TIME SEASONAL MAINTENANCE AND SETTING THE WAGE FOR THE PART TIME SEASONAL MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY OF IONIA FOR THE FY 24/25. The wage is \$16.00 per hour. Roll Call: Ayes: Crooks, Day, Holthaus, Rausch. Absent: Geerts. Nays: None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Mayor gave update on sanitary sewer improvements project and wastewater treatment plant improvements project. Moved by Day, seconded by Holthaus that the meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Randy Taylor, Mayor Attest Donna Geerts, City Clerk

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE M. STEEGE, Deceased. Probate No. ESRP003222 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. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above 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 (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter 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 Stenley 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

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES JULY 15, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, July 15, 2024, at 1:00 pm with members Breitbart, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Safety Director Ranae Carey, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Custodian Dave Gorman. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for July 15, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbart to approve minutes for July 8, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbart to approve Heartland Risk Pool-Risk Pool Agreement with the changes made in Part 3.1 Section 3. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Public Comment: Safety Director

Ranae Carey gave a thank you to Dave Gorman, Jacob Hackman, and Tim Riley for their help at the Tower Sites. Discussed Heritage Water Project with Custodian Dave Gorman. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on Blackhawk Automatic Sprinklers for \$13,950.00 and Proshield Fire & Security not to exceed \$5,000.00 to be paid out of the Capital Fund for the Heritage Water Project. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Kuhn, and Cerwinske. Nay: Breitbart Motion carried. EMS updates from Joel Knutson Consensus of the board to have the Auditor's office work on a policy, Employee Eligibility Look-back Measurement Method for Health Insurance. There will be an open house at the EMS Building on July 24, 2024 at 4 PM-7 PM. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbart to approve the EMS Explorer Agreement with Ella Knutson effective July 15, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbart to enter CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF

IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 2:10 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbart, Kuhn, Suckow, Cerwinske. Motion carried. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbart to end CLOSED SESSION UNDER IOWA CODE 21.5(K) REF IOWA CODE 22.7(50) TO DISCUSS UPDATED SECURITY PROCEDURES AT COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY at 2:25 PM. Roll Call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbart, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinske. Motion carried. No action taken out of close session Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge the rate change for Megan Lester, Public Health, from \$27.89 to \$29.61 effective July 31, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Acknowledge the rate change for James Ludwig, Secondary Roads, from \$26.25 to \$27.71 effective July 8, 2024. No action taken because more information needed. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$1,487,846.72. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbart to approve payroll check dated July 12, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to void checks in the amount of \$131,798.00 for libraries and approve checks in the amount of \$131,797.75. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Committee Assignments Supervisor Breitbart, Upper Wapispinicon River Watershed Project, July 11. TIF, July 10. Supervisor Cerwinske, Heartland, July 11. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 2:42 PM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried. Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, July 15, 2024, in the High School FCS Room. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors, Ayers, Denner, A. Schwickerath, Board Secretary Roethler and High School Principal Matt Manson present. Director N. Schwickerath and Superintendent Jurens was absent. Director Denner moved to approve the agenda. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Director Denner moved to approve the consent agenda. Approve minutes of the June 17, 2024, regular session. Approve the June monthly financial report and the July 2024 bill listing. Approve the resignation of Rick Meisner (Middle School Football Coach) pending finding a suitable replacement. Approve personal recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year: Mitch Kellogg (8th Grade Football Coach), Drew Johnson (Assistant 8th Grade Football Coach), Cael Kruger (Middle School 7th Grade Football Coach), Jayden Worpel (Full-time Custodian) all positions are pending suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Director Denner moved to deny the late resignation of High School ELL teacher and will revisit resignation at a later date if we can find a suitable replacement. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. High School Principal Matthews presented information on the milk and bread bids. Director A. Schwickerath moved to accept the milk bid from Anderson & Erickson and the bread bid from Pan 'O Gold. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. High School Principal Matthews presented information on fuel bids for the upcoming school year. Director Denner moved to approve the bid from Kwik Star for gasoline, Five Star for diesel and AgVantage for propane. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Denner, Ayers A. Schwickerath and Nays: none. Director Matthews presented snow bids for the upcoming school year. Director A. Schwickerath

moved to approve the snow bid from JTM Construction. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve First Citizens Bank as the district's depository with a limit of Ten Million. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Director Denner moved to appoint Christy Roethler as the School Board Secretary/Treasurer for the FY2025 school year. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. President Matthews administered the oath of office. Director Denner moved to appoint School Nurses and Building Principals as the level 1 investigators and the Chief of Police and Sheriff as Level 2 investigator. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Director A. Schwickerath moved to appoint the Chief of Police as the city truant officer and the Sheriff as the county truant officer. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Director Denner moved to approve the First Reading board policies 106; 106.1; 106.1-R(1); 106.1-R(2); 106.1-R(3); 106.1-R(4); 106.1-R(5); 106.1-E(1); 501.3; 501.9; 501.9R1; 502.6; 505.2; 603.1; 603.12; 905.3 with the exception of 106.1 and corresponding regulations and exhibit. Should the new Title IX rule (106 series) become enjoined by the courts impacting Iowa at any time after the approval of this policy then board policy 106.1 and accompanying regulations and exhibit shall be immediately suspended and we will return to the former policies of the district. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Director Denner moved to approve the following high school activity fund raisers for the 2024-2025 school year. Cross Country (5K Race, Fan Apparel), Football (Camp, Fan Apparel and Saver Card Sales), Volleyball (Camp & Fan Apparel Sale with Youth Volleyball Club), Girls' Basketball (Leaf Raking, Camp and Fan Apparel), Boys' Basketball (Camp & Event Workers for NH Park & Recreation Tournaments), Wrestling (Raffle with Youth Wrestling Club and Fan Apparel Sale), Girl's Track (Fan Apparel Sale and T & F Camp), Boy's

Track (Fan Apparel Sale), Girls Golf (Fan Apparel Sale), Boys Golf (Fan Apparel Sale), Trapshooting (RADA Cutlery Sale, Trailer Advertising, Battery sale, Banquet Raffle), Soccer (Scratch Cupeakes, Omega Ball Tournament), Baseball (Fan Apparel Sale), Softball (Fan Apparel Sale), Music (Frozen Food Sale, Coffee & Hot Chocolate, Fruit and Food Sale), FFA (Fruit and Food Sale and Can Drive), Sophomore Class (Magazine Sale/ Sweet Corn), Student Senate (Homecoming Shirts), Dance (Butter Braid Sale, 59 Minute Fund-raiser), Cheerleading (Cookie Dough), Lettermen's (Meat Sales, and Annual Lift-a-Thon). Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Director Denner moved to approve the superintendent's contract for the FY24 school year with an increase of 3.8% on salary, plus the difference between Family and Single Insurance. Director A. Schwickerath s seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none. Next regular board meeting will be Monday, August 19, 2024, at 6:30 pm. Director A. Schwickerath moved to adjourn at 7:08pm. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none

Vendor Name	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Kwik Star	799.52				
McGrath, Karen	100.00				
Mercy Medical Center	38.00				
MICHO	307.25				
MITKO Specialty Sales & Service	8.81				
New Hampton Electric	1,132.40				
New Hampton Tribune	594.92				
NHMU Fiber	310.00				
North Fayette Valley Schools	216.19				
Office World	335.78				
Oxendine, Kyle	100.00				
Phillips Refrigeration	48.00				
Pinney Bowes Inc	240.00				
PowerSchool Group LLC	7,089.44				
Rieman Music, Inc	25.64				
Robert Briggs Designs	600.00				
Rural School Advocates of Iowa	750.00				
Russ, James	100.00				
School Administrators of Iowa	3,419.00				
School Specialty, LLC	1,802.88				
SchoolSystems, LLC	450.00				
Schumacher Elevator Company	4,119.75				
Swank Motion Pictures, Inc	686.00				
Teaching Strategies, LLC	912.75				
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation	181.05				
Vern Laues Chev-Buick	96.19				
VISA	1,052.58				
Weber Paper Company - Division of Capital Sanitary	6,332.07				
West Music Company	199.50				
Windstream	1,851.73				
Fund Total:	\$131,513.24				
Capital Projects (33)					
Babcock Services	9,819.19				
D & M Asphalt Services Inc.	14,008.38				
Darren Steingale Construction	4,000.00				
Northern Cedar Service	1,352.00				
Schoolboard.net Inc	2,360.00				
Software Unlimited, Inc.	10,100.00				
Stanton Electric	1,400.00				
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	51.25				
Fund Total:	\$43,090.82				
Physical Plant & Equipment (36)					
Marco, Inc.	1,789.51				
Fund Total:	\$1,789.51				
Management Fund (22)					
Community Insurance of Iowa	451,416.75				
EMC Insurance Companies	154.88				
Iowa LGRP	138,747.30				
Fund Total:	\$590,318.93				
Debt Services (40)					
Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.	900.00				
Fund Total:	\$900.00				

Attest: July 15, 2024
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	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
0001 - GENERAL BASIC	2,536,217.12	2,668,926.27	5,205,143.39	2,763,700.62	58,591.20	2,500,033.97	2,500,033.97	0.00	150,359.14
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL	1,135,482.13	608,299.80	1,743,781.93	641,784.29	-5,117.89	1,096,879.75	1,096,879.75	0.00	2,935.06
0003 - GENERAL BASIC SUB FUND -ARPA	675,799.68	12,530.02	688,329.70	79,985.00	0.00	608,344.70	608,344.70	0.00	0.00
0004 - EMS DEDICATED	881,446.99	669,151.05	1,550,598.04	505,612.53	5,818.13	1,050,803.64	1,050,803.64	0.00	18,105.26
0005 - LAND ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT	5,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
0006 - COUNTY PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	41,738.63	0.00	41,738.63	0.00	0.00	41,738.63	41,738.63	0.00	0.00
0011 - RURAL SERVICES BASIC	678,894.21	1,008,682.23	1,687,576.44	1,057,545.91	72,083.49	702,114.02	702,114.02	0.00	72,247.18
0020 - SECONDARY ROAD FUND	1,641,562.20	3,465,272.89	5,106,835.09	2,207,378.92	24,649.53	2,924,105.70	2,924,105.70	0.00	66,827.19
0023 - REAP CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENT	54,371.27	775.20	55,146.47	0.00	0.00	55,146.47	55,146.47	0.00	0.00
0024 - RECORDER'S SURCHARGE	20,126.13	1,062.11	21,188.24	0.00	0.00	21,188.24	21,188.24	0.00	0.00
0025 - CHICKASAW COUNTY BETTERMENT	43,742.33	48,995.48	92,737.81	0.00	0.00	92,737.81	92,737.81	0.00	0.00
0026 - CHICKASAW CO. ECON. DEV.	45,162.92	0.00	45,162.92	0.00	0.00	45,162.92	45,162.92	0.00	0.00
0028 - DRUG-K-9 UNIT	7,468.71	18,200.46	25,669.17	430.00	0.00	25,239.17	25,239.17	0.00	0.00
0029 - SHERIFF DARE ACCT.	1,198.52	5.99	1,204.51	0.00	0.00	1,204.51	1,204.51	0.00	0.00
0030 - CHICKASAW CO. PIONEER CEMETERY	94.96	2,719.44	2,814.40	2,757.07	0.00	57.33	57.33	0.00	0.00
0033 - LANDFILL POSTCLOSURE	523,368.20	3,246.39	526,614.59	6,470.17	-165.00	519,979.42	519,979.42	0.00	185.00
0034 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-GB	20,000.21	0.00	20,000.21	0.00	0.00	20,000.21	20,000.21	0.00	0.00
0035 - RURAL ROADS INFRASTRUCTURE FUND	510,365.69	195,981.88	706,347.57	104,694.12	0.00	601,653.45	601,653.45	0.00	0.00
0036 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT	51,397.09	39,740.00	91,137.09	0.00	0.00	91,137.09	91,137.09	0.00	0.00
0037 - BYPASS BASIN	90,658.46	1,929.64	92,588.10	0.00	0.00	92,588.10	92,588.10	0.00	0.00
0038 - EMS DONATIONS	0.00	18,334.93	18,334.93	6,874.00	0.00	11,460.93	11,460.93	0.00	0.00
0040 - CHICKASAW COUNTY TOURISM	47,919.41	6,967.73	54,887.14	8,612.51	0.00	46,274.63	46,274.63	0.00	0.00
0046 - SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND	656.36	3.28	659.64	0.00	0.00	659.64	659.64	0.00	0.00
0050 - TWIN PONDS NATURE CENTER	23,060.28	311.38	23,371.66	0.00	0.00	23,371.66	23,371.66	0.00	0.00
1500 - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	557,567.38	10,951.20	568,518.58	44,797.77	0.00	523,720.81	523,720.81	0.00	0.00
2019 - COUNTY DEBT SERVICE	304,328.72	256,420.46	560,749.18	493,660.09	0.00	67,089.09	67,089.09	0.00	0.00
3500 - SAUDE FARM FUND	6,457.51	87.20	6,544.71	0.00	0.00	6,544.71	6,544.71	0.00	0.00
3510 - SCHROEDER STEWARDSHIP FUND	4,158.00	20.77	4,178.77	0.00	0.00	4,178.77	4,178.77	0.00	0.00
4000 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISS	451,770.73	14,973.84	466,744.57	223,918.10	20,529.70	263,35			

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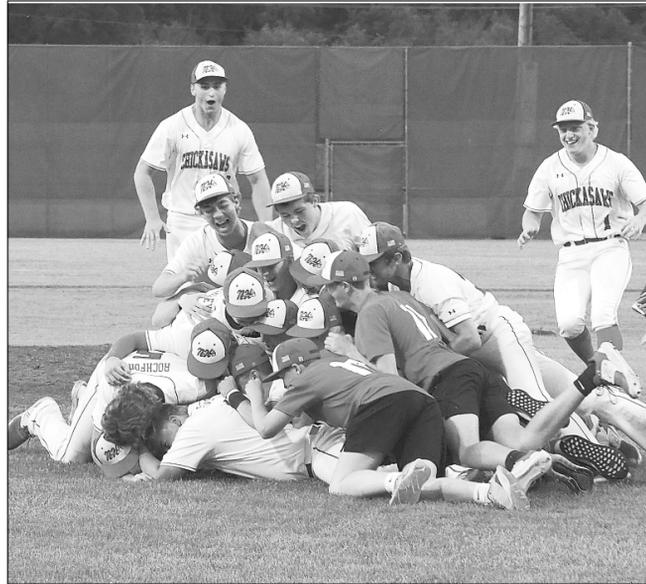
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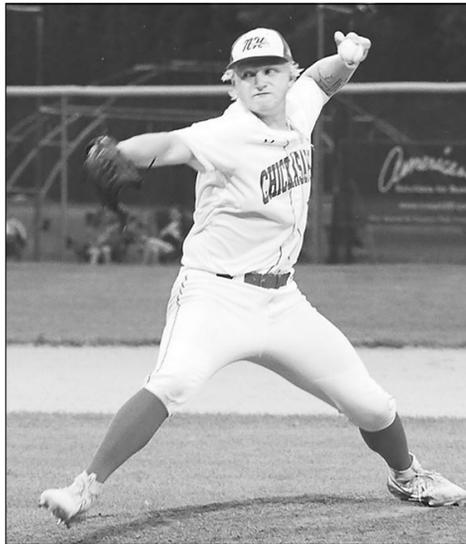
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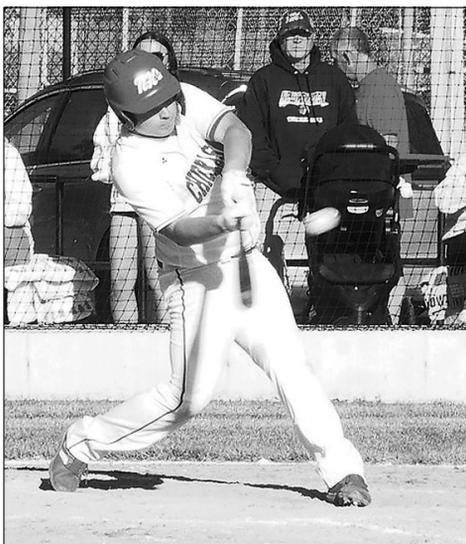
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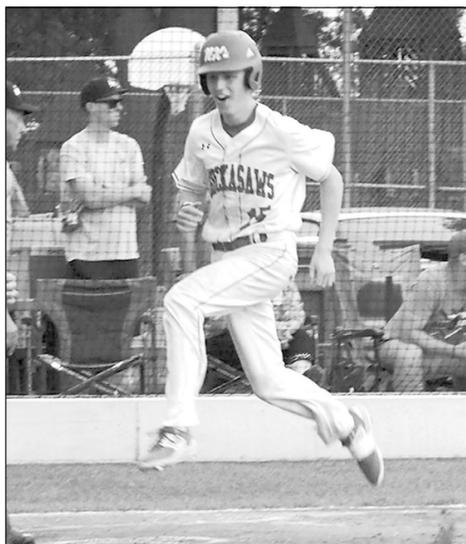
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	Turkey Valley	W	3-0
5-28	Crestwood	W	11-1
	Crestwood	W	10-0
5-30	at Dunkerton	W	11-1
5-31	at Decorah	W	17-2
	at Decorah	W	7-6
6-4	Jesup	L	7-8
6-5	at Waukon	W	12-2
	at Waukon	W	8-4
6-7	Turkey Valley	W	6-1
6-10	at Waverly-SR	W	7-4
	at Waverly-SR	L	0-5
6-13	at Central Springs	W	14-3
6-14	Charles City	W	12-0
	Charles City	W	5-1
6-19	at Crestwood	W	12-3
	at Crestwood	W	8-0
6-24	Decorah	L	2-4
	Decorah	W	3-2
6-25	at Oelwein	L	3-13
6-28	Waukon	W	4-3
7-1	Waverly-SR	W	4-0
	Waverly-SR	L	2-3
7-3	Waukon	W	3-1
7-9	GHV*	W	10-1
7-13	Osage*	W	9-5
7-16	Denver**	W	8-1

• District tournament
•• Substate game

Chickasaws by the numbers

Overall Record: 25-6
Conference Record: 17-3
Home Record: 13-4
Away Record: 13-2
Neutral Record: 1-0
Shutouts: Eight
Times shutout: One
10 runs or more: 12-0
Five runs or more: 22-1
Runs: 247
Runs allowed: 79
Hits: 246
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Stolen bases: 159
Stolen bases allowed: 30
Hit by pitches: 89
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Stats are through the substate championship game and do not include the state tournament

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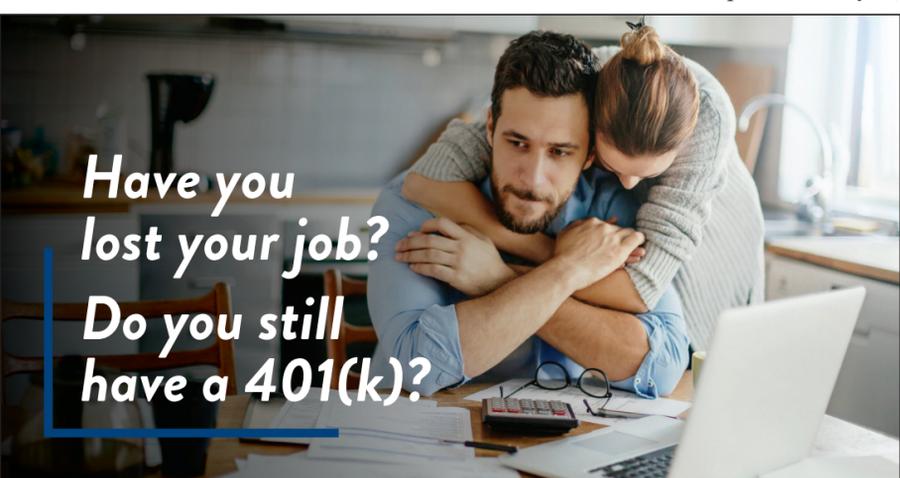
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New Hampton's baseball team "breaks it down" after picking up the Chickasaws' first-ever state tournament victory on Tuesday night with an 11-1 thrashing of Aplington-Parkersburg at Merchants Park in Carroll.

Big sixth busts open game for Chickasaws

NH BASEBALL: FROM 16

stunning nine times and registered seven hits in the inning. They also capitalized on four Falcon errors and were able to chase junior starter Preston Janssen after the first two batters reached base on error in an inning that seemed to last forever.

"We had a plan for this first game and we executed it to a tee and with complete confidence with every single one of us on this team," said McDonald. "Starting with an exceptional start by Kael Meyers and then a relief appearance — a save — by Jaxon Eckley. Then one through nine — men stepping up with two strikes again and again and again — almost flawless."

Now New Hampton (28-6), seeded No. 2 in its bracket, takes on a familiar foe in the semis tonight (Thursday) in the form of No. 3 seed Sumner-Fredericksburg (24-4). The Cougars topped Wilton, 6-2, in the game prior to vault themselves into the semifinals.

Make no mistake about it, these Chickasaws have one thing on their minds and that's bringing home the biggest trophy possible — a state crown. NH sophomore third baseman Caden Rochford — who went 3-for-3 at the plate — described the Chickasaws' mantra this season, which centered around one goal. "Win a state championship. You don't come down here and dilly-dally, especially when you're a No. 2 seed," said Rochford. New Hampton threw Meyers,



New Hampton senior Kael Meyers, the winning pitcher in Tuesday's game, gets ready to "advance" the Chickasaws on the Merchants Park bracket.

its senior ace, and he did not disappoint. The Chickasaws gave him some cushion by plating two runs in the opening frame and he kept A-P at bay. He ran his record to a perfect 11-0, allowed just two hits and struck out three.

"Going into that sixth inning we just kind of figured out that we had to execute our role and not do too much — batter after batter," Meyers said. "Even when we were up, we got our bunts down. That was huge. That kind of fed off for the next batter, too."

New Hampton senior Braden McShane — who like Meyers, Talyn Bohaty and Ben Gilbert — played a starring role as a freshman on NH's 2021 state squad when they encountered the Big Reds of Centerville in New Hampton's second state tournament game all-time. That game also ended early as Centerville 10-runned the Chickasaws in five innings - 10-0.

Not this year, as New Hampton flexed its muscles and banged out 14 hits — half of them in the sixth inning.

"Our freshman year, we were just happy to make it," McShane said. "This year we have a different goal in mind. We want to be the champions."

We need to keep it one game at a time, one day at a time. Win one day, move to the next day."

A-P, which ended the season 18-8, closed to 2-1 after plating a run in the top of the sixth on an RBI single by Gage Jacobson.

Eckley worked two innings for the save. He struck out two and did not walk a batter.

But it was that sixth inning that will be remembered for quite some time by Chickasaw fans.

Gilbert drew a bases-loaded walk to make it, 3-1, and Meyers smoked an RBI single up the middle to tally New Hampton's fourth run.

"Later in the game we definitely let it rip and that's exactly what we want," said Meyers.

McShane ripped a deep drive over the A-P centerfielder's head for a two-run double and a 6-1 lead. Bohaty's sacrifice fly to center made it 7-1.

Reid Rausch's perfect suicide-squeeze bunt pushed the Chickasaws' lead up to 8-1. Ty Robinson's safety squeeze also worked and by this time the handwriting was on the wall for the Falcons, now down 9-1.

New Hampton ended the game when Rochford stroked a sharp single down the third-base line for a 10-1 lead, and

three batters late, Meyers ended the contest with a single to left.

"It was a tight game," said McShane. "Coming down to the end there, we had some guys do some big things for us. It really just busted the game open. We got it done."

A-P was playing without its senior ace pitcher, Devin Davis. Davis helped the Falcons upset No. 1 West Marshall, 5-0, in its district final. Davis tossed a two-hit gem, but was lost for the season after A-P's 2-1 win over Roland-Story in the substate contest in a postgame celebration that tore his ACL.

Meyers is coincidentally going to be Davis' roommate down at Southeastern Community College in Burlington this fall. He talked about Davis' unfortunate injury.

"I wouldn't wish that on my worst enemy. That's really tragic to have happen to you this late in the season, especially how good of a pitcher he is," said Meyers. "That really sucks, obviously."

Meyers was 4-5 at the plate with three RBI. He also knocked in a run with a single in the first inning. New Hampton scored its second run of the game on Bohaty's RBI single to center.

McDonald brought New Hampton to its first ever state tournament in 2019, a game played in Principal Park in downtown Des Moines. The Chickasaws dropped that state tilt to West Sioux, 7-2.

Even though they came home empty handed, those Chickasaws had an impact on this most recent history maker for New Hampton according to McDonald.

"There's a team that had to break the seal for this to happen and the 2019 team and 2021 team did that. This is for them," said McDonald.

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With her coach, Emma Schwickerath (left) and her mother, Angie Gansen (right) looking on, Emma Carpenter signs her national letter of intent to continue her dance career at William Penn University.

New Hampton dance star takes her moves to William Penn

Key component of her high school's four state championships excited for new challenge that awaits her in Oskaloosa

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Emma Carpenter couldn't help but laugh when she was asked if she learned to dance before she mastered walking. "That's a good question," she said, "because I've always loved to dance. I can't remember a time when I wasn't dancing." For the record, her mother, Angie Gansen, said her daughter began dance at the age of 3 and she's never looked back. And although her standout career with the New Hampton dance team came to an end this past winter, it doesn't mean she's done with the sport as Carpenter this spring signed a letter of intent to attend school and dance for William Penn University in Oskaloosa.

"I knew going into this year that I didn't want this to be the last year I danced competitively, that I wanted to dance in college," Carpenter said. "I wanted to make the most of my senior year, yes, but wherever I went to college, I wanted to make sure it had a dance program." She paused and smiled. "I mean seriously, I can't imagine not dancing." And she's heading to a program that is on the rise as the Statesmen finished sixth at the NAIA regionals this past year and had its first all-American in school history when junior Natalie Redlinger was named to the third team. "I'm really excited about the opportunity," Carpenter said. "I really liked the people on the team, and as much as I'll miss dancing

with [coach] Emma [Schwickerath] and my teammates here, I'm looking forward to college and a new challenge." Carpenter is certainly taking a nice resume to Oskaloosa as she helped New Hampton win state championships the past four years. New Hampton won a title in hip-hop in 2020 and then claimed three consecutive state titles in its props division from 2021 to 2023. But winning isn't everything for a dancer like Carpenter. "I love being part of a team," she said, "and as hard as the practices can be — if you haven't danced, you probably don't get that — it's so cool when everything comes together and you get to see the end result."



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New Hampton's Caycee Crawford rips a base hit during a playoff game against Waukon earlier this month.

New Hampton coach says team deserved more all-NEIC players

NH SOFTBALL: FROM 16

sophomore Maici Weber — who all hit better than .300 in New Hampton's 15 conference games. "Bottom line, we should have had more," Hofmeister said. "Obviously, if we had won a few more conference games, it would have helped, but I'll also say this. We might have been 4-11 [in the conference], but no one wanted to play us. They knew we were that dangerous." And while he's heading out of New Hampton — assistant coach Krissy Anderson will take over the reins of the program next summer — Hofmeister knows the future is bright for his now former team. "Jenna and Chloe are big losses," he said, "but when you look at what's coming back, I can't wait to see what these girls are going to accomplish. This program is definitely headed in the right direction."

As happy as Hofmeister was for the trio of all-NEIC players, he couldn't depart New Hampton for making one last pitch for those that didn't make the all-league team. Those players included Geerts, the steady senior catcher, and three Chickasaws — juniors Cora Schwickerath and Allie Johnson, along with

Trojans' coach expects to see improvement on softball diamond in 2025

TV SOFTBALL: FROM 16

so the concert got over. I got to this apartment about 10 minutes before the all-conference meeting. It was hot outside Sunday. The Post Malone concert was very good," said Hackman, who has been the TV head coach since 2018.

Hackman — who has coached TV for the past seven seasons — was able to get three TV players on the UIC all-league squads — junior Morgan Vsetecka, along with sophomores Karstyn Lukes and Jenna Thronson.

Vsetecka — TV's lone returning starter back this summer for a Trojan team that ended up winning seven games — cracked the second team.

She was one of the leaders in on-base-percentage (.402) for TV — a very important statistic in the rapid-reflex pace of a congested softball field where bang-bang players are commonplace, more so than the larger diamond of a baseball field.

Vsetecka batted .282 and led the Trojans in hits (24), RBI (18), runs (24) and putouts (45) at her shortstop position. She also led the Trojans in assists with 42 and was tied for tops on the team with five doubles.

Hackman knew his only returning starter obviously had to take on a larger role for the Trojans — who were just a season removed from three-consecutive UIC crowns (2000-2022) and was for lack of a better term, in rebuild mode. "She's not a real vocal leader. With her experience and from playing last year already, I basically told her in the infield you gotta take charge out here," said Hackman. "If a ball's in the gap, you gotta be loud and tell the outfielders to hit you. You're the one making the call. I put it on her to...you take charge out there and try to get the ball in your hands as much as you can."

Lukes — who did not play a

single inning on the varsity level last year as a freshman — came onto the scene for the Trojans at the top of the batting order. She was able to become one of Hackman's key table-setters and had a .296 batting average to go along with 21 hits, 12 RBI and 16 runs scored. "I don't think she even dressed any games last year," said Hackman.

Despite that inexperience, Lukes was ready to learn and become better. That process to mold herself into an all-conference caliber player started last spring. "She probably came to more hitting sessions than anybody else did in the spring," said Hackman. "She put more time in."

Lukes started 24 of TV's 31 games — mainly in the corner outfield spots. "In those first couple weeks — she had to earn her spot out there. She came on and ended up having the highest batting average in conference games for us," said Hackman. "She's more of an up-the-middle, right-side hitter. She doesn't pull much. She walked more than she struck out in her conference games. She found ways to get on base."

Thronson played in all of eight games off the bench last year as a freshman and batted in the three-hole and in the clean-up spot in numerous games. Her presence in the heart of TV's lineup was critical. "At the beginning of the year she was swinging at too much. She had too big a zone," said Hackman.

"She was swinging at a lot of things she shouldn't have. Just wait for your pitch. I bet she raised her average by 100 points in that last half of a season."

After Thronson started getting the hang of varsity-level pitching, her batting average climbed in a northern direction. She had a .279 batting clip at the plate and sported a .402 OBP — the exact same as Vsetecka.

Thronson collected 19 hits, 10 RBI and crossed the plate 18 times. She also had two of TV's three triples on the year.

Thronson was slotted at second base on defense for most of the season this summer. She can also play third and in the outfield.

Her glove made plays, which directly led to TV victories and

All-UIC Softball		
FIRST TEAM		
Addison Timp	South Winneshiek	So.
Britney Hageman	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Adrienne Winings	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Alyssa Holthaus	South Winneshiek	So.
Addison Winters	Kee High	So.
Lily Kolsrud	Kee High	So.
Elena Schulte	Kee High	So.
Sarah Dean	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Jessica Francis	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Audrey Ostrander	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Faith Steinbronn	West Central	Jr.
Emme Wikner	MFL MarMac	Fr.
SECOND TEAM		
Avery Humpal	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Aubree Gesing	South Winneshiek	Fr.
Rylee Mudderman	Kee High	Fr.
Lilah Strong	Kee High	Fr.
Hannah Schroeder	North Fayette Valley	So.
Kadee Batterson	North Fayette Valley	8th
Allysa Sadewasser	Clayton Ridge	So.
Allysa Wille	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Hannah Scott	West Central	So.
Morgan Vsetecka	Turkey Valley	Jr.
Ayla Gerndt	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Kaitlin Picha	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Ashlyn Scherf	Central Elkader	Sr.
HONORABLE MENTION		
Aubrey Willey	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Izzy Kuboushek	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Kaylee Hawes	Kee High	Sr.
Payton Becker	Kee High	So.
Madyson Ney	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Grace Feldman	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Amyra Millard	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Lola Reimer	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Journey Lockard	West Central	Fr.
Macey Tellin	West Central	Fr.
Karstyn Lukes	Turkey Valley	So.
Jenna Thronson	Turkey Valley	So.
Katelyn Gerndt	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Garnett Niedziejko	MFL MarMac	Jr.
Gracie Kennicker	Central Elkader	Sr.
Reese Berns	Central Elkader	Jr.
Audrey Ruff	Postville	So.
Olivia Guese	Postville	Sr.

halting a team's rally when TV got into tough spots.

"She played solid defense at second base. She had a bunch of errors, too, but she made some plays that saved us a few, three, four times there," said Hackman. "She got us out of innings on balls that were bloopers that she made running catches on."

While TV went 7-24 overall and 7-9 in the league (sixth place) this season, it's a safe bet to envision a season next year with quite a lot more triumphs out on the diamond in 2025. That improvement will center on work ethic and a willingness to get better.

"We need to get in the weight room — get faster and stron-

ger, just get more athletic. Then hopefully when springtime comes, they come to pitching and they come to some open hitting and put some time in," said Hackman.

"You gotta put work in. It doesn't just happen. You can't just show up and expect to be good."

With that improvement will come more self-assurance and trust in each Trojans' game — not only by the coaching staff — but in players themselves.

"Hopefully next year they have more confidence to start the year," said Hackman. "Hopefully we go in believing we can compete with those teams and get off to a better start."

All-NEIC Softball		
FIRST TEAM PITCHERS		
Addison Ellis	Charles City	8th
Maya Willey	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
FIRST TEAM CATCHER		
Lauren Luzum	Decorah	So.
FIRST TEAM INFELDERS		
Kloe Hemmersbach	Waukon	Sr.
Megan Heyer	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
Jenna Heeren	New Hampton	Sr.
Elizabeth Bucksa	Decorah	Fr.
Payton Hadley	Charles City	Jr.
FIRST TEAM OUTFELDERS		
Natalie Beck	Waverly-Shell Rock	So.
Sally Gade	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
Chloe Weigel	New Hampton	So.
FIRST TEAM UTILITY/DESIGNATED PLAYER		
Clara Hjelle	Decorah	So.
SECOND TEAM PITCHER		
Ainsely Teeling	Crestwood	Fr.
SECOND TEAM CATCHER		
Edie Collins	Charles City	Fr.
Kaysey Fox	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
SECOND TEAM INFELDERS		
Emma Thompson	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
Alex Wohlers	Charles Cy	Sr.
Blaire Cummings	Crestwood	Jr.
Caycee Crawford	New Hampton	Fr.
SECOND TEAM OUTFELDERS		
Emerson Bohlen	Charles City	Jr.
Lauren Staudt	Charles City	Sr.
Isabella Schlatter	Crestwood	So.
SECOND TEAM UTILITY/DESIGNATED PLAYER		
Jillian Diercks	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
Reese McCormick	Waukon	Jr.



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New Hampton's Cora Schwickerath had a .389 batting average in NEIC games yet didn't make an all-conference team.

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New Hampton's Jenna Heeren (above) throws to first to record an out while teammate Chloe Weigel (below) makes solid contact with the ball during games played this past summer.

Chickasaws land trio on the all-NEIC squads

Heeren, Weigel tabbed for first team and Crawford picked for second team but coach says New Hampton deserved more

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NEIC Softball

Don't get outgoing New Hampton softball coach Tate Hofmeister wrong, he's ecstatic for his three Chickasaws who were named to the all-Northeast Iowa Conference softball teams.

It's just that he's not necessarily happy that it was just a trio of players who were honored.

"I'm extremely proud of the three girls who made it," he said. "They absolutely deserved it, but if you look at our stats and you see some of the things we did this year — we haven't had a season like this in quite a while — I'm not going to lie. I'm disappointed, very much so, that it's just three."

After completing a season in which it went 14-13, its first winning season since 2019, New Hampton had two players — infielder Jenna Heeren and outfielder Chloe Weigel — named to the all-NEIC first team by the league's coaches. A third Chickasaw, first baseman Caycee Crawford, landed on the second team.

"I think the first thing I'd say about those three is they have incredible work ethic," said Hofmeister, who resigned this teaching and coaching positions at New Hampton this past spring. "They put the time in — in and out of season, in every sport they play — and they're the kind of kids who stay after practice and who are always thinking about how they can get better."

Heeren wrapped up what was a brilliant prep softball career that saw her crack the starting lineup in 2020 as an eighth-grader.

The senior who will play softball at Luther College had a .465 batting average, scored 30 runs, smacked eight doubles, hit five home runs and drove in 22 runs while playing outstanding defense at shortstop.

"I coached four sports here, and she's got to have one of the best, if not, the best work ethic of any kid at New Hampton," Hofmeister said. "She played three sports, but she found the

	Conf.	All
Waverly-SR	14-1	22-8
Charles City	13-2	25-6
Decorah	7-8	10-18
Crestwood	5-10	12-16
New Hampton	4-11	14-13
Waukon	2-13	8-20

time to get her cuts in, to make sure she was ready for softball.

"And she — along with [New Hampton's other senior], Chloe [Geerts], turned into a great leader for us. Jenna had a knack of knowing when she had to be stern, when she had to back off and just be encouraging. That's leadership, and as much as we're going to miss her on the field, I think she'll be missed just as much for that attitude with her teammates."

Weigel had a breakout year — both as a pitcher and outfielder.

She, like Heeren, cracked the New Hampton starting lineup as an eighth-grader, but this was the first year that the sophomore made it through a season with her health intact.

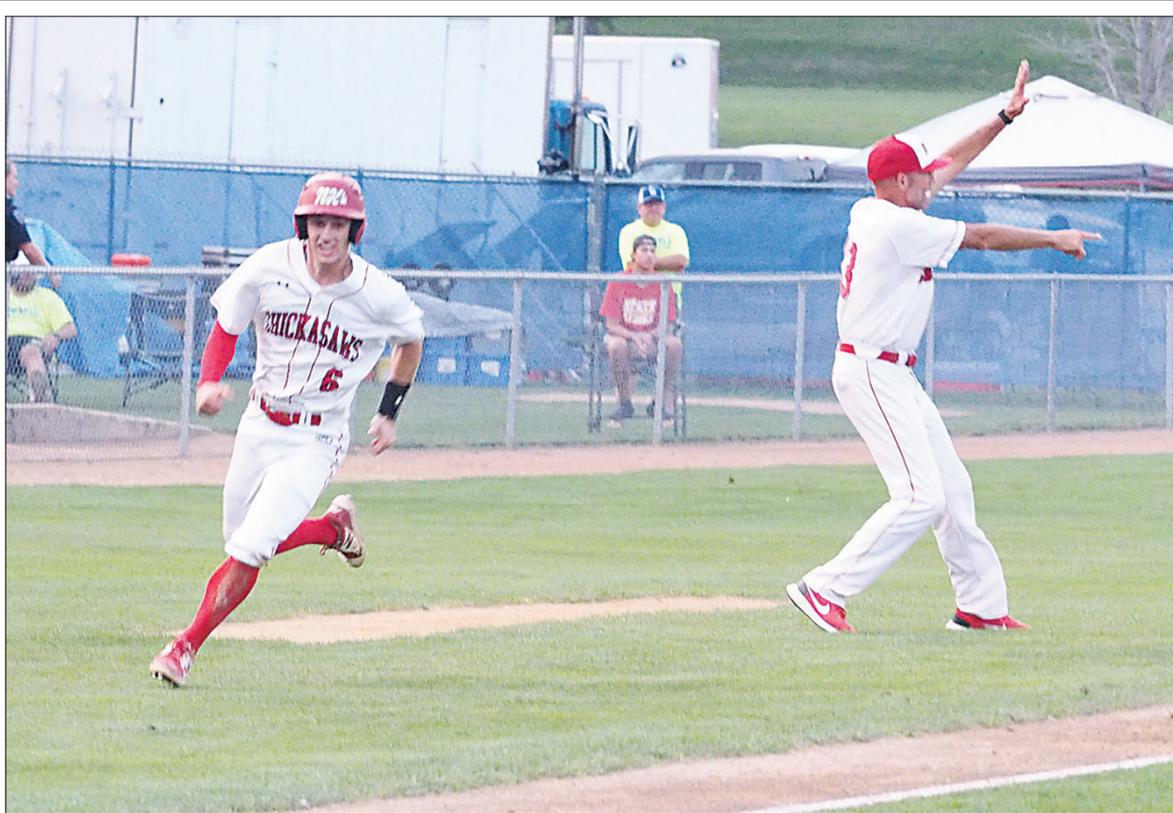
Weigel finished the season with a .400 batting average, drove in 19 runs and showed off some power — ripping six doubles and two triples.

When she wasn't pitching, she turned into a standout outfielder for the Chickasaws. Not that her work in the pitcher's circle wasn't good, for she went 9-6 with a 3.48 earned-run average.

"This year was the first time she really was healthy enough to hit," Hofmeister said, "and she really had a tremendous year at the plate. We had a lot of good hitters on our team, and she was right up there, and again, a lot of that is that Chloe put the time into it. She made herself into a good hitter."

Crawford had a brilliant freshman season — one in which her coach believes should have ended with a spot on the all-conference first team. She finished with a .425 batting average, led the Chickasaws in doubles with nine, tied Heeren for the team lead with five home

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New Hampton senior Ben Gilbert heads for home to score in the Chickasaws nine-run sixth inning during the first round of the Class 2A state baseball tournament Tuesday evening.

RUNNING AWAY AT STATE!

CHICKASAWS PULL AWAY FROM A-P TO ADVANCE TO SEMIFINAL DATE WITH COUGARS

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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In just the New Hampton "nine's" third game ever at the state tournament, the Chickasaws stood proud and stayed poised.

The result was a resounding and remarkable 11-1 victory over Aplington-Parkersburg on Tuesday night in the first round of Class 2A state action at Merchants Park in Carroll.

New Hampton coach Cory McDonald said it best after his Northeast Iowa Conference squad is now within two games of securing its first ever state championship.

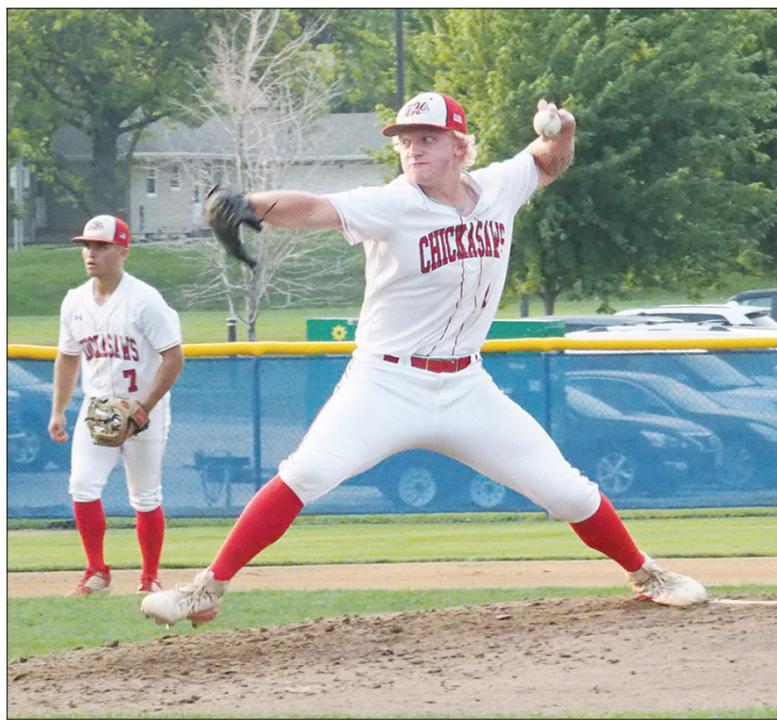
Believe it — because these Chickasaws sure do.

"This is what we call a 'TCB' win, and that stands for taking care of business," said McDonald, in his 16th season as front man for New Hampton and leader of his perennial-power Chickasaws. "That's an expression we use in our program."

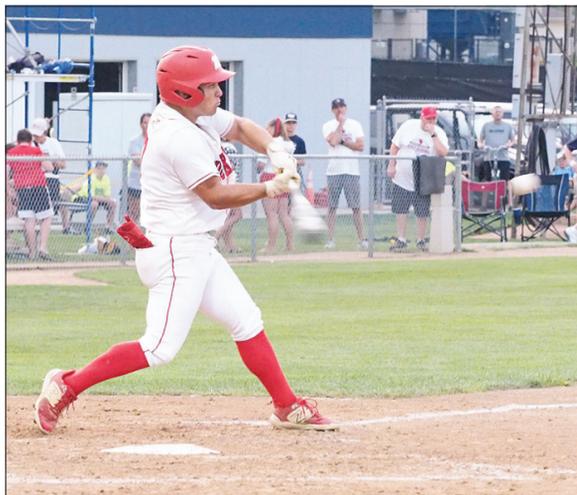
This incredible run by McDonald's Chickasaws started off fast, slowed down and morphed into a pitcher's duel and finished with a flurry as New Hampton sent a whopping 12 batters to the plate in the bottom of the sixth to end this one early.

The Chickasaws crossed the plate a

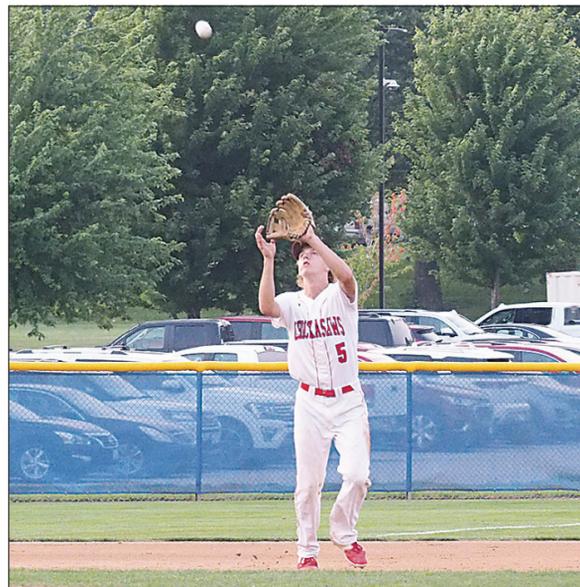
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New Hampton's pitching ace Kael Meyers gets ready to fire a pitch to the plate during the early going of Tuesday's state tournament game.



New Hampton's Jaxon Eckley (above) makes solid contact with the baseball while teammate Caden Rochford (right) camps underneath a pop up.



Young Trojans get three all-UIC selections

Conference coaches put Vsetecka on second team; Lukes, Thronson are honorable mention

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UIC Softball

The opportunity to witness some IndyCar racing and a music concert as part of a fun-filled weekend would surely be a lot of folks' idea of a good time this summer.

That's why Turkey Valley head softball coach Junior Hackman planned a trip a couple weekends ago to the race track in Newton and took part in a concert performed by none other than Post Malone — the rapper, singer and songwriter that wowed the audience with his catchy riffs after the super-fast cars had exited Iowa Speedway.

His evening was far from complete, though, as he was then able to fire up the laptop and join a coaches meeting via

	Conf.	All
South Winn	16-0	22-13
Kee	14-2	20-19
NFV	10-6	13-18
Clayton Ridge	9-7	9-11
West Central	8-8	9-15
Turkey Valley	7-9	7-24
MFL MarMac	5-11	7-24
Central Elkader	2-13	3-20
Postville	0-15	0-17

an online video conference call on Sunday, July 14 that would determine this year's Upper Iowa all-conference softball squad.

Welcome to 2024.

It was all in a day's work for the leader of the Trojan softball program.

"My son lives in Des Moines,

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Morgan Vsetecka puts the tag on a runner to record an out for Turkey Valley in a game played this past season.