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New Hampton schools solid in annual profile

District bests state averages in four key areas; all three school buildings are tabbed as 'commendable'

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton School Board members learned Monday night that all three of the district's schools are labeled as "commendable" in the most recent Iowa School Performance Profiles report put out by the Iowa Department of Education.

"It's definitely a solid report for

our school district," Superintendent Jay Jurens said during an interview before Monday's meeting, "and, at the same time, we're going to continue to look for improvement as we move forward."

The Iowa School Performance Profiles is an online tool showing how public schools have performed on multiple measures, and Jurens said four key areas include student proficiency

in literacy, math and science and the level of chronic absenteeism in each school building.

Schools are then rated as exceptional, high performing, commendable, acceptable, needs improvement or "priority/comprehensive," and the latter schools are deemed to "need assistance and support" from the state.

District wide, New Hampton students bested the state average in the

three key subject areas and had less chronic absenteeism, which is defined as the "percent of students who were present for less than 90 percent of the days they were enrolled."

A little more than 80 percent of New Hampton students were proficient in math, while the state average was 69.8 percent. In literacy, 79.3 per-

cent of the students were proficient and the state average was 72.7 percent, and in science, 66 percent of the district's students were

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Libraries ask supervisors for 6 percent hike in funding

Fredericksburg Library Board president: Facilities are a good investment for county leaders

By BOB FENSKE
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Chickasaw County's six public libraries are asking the Board of Supervisors to increase its funding of the facilities by 6 percent during the 2025-26 fiscal year.

The six county library directors and Fredericksburg Library Board President Ken McFarland made the request during the weekly meeting of the board on Monday, but supervisors did not take any action on the request and aren't expected to until they tackle the 2025-26 budget and tax levy in earnest early next year.

The county, through its Rural Services Basic fund, is providing libraries in New Hampton, Alta Vista, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and Nashua, with \$131,797.75 in funding.

If Monday's request is granted, the county's share of library funding will increase to \$139,705.62 during the fiscal year that begins on

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Trinity to once again host annual Thanksgiving meal

The place to be on Thanksgiving Day will again be Trinity Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall as the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. a week from today, Thursday, Nov. 28.

A free-will monetary donation will be asked, with proceeds to benefit the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Serving a full turkey and ham dinner with dessert, the meal, supported by the Pub at the Pinicon and Grant and Krissy Anderson, will also be available for take-out.

No reservations are needed, but questions may be directed to the Trinity church office at 641-394-2552.

Little Light of Mine to turn on lights on Thanksgiving Friday

By BOB FENSKE
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Dixie Zeien was home for a quick break Tuesday afternoon, but after grabbing a quick sandwich, the Little Light of Mine Committee member was heading back to her second home — Mikkelson Park.

"We're putting the finishing touches on it," she said, "because, you know, we're not too far away from the big day."

And that big day — one in which the lights are flipped on at New Hampton's annual holiday display — is definitely nearing. The annual holiday lights display kicks off its 2024 run

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton drama students take the stage!

Carrie Schwickerath (left) and Karla Pickar perform a scene during a matinee performance of "Chickenheart," the New Hampton High School Drama Department fall play that took the stage at the elementary auditorium this past weekend.

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School Board approves new elementary 'morning drop-off' policy

New Hampton superintendent says new procedures will provide a 'balanced approach' and help district know which adults are in the building

By BOB FENSKE
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The New Hampton School Board on Monday took the first step in what it hopes will ease fears of parents who are concerned about the "chaos" that they believe envelopes New Hampton

Elementary School during the "morning drop-off" period at the downtown school building.

During their regular monthly meeting, board members approved the first reading of a policy titled "New Hampton Elementary School Morning Drop-Off Procedures."

The action came two months after one parent,

Kayla Smith, addressed the School Board and asked it to consider adopting a "zero-parent entry drop-off."

During a Sept. 16 School Board meeting, Smith said "there's no way for anyone to monitor

SEE DROP-OFF, 5

New Hampton City Council wants 'unsafe building' fixed

City leaders want owner to take care of issues with structure

By BOB FENSKE
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The New Hampton City Council on Monday night moved ahead with declaring a downtown building "unsafe," but city leaders also said that they want to do everything possible to look out for the tenants who currently occupy the building located at 13 W. Main St.

Council members voted unanimously to hire attorney Kit O'Donohoe to represent the city if any necessary legal action needs to be taken to make repairs to a building that currently houses New Hampton Mart and Lucy's Closet and also

has residential apartments on the second floor.

"We will move as cautiously as we can not to jeopardize the current tenants," New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson said, "but we have to do something to make sure the building is safe. ... This has been going on for years, and we just have to get some movement on it."

In March 2022, the City Council issued a "notice to abate" to the building's then-owner, Julius Bryant. That gave the city the power to fix the building's north wall — which

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

A sure sign of winter

New Hampton boys basketball coach Ryan Rausch talks with his Chickasaws Monday, the first day of practice for not only boys basketball but also for boys wrestling and bowling. With girls wrestling and basketball starting practice earlier this month, the winter sports season is upon us.

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Friday Trib

Just a reminder that next week's Tribune will be delivered by mail on Friday because of the Thanksgiving holiday

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New Hampton star golfer will follow in sisters' footsteps, golf for Panthers

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Chamber gearing up for Small Business Saturday

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on the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 29, and this year's opening weekend will include horse-drawn wagon rides through the park on both Friday and Saturday.

"We thought it would be a great time to do it, with everyone being home for the [Thanksgiving] holiday," Zeien said, "and we're hoping the weather cooperates."

This year's Little Light of Mine display will not only include hundreds of lights provided by the committee that runs the annual event but also more than 135 businesses, families and organizations that put up their own displays.

"It keeps getting bigger and bigger," Zeien said. "It's a pretty impressive sight, and I always love to hear people who are coming into the town from



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Little Light of Mine goes live on Friday, Nov. 29.

the east tell us that it's like an 'oh-wow' thing to see."

The opening-weekend wagon rides, which will cost \$5 per person, are the first of two big events the committee has planned. On Saturday, Dec. 7,

goes back into the display for future years" — can do so in the mailbox that is near the entrance to the park.

Lighting up the park is not the only holiday event that will take place over the Thanksgiving weekend when New

Horizons-Chamber and its members will celebrate Small Business Saturday with a variety of events.

In addition to stores offering holiday deals, it will be a "double-punch" day for the chamber's Holiday Punch Cards program and the chamber will kick off its Festival of Trees, a fundraiser for 10 non-profit organizations that serve residents in Chickasaw County.

The chamber will also have 75 "goody bags" available at its office, beginning at 9 a.m.

"I think, for the most part, our businesses are more focused on Small

Business Saturday than Black Friday," New Horizons Director Liz Zweibohmer said, "and we're really excited for it because we have a lot of great events and great stores to highlight."

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New Hampton students deliver on the stage!

Ben Schuchhardt and Piper Hackman (above) and Brooke Vestel (right) perform scenes during the New Hampton High School Drama Department’s performance of “Chickenheart,” the fall play that took to the stage this past weekend.



Jarrin Robinson (left) plays the villain role to the hilt, Beth Pickar and Skyler Bugenhagen (above) perform in the play’s opening scene and Zoey Dreckman (below) is one of several nuns in the cast.





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Remember Jesus is king

Jesus is a king who serves rather than be served and loves all people

The scripture reading for this week is from the gospel of John and contains a small part of Jesus’ trial before Pilate. It just didn’t seem like it fit with Christ the King Sunday.

Mostly because kings usually do not stand trial. They rule until they die.

Plus, they are someone with power and authority – someone who rules over or has the capacity or ability to direct or influence the behavior of others with manipulation or dominance.

They are in charge of everything that happens. Then, I realized the need for us to figure out how Jesus lives within us, in our lives ... that Jesus rules with love.

Power is different when in relation to Jesus, though. God gave Jesus all authority in heaven and on earth. This means that God is in total control, is always present everywhere, and all that God says is true.

The power and authority given to Jesus allows him the ability to always do the right thing. Jesus does this without using force or dominance – Jesus uses love and understanding.

This scripture plops us into the middle of the second scene. Pilate has already heard the demand of the Jewish leaders, so he goes to speak to Jesus.

He asks whether Jesus is the King of the Jews?

Pilate wanted to know if Jesus was a new political ruler who would challenge the Roman rule.

We, followers of Christ, know that Jesus is the Son of God and King of Israel — which means Jesus is not a king that the world of Pilate could understand.

Jesus is a king who speaks to women, children, and others whom are rejected by the world.

Jesus is a king who serves rather than be served.

Jesus is a king who rides on a donkey, not on a big white horse ... and does not wear armor.

Jesus is a king who loves all people. Jesus,



Pastor Sue Cira serves Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church in rural Lawler and is also a transitional pastor at Trinity Lutheran in New Hampton.

our Savior and Lord, King of Kings, came into the world to save us. Died for us and rose again for us.

Jesus brings love and forgiveness to us in his kingdom.

Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Verses to inspire us on Thanksgiving and beyond

As we celebrate Thanksgiving next week, bible verses remind us of the joy and gratitude that comes from giving thanks for our many blessings.

“I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.” ~ Psalm 69:30

It’s easy to overlook the many blessings that surround us each day. Amid the busyness and pressure of the Thanksgiving season, let’s pause and consider all God has done and continues to do in our lives. We hope that sharing our favorite Thanksgiving scriptures, as well as Psalms for Thanksgiving, will help fill your heart with thanks that overflow with a grateful attitude.

“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.” ~ 2 Corinthians 4:15

We can choose to give thanks and focus on seeing the blessings surrounding us daily. The Bible teaches us that through thanksgiving, we can experience the peace of God that fuels true joy.

To share this inspiration, use these verses in your greeting cards, on family placemats around the dinner table, or share them on social media to encourage others!

May these Scripture quotes inspire you to give thanks and truly appreciate the amazing love of God and Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-17: “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,

present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Colossians 3:15-17: “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Colossians 4:2: “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

1 Chronicles 16:34: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.”

Psalm 95:2: “Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with praise.”

2 Corinthians 4:15-17: “All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”

Psalm 9:1: “I will give thanks to you, LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.”

Ephesians 1:16-18: “I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of

wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people..”

Hebrews 13:15: “Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.”

Psalm 34:1: “Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away. I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

Psalm 150:6: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!”

Psalm 71:8: “My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.”

Colossians 3:16: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

James 5:13: “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.”

Isaiah 25:1: “O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.”

Exodus 15:2: “The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.”

Psalm 100:4: “Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!”

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Father Nick Radloff
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Which IRA is right for you?

The individual retirement account (IRA) is celebrating its golden anniversary. Created in 1974, this savings vehicle has helped millions of people build resources for retirement. And in 1997, the Roth IRA was introduced. But which IRA is right for you?

Let's look at the basic differences between the two IRAs. With a traditional IRA, you generally invest pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Your earnings grow tax deferred, meaning you pay no taxes on them until you start taking withdrawals. (If you take withdrawals before you reach 59½, you'll be subject to ordinary income tax and a 10% IRA penalty.)

When you invest in a Roth IRA, your contributions aren't deductible, but they can be withdrawn at any time, tax- and penalty-free. And you can typically withdraw your earnings on these contributions tax free once you're 59½ and you've had your account at least five years. (If you don't meet these conditions, withdrawals of earnings are subject to income taxes and the 10% penalty.)

So, are you better off by taking the immediate tax break offered by a traditional IRA or the long-term benefits of tax-free withdrawals available with a Roth IRA?

If you think you'll be in a higher tax bracket when you retire, you might want to consider a Roth IRA, especially if you have a long time until retirement. This will give you more opportunities to put away funds that can be withdrawn tax free. Conversely, if you think you might be in a lower tax bracket upon retirement, you might lean toward a traditional IRA, as you'd get the tax benefits now, when you're in a higher bracket, and can eventually make your taxable withdrawals when you're in a lower one.

Here's something else to keep in mind: Once you turn 73 (or 75 if you were born in 1960



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or later), you must start taking taxable withdrawals — technically called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from your traditional IRA. But if you have a Roth IRA, you won't face RMDs and can essentially keep the money in your account indefinitely. If you don't need all the funds in your Roth IRA for your retirement, you can pass them on to your heirs.

Ultimately, though, your income may determine which IRA is right for you. You can earn any amount and contribute to a traditional IRA, though if you exceed certain income limits, your contributions may no longer be tax deductible. If you and your spouse don't have a 401(k) or other retirement plan through your employers, you can make a full, deductible contribution to a traditional IRA regardless of your income.

But you may not be able to contribute to a Roth IRA, or at least not make the full maximum annual contributions, if your income is above certain levels. Your tax advisor can explain these levels, which often increase from year to year. (In 2024, the most you can contribute to either IRA, depending on your income, is \$7,000 per year, or \$8,000 if you're 50 or older.)

Under some circumstances, you can convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, though you'll need to pay taxes on the conversion. In any case, think carefully about your options and make the choices that are appropriate for your needs.

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

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Everybody Hurts scholarship applications due soon

Special to the Tribune

Officials from a local non-profit organization are reminding those who have completed a year in a higher-learning health-related field or mental-health related field that the deadline for a scholarship opportunity is fast approaching.

Everybody Hurts is a local nonprofit that helps bring mental health awareness and suicide prevention education to Chickasaw County. The organization was established in 2020 and has brought numerous guest speakers to the county, funded scholarships

and helped residents seek mental-health treatment.

In October, Everybody Hurts opened its four annual scholarship program. Anyone who is a Chickasaw County resident or former resident and is still residing in Iowa is eligible for the scholarship.

The application process is open through Nov. 30, and those interested in applying can contact Dawn Heying at 319-406-2508 or dawnheyings@gmail.com or visit organization's Facebook page at EverybodyHurtsCCIA

Everybody Hurts also has funds that may be available to those who need counseling services and are unable to pay for it. The provider would be paid directly if necessary.

For more information, please contact Heying or your provider.

And finally, if anyone is interested in QPR training (Question, Persuade, and Refer), which provides three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide, please contact Everybody Hurts, which funds the two-hour course.

Students put together a 'fair' full of opportunity

BY BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Iowa BIG North students are busy putting the finishing touches on what they believe will be an even bigger and better Opportunity Fair than the one they hosted a year ago at New Hampton High School.

The fair — that will include scores of businesses and colleges — will be a day-long affair and held on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

"One of the big things is that it gives students a chance to really explore different fields, different colleges," said New Hampton High School student Gabe Larson, who is part of an Iowa BIG North committee putting together the event. "Last year, it was kind of an end-of-the-day thing but we're hoping we can bring in students from other schools and give everyone a little more time to talk with businesses and colleges."

Larson said one of the best parts of the Opportunity Fair is the chance to meet with prospective employers "face-to-face."

"It's not a phone call, it's not a Zoom; instead, you get a chance to talk to a real person," he said. "For me, that's huge. I think people connect a lot better when



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New Hampton High School Iowa BIG North student Gabe Larson checks for messages about the Opportunity Fair on his computer.

they're talking face to face because with Zoom and phone calls and all that, it just feels like everything's rushed."

Iowa BIG North instructor Mike Kuennen said that his students have contacted numerous businesses and institutions of higher learning in an effort to fill the gym on Dec. 3.

So far, Larson added, the response has been excellent.

"Most of the ones that were here last year are coming back and we've got new

ones, too," he said. "It's going to be a really good day for us to explore what we want to do down the road."

And he said even if students aren't sure what they want to do after high school, the Opportunity Fair is, well, good practice.

"We're reminding everyone to dress nice and all that," he said, "because they're going to take us a lot more seriously if we present ourselves well. It is really a good way to get used to going to job interviews and all that stuff."

Superintendent wants to lower district's chronic absenteeism numbers

SCHOOLS: FROM 1

proficient, ahead of the 61.6 percent state average.

New Hampton's chronic absenteeism was 14.8 percent, below the state average of 21.6 percent but still not good enough for Jurens.

"The state believes that chronic absenteeism — not being in school — is the No.

1 indicator of student achievement," he said, "and I would agree with that. It's something we're working on here. ... The best way to learn is to be in school. I know that sounds obvious, but we're working on a number of different approaches to combat chronic absenteeism."

Jurens also pointed out another positive for the district

when it came to the Iowa School Performance Profiles and that came in what state officials deem the post-secondary work-based learning category, which is defined as "the percent of students participating in a work-based learning experience while in high school."

Almost 60 percent of New Hampton High School students participated in a worked-based

experience, far above the state average of 25.5 percent.

"I think that says a lot about Iowa BIG North and the partnerships we have in our community," Jurens said. "There's a lot of positives in this, but as I always say, it's one measurement and we're going to continue to focus on improvement and doing what's best for our students."

If new policy OK'd by board in December, it will go into effect after Christmas

DROP-OFF: FROM 1

that everyone that has walked in [to the school] has walked back out" and added that "it's no surprise children are crying at drop-off in the morning after experiencing what is the chaos of morning drop off."

After Smith made her comments during that meeting, Superintendent Jay Jurens asked Elementary School Principal Emily Steele to come up with a new policy to deal with the issues Smith brought to the board.

"We still want parents involved and be able to be at the school," Jurens said Monday afternoon, "but it's also paramount that we know who is in the building. I think Emily did an excellent job with this and this is a good balanced approach."

Under the new policy, which must have a second reading approved before it becomes effective, parents of students

in the district's 3- or 4-year old preschool programs may accompany their child to his/her classroom throughout the school year.

"That's a requirement of our preschool standards," Jurens said, "and it just makes sense. I don't think it makes a lot of sense for a 3- or a 4-year-old to be dropped off and told go find the classroom."

The new policy will allow parents of K-4 students to walk their children to their classrooms for the first two weeks of the school year. During the third and fourth weeks of a school year, kindergarten and first-grade students can still have their parents accompany them to their classrooms, while parents of grades 2-4 will need to sign in on a sheet provided by a staff member who will be manning the "playground door."

Briefs

Nursing home, assisted living center holding food drive through Nov. 26

Kensington Place Assisted Living and New Hampton Nursing and Rehab are holding a "Let's Share and Care" food drive Nov. 18-26.

The facilities are asking for non-perishable food items to be dropped off at various places around New Hampton.

The community center is accepting donations today (Thursday), Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 to 4 p.m.

New Hampton's library will be accepting during its open hours; they close at 7 p.m. today, Monday and Tuesday; 5 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday, with an opening time of 9 a.m. each day.

People may drop by Kensington Place with donations Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and the St. Joe's Church from 8:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 7:30 to 8 a.m. and 9:30 to 10 a.m. on Sunday.

All donations will go to the Chickasaw Food Pantry.

'Talkin' Turkey' set for Tuesday at Twin Ponds Nature Center

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will be holding a program on turkeys at the Twin Ponds Nature Center this coming Tuesday.

"Talkin' Turkey" begins at 5 p.m. and will include discussing the habits of turkeys and how turkeys communicate, including turkey calls. The event will finish up with children completing a "turkey craft."

Although the event is free, registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

Sheriff's Office reminding everyone to buckle up for holiday travel

The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office is teaming up with the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) to promote road safety during the Thanksgiving holiday season, and drivers can expect to see an increased law-enforcement presence on Iowa roads through Dec. 1.

GTSB is urging everyone to "Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time" and officials are pointing out that 34 people died or suffered serious injuries on Iowa's roads last year during Thanksgiving week. Of those killed or seriously injured, 40 percent were not properly restrained.

"The Thanksgiving holiday marks the beginning of a cherished season for many," said Marigrace Porcelli, the occupant protection program coordinator for GTSB. "Whether your journey is short or long, it's essential all drivers and passengers buckle up — every trip, every time."

GTSB officials are also reminding motorists that "buzzed driving is drunk driving" and to make sure to have a sober driver before heading out for the holidays.



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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a high of 38 and a low of 29.

Friday: Partly sunny with a high of 39 and a low of 23.

Saturday: Partly sunny and still cold with a high of 38 and a low of 26.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy but a little warmer with a high of 42 and a low of 27.

Extended forecast: We'll begin what for some of us will be an abbreviated work week on the cool side as highs are expected to be in the 30s and lows will drop into the 20s.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

- In 1783, French physician Jean-François Pilatre de Rozier and François Laurent, the marquis d' Arlandes, make the first untethered hot-air balloon flight, flying 5.5 miles over Paris in about 25 minutes.
- In 1877, the publication "Scientific American" enthuses about Thomas Edison's new invention — the phonograph, a way to record and play back sound.
- In 1916, the Britannic, sister ship to the Titanic, sinks in the Aegean Sea, killing 30 people but more than 1,000 passengers and crew members are rescued.
- In 1925, Red Grange plays his final football game for the University of Illinois and then signs a contract to play for the Chicago Bears.
- In 1976, "Rocky," starring Sylvester Stallone as the underdog prizefighter Rocky Balboa, debuts in New York City.
- In 1980, 350 million people around the world tune in to television's popular primetime drama "Dallas" to find out who shot J.R. Ewing, the character fans loved to hate.
- In 1989, President George H.W. Bush signs a law that ban smoking on most domestic flights.

Birthdays

- One of baseball's all-time greats, Stan Musial, was born in 1920.
- Pop singer Carly Rae Jepsen turns 39.
- Former NFL star and current "Good Morning America" co-host Michael Strahan turns 53.
- Former MLB superstar Ken Griffey Jr. turns 55.
- American film actress Goldie Hawn turns 79.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.

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Mildred Jensen, 89

Mildred Jensen, age 89 formerly of New Hampton, died Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at Aase Haugen Senior Services in Decorah surrounded by family.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at First United Methodist Church in Decorah.

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

Briefs

City, county offices to be closed next Thursday and Friday

For those of you who have business to conduct at the Chickasaw County Courthouse or at New Hampton's City Hall next week, here's some quick advice: Get it done by Wednesday.

That's because both county and city offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

NH/TV wrestling team to hold its annual can drive Saturday

The New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestlers will hold a plastic bottle and can drive from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. this Saturday.

Those deposits may be made by going to the New Hampton High School parking lot.

LifeServe blood drive set for Tuesday at Community Center

There will be a LifeServe community blood drive on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E. Spring St. New Hampton, from noon until 5:30 p.m.

Appointments are encouraged and may be made by texting LIFESERVE to 999-777, by calling 800-287-4903 or by visiting the website at lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Property Transfers

Elden A. Sternat EST, Daniel Sternat EX, Dan Sternat EX and Joe Sternat EX to Betty J. Sternat; PARCEL C W1/2 SW 14-94-12 PARCEL F NE SE 15-94-12 W1/2 NE 11-94-12 ALL LYING S & W RR ROW SW NE 02-94-12 W1/2 S & W RR ROW SE 02-94-12 SW SW 36-95-12.

Allan W. Burrichter and Linda K. Burrichter to Scott Lufkin and Brad Lufkin; NEW HAMPTON ZIPSE ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 3.

Arlen W. Jansen and Mary M. Jansen to Arlin W. Jansen REV TR and Mary M. Jansen REV TR; N40R W58R SE NW 28-95-14.

Randall Kuennen, Laura Kuennen, James Kuennen, Charrn Kuennen, Diane Smith, Alan Smith, Kenneth Kuennen, Bridget Kuennen, Gary Kuennen, Janel Kuennen, Lynn Altmann and Robert Altmann to Wyatt P. Blazek; LAWLER HIGHLAND ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 5.

Austin R. Hageman, Dezirae M. Hageman and Dezirae Quass to Gregory A. Powell and April L. Powell; PARCEL A SW 27-97-12.

Luella Shores EST, Dale Thronndson EX and Wayne Thronndson EX to Dale Thronndson and Wayne Thronndson; N1/2 NW 22-96-11 SE SW 35-97-11.

Judith A. Raymond CO TR, Janine J. Schwarck CO TR, Darrin L. Farmer CO TR and Ruth L. Farmer REV TR to Joseph O. Nolt, Anna Mary Nolt and Anna Mary Nolt; EX PARCEL A SW SW 19-97-14.

Bradford Corporation to Melvin K. Johnston; W686.47' S1/2 SW NW 16-94-14 SW1/4 EX PARCEL SE NW SE1/4 EX PARCELS SW NW.

Timothy G. Nosbisch and Susan M. Nosbisch to Randy E. Nosbisch and Morgan W. Nosbisch; PARCEL 2024-33 NE NE 19-96-13.

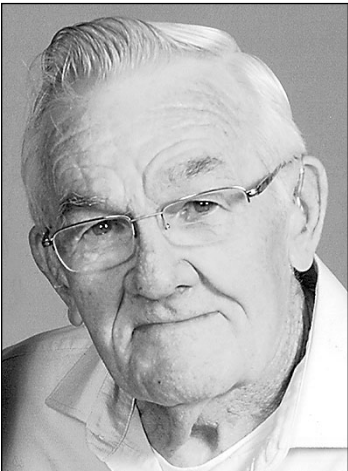
Randy E. Nosbisch and Morgan W. Nosbisch to Travis D. Schwickerath and Laura R. Schwickerath; PARCEL 2024-33 NE NE 19-96-13.

MAXILLA LLC to CVP Properties; S23' L8 & S23' N122' W25' E190' NE NE 30-97-13.

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Kent K. Haugen and Kent A. Haugen to David Haugen; 1/2 INTEREST NEW HAMPTON PHILLIPS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 1.

Francis ‘Frank’ Joseph Martin, 89



Frank Martin

Francis “Frank” Joseph Martin, age 89 of New Hampton, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton with Joshua Waterman, Jeremy Waterman, Anthony Hulbert, Evan Hulbert, Michael Messersmith and Treyton Hulbert serving as pallbearers. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38, New Hampton.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass on Saturday at the church.

Francis Joseph Martin, fondly known as Frank to his friends and loved ones, passed away peacefully on Nov. 18, 2024, at his home in New Hampton. Born on Jan. 6, 1935, at St. Joseph Hospital in New Hampton, the son of James and Elizabeth (O'Neill) Martin, he was the youngest of eight siblings, with four brothers and three sisters.

Frank's life was a rich tapestry woven with the love of family, dedication to community and a zest for life that was contagious to all who knew him.

Frank's early education took place at St. Joseph Catholic School, and he carried the principles and values learned there throughout his life. He graduated from New Hampton High School in 1953. He was a member of the wrestling team, competing at 95 pounds, despite weighing only 80. He would joke that his favorite activity while wrestling, was counting all the lights in the gyms of Northeast Iowa. He also loved playing basketball.

After high school, Frank worked for a chicken place and then Oliver in Charles City, but he was fed up with the drive to Charles City and decided to drive to Waterloo and sign up for the service.

Frank served his country honorably in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1959, a period that shaped much of his character and instilled a sense of duty and service. He was stationed on the USS Arnold-Isbell DD869 out of San Diego California. In the service, Frank traveled to Hawaii, Australia (his favorite) and New Zealand and Hong Kong Island of China, that was occupied by the United States at the time.

2014 (10 years ago)

- Judy and Kit O'Donohoe have made a donation to Northeast Iowa Community College's (NICC) Campaign for Excellence in support of a major resource development initiative to enhance students' access and success to education and training at the college. The NICC Foundation launched the Campaign for Excellence on Oct. 20, and has already raised over \$10 million in resources supporting NICC students and programming.
- New Hampton's Connor Frerichs will be honored with a statewide award during halftime of the Class 2A state football championship. The Iowa Bankers Association recently announced that Frerichs, the son of Scott and Lori Frerichs, was awarded the organization's Student Athlete Achievement Scholarship Award.
- Jon Johnson, market president of Luana Savings Bank, recently presented Frerichs with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of his choice.

2019 (5 years ago)

- For the seniors on the Wartburg football team, Saturday marked the final time they will ever compete in front of their home crowd at Zimmerman Field. Two of these seniors include former area high school standouts, Matt Mulford from New Hampton and Jason Fisher from Nashua-Plainfield. The Knights had no problem coming out on top as they cruised to a 48-7 victory over Loras.
- Both Mulford and Fisher were key contributors for the Knights this season as starters for the team. Wartburg ends the regular season with an overall record of 9-1, including 7-1 in American Rivers Conference play. Wartburg was one of 32 teams selected to make the playoff bracket. The Knights will travel to Holland, Michigan for their opening round matchup with Hope College.
- Around New Hampton: New Hampton Elementary third graders celebrated World Kindness Day that was marked last Wednesday. Students made posters with positive messages than stood on the street to share the messages. Knights of Columbus member Frank Martin presented checks to Comprehensive Systems' Lisa Ward and Special Olympics volunteer Eleanore Martin. The checks were proceeds from the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll drive held earlier in the year.

cradles, toy boxes, shelves, a china hutch and numerous wooden tracks and cars for the great-grandchildren. His hobbies also included camping and fishing, activities through which he shared his love for the outdoors.

Frank's laughter and good humor were the cornerstone of many gatherings, particularly when he played cards with friends or whistled a cheerful tune. He had a whistle that traveled far, needless to say, no curfew was needed, when you heard him whistle, you better get home. He loved to make up songs that would put a smile on anyone's face. His humor and wit were unmatched. Even when he was struggling through heart surgery or his cancer diagnosis on June 11, 2024, he never lost his sense of humor or his love of life.

A devoted family man, Frank relished attending sporting events to cheer on his family, always offering support and encouragement from the sidelines. His presence was a source of strength and comfort to his loved ones. The couple loved to travel, and made their way to Ireland, Alaska, Arizona, Texas, Missouri, Wyoming, Montana, and North and South Carolina. Frank also was a member of an Honor Flight with brother Paul, brother-in-law Duane Leichtman and nephew Jim Roeder.

Frank's legacy is one of laughter, love and craftsmanship. Those who knew him would describe him as handy, funny, and loving. A man who could fix a broken chair as deftly as he could mend a broken spirit with his humor.

Frank's life was a testament to the power of love and the importance of family, and his memory will be treasured by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

As we bid farewell to Francis Joseph Martin, we celebrate a life well-lived, full of purpose and joy. His story does not end here, for his spirit lives on in the hearts of those he touched. Frank's journey on earth may have concluded, but the memories he created will continue to inspire and comfort us for generations to come.

Frank is survived by his devoted wife, Eleanore; his children, Laurie (Tom) Waterman of Frederika, Ron Martin of Blue Springs, Missouri, Carol (Dan) Messersmith of New Hampton, and Shawn (Jim) Hulbert of Ionia; eight grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Elizabeth (O'Neill); his daughter, Theresa on Aug. 24, 2024; and his brothers and sisters, James, John, Pat, Paul, Mary Pat, Agnes and Regina.

News Bits From Our Past Compiled by Terri Josephson

Week of Nov. 17 1949 (75 years ago)

- The 1949-1950 basketball season opens this week in the new Wartburg gym at Waverly with the Jamboree. New Hampton will play Cedar Falls in the first quarter, Osage and Oelwein tangle in the second quarter, Waverly and Cresco in the third and Decorah and Charles City will close the game for the last quarter. Each quarter will be 12 minutes.
- The mayor today issued a formal proclamation urging all residents of New Hampton to “demonstrate their interest in stamping out tuberculosis in New Hampton through their unqualified support” of the 1949 Christmas Seal Sale of the Chickasaw County Tuberculosis and Health Association, which opens up Nov. 21 and will continue until Christmas.

1974 (50 years ago)

- Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shares of New Hampton this week are announcing that their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Exstrom have purchased interest in Roger's Famous Foods, Inc. of New Hampton effective Dec. 7.
- The Exstroms, who live in Peoria, Illinois, will return to New Hampton early December and both will become active in management and operation of the

Thank You

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the love and support you have shown us during Jack's illness and his passing.

Thank you to Cedar Valley Hospice for your loving care given to Jack.

Thank you to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home for their amazing guidance and assistance during the planning process. Your kindness and compassion went over and above our expectations.

Thank you to Rev. Jim Goerend, the Holy Family Staff, and the North Washington Men's Choir for the beautiful singing and playing of the violin.

Thank you to the Firefighter's Honor Guard, the North Washington Fire Dept., and all of the other local fire depts. for your wonderful send off for Jack

Thank you to Phil Zwanzinger, The Pub, and all of the workers for the wonderful meal. To all our family and friends for all of the prayers, visits, food, flowers, gifts, cards, and memorials. Your love and kindness shown to us will never be forgotten

business. Mrs. Exstrom, the former Connie Shares, is a 1968 graduate of the New Hampton Community High School.

- Starting a new high school basketball campaign with a complete zero in the returning lettermen column is hardly an enviable situation, but that's the task head coach Russ Barney and assistant coach Steve Lounsberry will be facing when they take their 1974-75 New Hampton High cagers to the post this Friday night.

The Tribe mentor said this week, “We have different possible combinations in mind, but with no lettermen around, the starting line-up is wide open at this time.”

A squad of 18 varsity candidates, 13 seniors and 5 juniors, have reported for practice.

1999 (25 years ago)

- The New Hampton varsity football team earned a shot at a state title on Saturday evening, Nov. 13, when the Chickasaws rolled over second-ranked Mount Pleasant 25-11 for a Class 3A semifinals win in the UNI-Dome. New Hampton had a fifteen-minute advantage in possession of the ball and totaled 367 offensive yards against Mount Pleasant's 189.

There were several defensive leaders for the

Chickasaws. Tyler Kalishek deflected one Panther pass and Kyle Collins intercepted two others. Blake Flansche, Josh Pesek, David Leichtman and Tyler Kalishek teamed up for three tackles for a loss on the Panthers, resulting in a loss of seven yards.

Matt Shatek led the offense with 95 yards rushing, Jason Reicks had 88 yards, Adam Anderson had 54 yards and Blake Flansche had 19 yards.

Derek Sauser completed six out of 11 passes for 111 yards. Flansche had three receptions for 51 yards, Reicks had two catches for 48 yards and Scott Kramer had one catch for 12 yards. Chris Winter had a punt return for 16 yards and one kickoff return for 37 yards. Ryan Murray recovered an onside kick for the Chickasaws. New Hampton will face Central Lyon for the state championship on Nov. 20 at the UNI-Dome.

2014 (10 years ago)

- Judy and Kit O'Donohoe have made a donation to Northeast Iowa Community College's (NICC) Campaign for Excellence in support of a major resource development initiative to enhance students' access and success to education and training at the college. The NICC Foundation launched the Campaign for Excellence on Oct. 20, and has already raised over \$10 million in resources supporting NICC students and programming.
- New Hampton's Connor Frerichs will be honored with a statewide award during halftime of the Class 2A state football championship. The Iowa Bankers Association recently announced that Frerichs, the son of Scott and Lori Frerichs, was awarded the organization's Student Athlete Achievement Scholarship Award.
- Jon Johnson, market president of Luana Savings Bank, recently presented Frerichs with a \$1,000 scholarship to the college of his choice.

2019 (5 years ago)

- For the seniors on the Wartburg football team, Saturday marked the final time they will ever compete in front of their home crowd at Zimmerman Field. Two of these seniors include former area high school standouts, Matt Mulford from New Hampton and Jason Fisher from Nashua-Plainfield. The Knights had no problem coming out on top as they cruised to a 48-7 victory over Loras.
- Both Mulford and Fisher were key contributors for the Knights this season as starters for the team. Wartburg ends the regular season with an overall record of 9-1, including 7-1 in American Rivers Conference play. Wartburg was one of 32 teams selected to make the playoff bracket. The Knights will travel to Holland, Michigan for their opening round matchup with Hope College.
- Around New Hampton: New Hampton Elementary third graders celebrated World Kindness Day that was marked last Wednesday. Students made posters with positive messages than stood on the street to share the messages. Knights of Columbus member Frank Martin presented checks to Comprehensive Systems' Lisa Ward and Special Olympics volunteer Eleanore Martin. The checks were proceeds from the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll drive held earlier in the year.

FROM ALL OF US AT THE TRIBUNE, WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING AND JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT NEXT WEEK'S PAPER WILL BE DELIVERED TO MOST MAIL CUSTOMERS ON FRIDAY!

Thank You

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks to everyone for the love and support you have shown us during Jack's illness and his passing.

Thank you to Cedar Valley Hospice for your loving care given to Jack.

Thank you to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home for their amazing guidance and assistance during the planning process. Your kindness and compassion went over and above our expectations.

Thank you to Rev. Jim Goerend, the Holy Family Staff, and the North Washington Men's Choir for the beautiful singing and playing of the violin.

Thank you to the Firefighter's Honor Guard, the North Washington Fire Dept., and all of the other local fire depts. for your wonderful send off for Jack

Thank you to Phil Zwanzinger, The Pub, and all of the workers for the wonderful meal. To all our family and friends for all of the prayers, visits, food, flowers, gifts, cards, and memorials. Your love and kindness shown to us will never be forgotten

With our love and thanks,
Jane Seelhammer
Amanda & James Uhlenhake & Family



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Fredericksburg Upham Memorial Library Board President Ken McFarland makes a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Monday when he and the county’s librarians made a pitch for the county to increase its funding for libraries by 6 percent during the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Libraries make pitch for increased county funding

LIBRARIES: FROM 1

July 1, 2025. The six cities with libraries are providing \$357,912 in funding to their facilities.

“First of all, we’d like to thank you all for the funding we received last year,” Lawler Public Library Director Cathy Humpal said. “It really helped us a lot. With that money, we were able to continue to offer free programming and services, we can provide areas for our patrons to read, study, hold small meetings, and also we could improve our physical spaces and make them [American Disabilities Act] compliant.

“That’s getting to be an issue when we do some of our reports and things. The state wants to know we are working on it.”

McFarland told the supervisors that they would be making an “investment” in the county.

The retired veteran told board members that he has been to 46 different countries

and all 50 states, “and I brought my kids back here and my kids have been going out and now are coming back here.”

He said there are three key reasons — security, jobs and infrastructure — both he and his children have returned to Chickasaw County.

McFarland said that libraries fit into infrastructure, which he said “makes the world go around.”

He said “nobody wants to do anything unless they have someplace to go — some grocery go to, some library to assist them, all the way up to a bike path.”

He pointed out that Fredericksburg’s library — Upham Memorial — is a valuable asset not just to the city but to the county as a whole and said the other five libraries in the county are just as important to the area.

McFarland said he realized that while the current inflation rate is lower than 6 percent, he said that inflation earlier this year was much higher.

“We’re not trying to get ahead of the

game,” he said, “but we’re trying to stay whole. That’s all we ask is to stay whole. We’re not trying to be greedy here or anything of that nature. We sat with 16, 17 percent inflation a year ago. You guys tried to help as much as you could with that aspect. We cut corners ... but still kept the critical infrastructure things required to make your job easier.”

He touted the fact that Upham Memorial and other county libraries are busy places for people of all ages.

McFarland said the 6 percent request would represent an increase of “\$7,900, plus or minus a few dollars, out of your entire next year’s budget.”

He closed with a rhetorical question, why 6 percent.

“We’re still backwards from last year,” McFarland said, “and I’m not blaming you guys for not making us whole. You can’t. You’re trying to make everybody in the entire county whole. ... But this would help us — all the libraries — greatly.”

Supervisors accept resignation of county safety director; auditor backs off on deputy pay increase

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Monday morning dealt with the fallout from a meeting last week as board members unanimously accepted the resignation of the county’s safety director.

During a Nov. 12 meeting, Safety Director Ranae Carey — citing the larger-than-expected workload — requested that her pay for her safety position be increased from 96 cents per hour to \$5 per hour, but while supervisors lauded the work she has done since taking the newly-created position in April, turned the request down.

During the meeting, all four supervisors who attended the meeting expressed reservations about granting a pay increase in the middle of the fiscal year and said they would be more comfortable discussing a pay increase that would take effect when the 2025-26 fiscal year begins.

Later that day, Carey, who works as the administrative assistant in the County Engineer’s Office, handed in her resignation for the safety position, effective that day.

On Monday, supervisors accepted the resignation and said they would discuss the vacancy during an upcoming meeting.

At that Nov. 12 meeting, board members also were told by County Auditor Sheila Shekleton that she was going to increase the pay of one of her employees, Deputy Commissioner of Elections Gina Fangman, from 65 percent to 70 percent of the auditor’s salary, or from \$26.51 to \$28.55 per hour.

A day later, though, Shekleton changed her mind, and on Monday, during the

public comment portion of the meeting, Shekleton explained why she was foregoing the increase.

“I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for the thoughtful consideration each of you gave to the board’s decision regarding the deputy’s raise,” Shekleton said as she read from a prepared statement. “While the decision is not what I had hoped for, I respect the outcome and the collaborative process that led to it. I have decided not to move forward with the increase in pay for the deputy and hope we can revisit it during the budget session.”

Under state law, an elected official controls the amount of pay a deputy receives, basing it on a percentage of said elected official’s salary, but a county’s board of supervisors determines the number of deputies that the county has.

At that Nov. 12 meeting, Supervisor Jake Hackman pointed out that the “only power” the board has “is to eliminate that deputy position and make her a clerk again.” He conceded at the time he didn’t know “what the appetite” would be for that action, which would become effective at the beginning of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Shekleton on Nov. 12 went ahead and said she was going to approve the raise, but on Wednesday morning, after discussing the issue with her office staff, she emailed supervisors and said she would hold off on the raise and instead discuss the increase for the deputy during budget work sessions that will help forge the 2025-26 budget and tax levy.

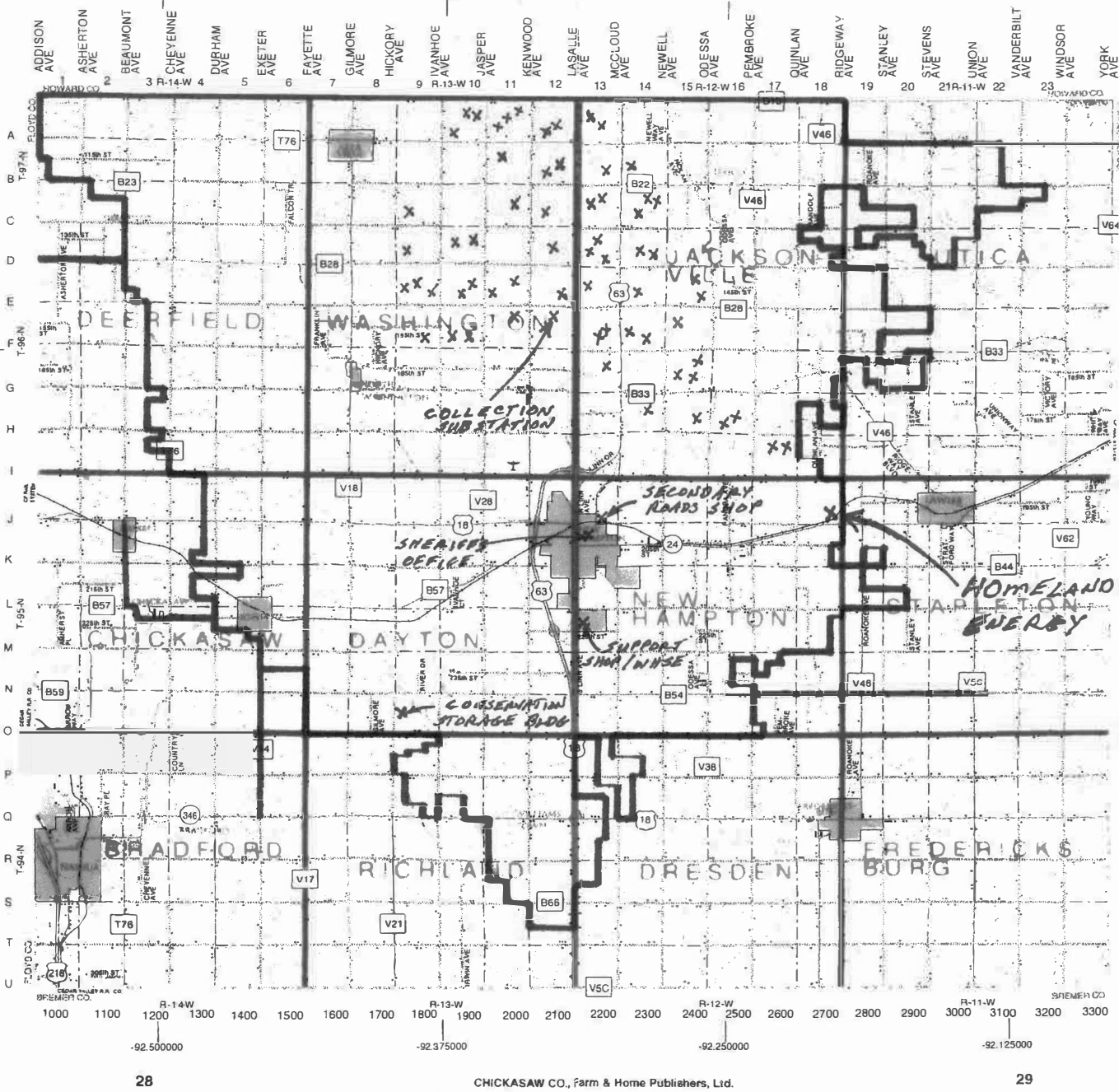
“Please know I remain fully committed to supporting the direction we’re headed and working together as a team to achieve our shared objectives,” she said Monday morning.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED CWEC URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR A PROPOSED URBAN RENEWAL AREA IN CHICKASAW COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA

The Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing before itself at its meeting which commences at 9:00 A.M. on December 9, 2024 in the Boardroom, County Courthouse, 8 East Prospect Street, New Hampton, Iowa, to consider adoption of a proposed CWEC Urban Renewal Plan (the “Plan”) concerning a proposed Urban Renewal Area in Chickasaw County, State of Iowa.

The CWEC Urban Renewal Area is proposed to contain the land generally depicted in the following map:



A copy of the Plan is on file for public inspection in the office of the County Auditor, Courthouse, New Hampton, Iowa.

Chickasaw County, State of Iowa is the local public agency which, if such Plan is approved, shall undertake the urban renewal activities described in such Plan.

The general scope of the urban renewal activities under consideration in the Plan is to promote economic development and to rehabilitate, conserve and redevelop land, buildings and other improvements within such area through the elimination and containment of conditions of blight so as to improve the community through the establishment of effective land use controls, through use of an effective program of rehabilitation of existing buildings and elimination of those structures which cannot be economically rehabilitated, with a limited amount of acquisition, clearance, resale and improvement of land for various purposes specified in the Plan. To accomplish the objectives of the Plan, and to encourage the further economic development of the Urban Renewal Area, the Plan provides that such special financing activities may include, but not be limited to, the making of loans or grants of public funds to private entities under Chapter 15A, Code of Iowa. The County also may reimburse or directly undertake the installation, construction and reconstruction of substantial public improvements, including, but not limited to, street, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer or other public improvements. The County also may acquire and make land available for development or redevelopment by private enterprise as authorized by law. The Plan provides that the County may issue bonds or use available funds for purposes allowed by the Plan and that tax increment reimbursement of the costs of urban renewal projects may be sought if and to the extent incurred by the County. The Plan initially proposes specific public infrastructure or site improvements to be undertaken by the County, and provides that the Plan may be amended from time to time.

Any person or organization desiring to be heard shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard at such hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Supervisors of Chickasaw County, State of Iowa, as provided by Section 403.5, Code of Iowa.

Dated this 18 day of November, 2024

Sheila Shekleton County Auditor, Chickasaw County, State of Iowa

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Happy 85th Birthday Jack Sabelka

Sunday, November 24th

Cards can be sent to:
Jack Sabelka
1620 Windsor Ave
Lawler, Iowa 52154

Love, Your Family

Mary Jo Sabelka's 75th Birthday

Mary Jo Sabelka's 75th birthday is near! Please send a card with memories dear. Let's Shower her with love & cheer to make her day (Nov. 26th) extra special this year.

Please send cards to:
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New Hampton, IA 50659

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Hirings bring city's Public Works Department to full strength; council approves new TIF

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

It's been a while — a good, long while to be frank — since the New Hampton Public Works Department has been at full strength, but thanks to the City Council approving two new hires Monday night, for the first time in three years, there are no job vacancies among the city's street, water and wastewater departments.

The council approved hiring Kyle Anderson as the city's new street, water and sanitary collection superintendent and Jim Kuhn as a public works opera-

tor, and Public Works Director Casey Mai said the hires are part of his plan to make his department more "universal."

"We're not just going to hire for the streets or the water," he said. "We want our employees to kind of work across departments. If we need extra help on the street side, then that's where we'll go."

Following Monday night's meeting, Mai said that once Kuhn and Anderson come on board, it will be the first time since 2021 that Public Works has been fully staffed.

Kuhn started work with the city on Tuesday while Anderson

will begin working next week in a newly-created position.

Mai told the council that Anderson brings "a lot of experience" to his position. Anderson has worked for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in recent years.

"He's done a lot of supervisor and department head training and classes," Mai said, "and he's going to be a great addition to our city and so will Jim. I'm excited to get this going."

The Public Works hires were part of a relatively busy agenda for the council, which also approved a proposed development agreement with

New Hampton Transfer and Storage that will provide the New Hampton company with up to \$379,000 in tax-increment financing (TIF) for a new warehouse the company will construct.

New Hampton Transfer and Storage's Jonas Schwickerath said the 50,000-square-foot addition will help his company meet the warehouse demand that local industries and businesses have, and Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson echoed his comments.

"This helps a lot of our businesses and industries in town,"

she said, "and this is really a win-win for everyone."

And council members also unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding with the union that represents city

workers to clear up confusion in the most recent contract.

The MOU now explicitly states that the city will use hours — not days — as its standard measure in the contract.

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**Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency
Unapproved - Executive Board Minutes**
November 5th, 2024

On Tuesday November 5th, 2024 in the Meeting Room at the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Landfill at 5:30 p.m. the regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Floyd Mitchell Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency was held in person and by Zoom.

Vice Chairman Dave Swenunson was in the chair. Executive Board members Jerry Joerger, Brock Waters, Sydney Hartogh, Steve Geerts, Dennis Keifer, Travis O'Connell and Keith Horgen were in the BoardRoom. Present by Zoom: Scott Cerwinske.

Employees Present: Christian Fox, Director.

Guests Present: None
A motion was made by Geerts, seconded by O'Connell to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the October 2024 Executive Board Meeting, and Summary List of Bills for October 2024 as presented. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Financial Report- Jerry Joerger presented the Financial Report. Joerger stated that we were one month into our new budget. He stated that everything looked well. He also stated that we have a CD to mature November 16th and two more to mature in December. After some discussion, a motion was made by Waters and second by Horgen to approve the Financial Report. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Decision purchase of new lawn mower- Fox brought to the attention of the board, several quotes for new lawn mowers. He stated that it was time to trade in and upgrade from the 2013 John Deere lawn mower. After some discussion, a motion was made by Hartogh to accept the low bid from Kibble Equipment in Osage. Second by Waters. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Discussion/Decision regarding Christmas (Jerry J)- Joerger stated to the board that Christmas was right around the corner and in the past the board had given prepaid gift cards to the employees. He also stated that there was a very good group of employees working at the landfill. Cerwinske stated that he also thought we had a very good group of employees. After some discussion, a motion was made by Joerger and second by

Hartogh to give each landfill employee a \$250 gift card. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

There being no further items requiring board action, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. with a motion by Steve Geerts and second by Travis O'Connell. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

December minutes will be published in the Enterprise Journal. A copy of these minutes can also be found on our website fmcandfill.org.

Dave Swenunson, Vice Chairman
ATTEST: Christian Fox, Secretary
**Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Solid Waste Management Agency
Expenses by Vendor Summary
October 2024**

	October 24
Alliant Energy	1,002.01
Best Services	588.50
Cardmember Service.....	323.47
Carolina Software	400.00
City Laundering	402.74
Culligan	28.00
Dennis, Keifer	59.12
E & E Welding	230.96
Ed Shindelar	352.23
Fairbanks Scales Inc.	1,165.00
Farmland Hardware	85.74
Fox, Christian	40.36
Geerts, Steve	68.50
Goodale Custom Pumping Co.....	800.00
Hartogh, Sydney	40.36
Horgen Keith	72.52
Innovative Ag Services	2,757.00
J M Tire	1,333.45
Jendro Sanitation	210.00
Joerger, Jerry	177.36
Mason City Public Utilities.....	1,754.67
Microbac Laboratories, Inc.....	1,190.89
Midwest Electronic Recovery	100.00
NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING	650.00
O' Connell, Travis	57.78
O'Brien Plumbing, LLC	2,544.69
Omnitel Communications	214.96
Riley's Inc	21.60
Scott Cerwinske	201.00
Swenunson, David	61.80
The Retrofit Companies, Inc. ..	1,427.51
US Cellular	43.98
Waters, Brock	59.12
Weight & Measures Bereau	84.00
Ziegler Inc	2,287.03
TOTAL	20,836.35

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**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Paul Sjobakken, Deceased
PROBATE NO. ESPR003253
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Paul Sjobakken, Deceased, who died on or about October 20, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on November 5, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Paul Sjobakken, Deceased, bearing date of December 22, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that JC Schnur and Kevin J. Kennedy was 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 named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by 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 (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated November 5, 2024.

JC Schnurr, Executor of Estate
13526 W Wagon Wheel Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Kevin J. Kennedy
203 South Walnut Ave
New Hampton, IA 50659

Tori A. Beyer, ICIS#: AT0015570
Attorney for Executor
Dillon Law PC
12 E. Main Street
New Hampton, IA 50659

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**CHICKASAW COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2024**

The Board convened on Monday, November 4, 2024, at 9:01 AM with members Breitbach, 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, Bob Fenske member of the media, Assessor Raymond Armel, Engineer Roman Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for November 4, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve minutes for October 28, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn. Abstained: Cerwinske. Motion carried.

Discussed compensation paid to a county supervisor when serving as member of a 28E entity and the supervisor was going to donate \$606.05 that was received.

Public comment. Supervisor Hackman shared that the Toys for Tots would like to use the Heritage Center for storage again this year. Also, that Restore Independent Mobility (non-profit organization) who help put power of mobility under the people that need it for their own independence and wellbeing would like to store some units at the Heritage Center.

Assessor Armel shared that he has completed the updated descriptions for Homeland Energy to be included in Chickasaw County's TIF.

Secondary Roads updates by Engineer Lensing.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-Aid Agreement for a County Highway Bridge Program Project (Project No.: BRS-C019(118)-60-19). Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve extending Employee Benefit System (EBS) Flex submission period from September 15, 2024 to November 30, 2024 and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve claims in the amount of \$51,700.56. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior bills in the amount of \$4,854.58. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve payroll check date November 1, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Assignment:
Supervisor Suckow, October 31, 2024- Northeast Iowa Workforce
Supervisor Cerwinske, October 28, 2024- Pathways

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 9:38 AM. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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ORDINANCE No. 1-2024
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ALTA VISTA, IOWA, 2008, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Alta Vista, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION REPEALED AND REPLACED. Section 55.09 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Alta Vista, Iowa, 2008, subsection 1 is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

55.09. DANGEROUS ANIMALS
A. DEFINITION

(1) An animal is DANGEROUS if it meets at least one of the following criteria:

(a) Any animal that bites or attacks any person or other domestic animal without provocation either on public or private property;

(b) Any animal with a history, tendency, propensity or disposition to attack without provocation or to cause injury to or to otherwise endanger the safety of a person or other domestic animals;

(c) An animal which leaves its owner's property to aggressively attack passers by or their pets on the public right-of-way or on other private property; or

(d) Any animal previously adjudicated by a court to be dangerous.

(e) Any unprovoked animal who, in a dangerous or terrorizing manner, approaches a person or other domestic animal and displays threatening or aggressive behavior; or

(2) A DANGEROUS animal does not include any animal owned by and under the control of the Police Department or a law enforcement agency of the state, United States, or any branch of the armed forces of the United States. Further, no animal shall be declared DANGEROUS because:

(a) The animal inflicts injury or damage on a person committing a willful trespass or other tort upon premises occupied by the owner or lessee of the animal, or committing or attempting to commit a crime.

(b) For taking any action to defend or protect a human being or other animal within the immediate vicinity of the animal from an unjustified attack or assault.

(c) If used in connection with lawful activities of law enforcement officials.
B. DANGEROUS ANIMAL DISPOSITION

(1) It shall be a municipal infraction for any person to keep a dangerous animal within the City.

(2) The City Clerk, any law enforcement officer, or any other designee of the City Council, in his or her discretion or upon receipt of a complaint and conducting an investigation alleging that an animal is a dangerous animal, may declare such animal a dangerous or potentially dangerous animal by issuing a civil citation and notice of a dangerous animal to the owner.

(3) Upon such declaration and citation, the City Clerk, any law enforcement officer, or any other designee of the City Council, may make a written order of any or all of the following:

(a) That the animal shall be confined in a proper enclosure to prevent the entry of any person or animal and the escape of said animal, as a precondition to the animal remaining in the City.

(b) That the dangerous animal will be spayed or neutered.

(c) That the owner of the dangerous animal may be required to enter the animal in a socialization and/or behavior modification program approved by the Animal Protection Officer, as a precondition to the animal remaining in the City.

(d) If proper confinement cannot be made, the animal will be seized and transported to a city-designated animal welfare agency.

(e) That the animal shall be permanently removed from the City limits.

(f) That the animal shall be humanely euthanized.

(1) Any animal declared dangerous which has bitten another animal or a person requiring medical attention which cannot immediately be confined by the owner in accordance with paragraph 3(a) may be seized by the City and confined in an animal welfare agency while disposition is determined. The owner shall be bear the cost of any boarding required.

(2) Should the owner of the animal object to any declaration or order, the owner may demand a hearing before the City Council by making said demand in writing within fourteen (14) days of said order to the City Clerk. Hearing shall be held before the City Council at the next possible business meeting of the Council,

tober 2024 be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Berns. Motion carried.

General Manager Report:
1. Signups are continuing - Over 1030 customers; Staff has surpassed goal of 1,000 customers by the end of 2024.
2. NHMU hosted Holiday Vendor Show on November 2nd
3. Staff is planning a fundraiser for non-profits with Christmas Tree Decorating Contest being held at NHMU

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the meeting adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Berns. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, City Clerk
GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair
TELECOMMUNICATIONS
NOVEMBER 11, 2024 5:15 P.M.

Iowa Department of Revenue, Sales Tax
October..... \$1,545.54
National Content & Technology, Video Programming..... \$7,971.00
Black Hills Energy, Gas Service \$37.73
Butler Bremer Communications, Wholesale Voice..... \$8,709.56
Calix, Inc., Cloud Support, Experience Management..... \$1,280.32
Cedar Falls Utilities, Wholesale Bandwidth, Fiber Point to Point \$5,810.00
Madison National Life Ins Co, Term Life, AD&D, Supplemental Life \$

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**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF**

**vs.
CLARENCE J. HAYEN, ALL OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SPOUSES, ASSIGNEES, GRANTEES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF CLARENCE J. HAYEN, DECEASED, SPOUSE OF CLARENCE J. HAYEN, IF ANY, STATE OF IOWA, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE AND STATE OF IOWA, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEFENDANTS**

**EQUITY NO. EQCV004557
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby notified that there is a petition on file in the office of the clerk of the above court which petition prays for a judgment in rem against the property involved in this action for the sum of \$81,190.49 with interest at 3.500% per annum from and including January 1, 2024, on the promissory note executed by Clarence J. Hayen and Cheryl A. Hayen, husband and wife and mortgage executed by Clarence J. Hayen and Cheryl A. Hayen, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns and assigned to Plaintiff, who is the sole and absolute owner thereof.

Said note, together with the mortgage given to secure the same are due and payable by reason of the failure of the Defendants Clarence J. Hayen and Cheryl A. Hayen, husband and wife to pay the installments of principal when due. Plaintiff also prays in said Petition for the foreclosure of said mortgage dated May 16, 2016 recorded in Document E16-0207 in the Recorder's Office of Chickasaw County, Iowa, with said note dated May 16, 2016 on the following described property, to-wit:

The North 75 Feet of Lot 50 of the Irregular Survey of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; the North 15 feet of the South 105 feet of the West 70 feet of the East one acre of the North Quarter of the South-east Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the West 100 feet of the North 60 feet of the East one acre of the North Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, all in Section 7, Township 95 North, Range 12 West of the 5th P.M. in New Hampton, Chickasaw County, Iowa and also asking that said mortgage be declared a prior and superior lien to that of each of the above named Defendants; for appointment of a receiver; for the amount unpaid by Plaintiff for attorneys' fees, abstract expense, costs and accruing costs

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of this action; that special execution issue for the sale of said real estate to satisfy said judgment, interest, attorneys' fees and costs and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS, SEE COPY OF PETITION NOW ON FILE.

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The Plaintiff's attorneys are Petosa Law LLP by Benjamin W. Hopkins, whose address is 1350 NW 138th Street, Suite 100, Clive, IA 50325, telephone number 515-222-9400, facsimile number 515-222-9121.

You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 11 day of December, 2024, and within a reasonable time thereafter file your motion or answer in the Iowa District Court of Chickasaw County, at the Courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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had brick and mortar crumbling, leading to the wall bowing out toward the alley — and recoup its expenses through the building's property taxes.

Bryant, however, was killed in a car accident in January 2023, and Josh Mack subsequently bought the building, but the building's north wall remained unrepaired.

During a meeting this past April, City Council members expressed their frustrations and impatience with the fact that repairs had not been made and voted to hire a certified inspector to find out exactly what needed to be done to fix the building.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Board convened on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Kuhn. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Custodian Dave Gorman, Safety Director Ranae Carey.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for November 12, 2024 with the removal of the 9:55 AM Assessor Raymond Armel and moving it to Monday, November 18, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve minutes for November 4, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve allowing Toys for Tots, Local Chapter, to store toys at the Heritage Center. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve allowing Restore Independent Mobility Inc to keep some of their units at the Heritage Center and direct County Attorney, David Laudner, to draw up a contract. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Public Comment: County Attorney, David Laudner, congratulated the winners of the November 5, 2024 General Election and told the Auditor's office they did a good job.

Supervisor Hackman shared that there would be a County Supervisors of District 2 meeting December 5, 2024. That someone needed to reach out to New Elected Supervisor Carter to see if he wants to attend.

Opened Sealed bids for Snow removal at the Law Emergency Management Commissions (LEMC)

Babcock Services \$175.00
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Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve hiring David Liddle to do snow removal for the Law Emergency Management Commissions (LEMC) property, 516 S Linn Ave for FY24-25 pending submitting a Certificate of Insurance. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Discussed progress of the safety program since the Safety Director, Ranae

On Monday, City Clerk Karen Clemens told council members that "numerous emails have been sent" to Mack and that "numerous emails have not been answered."

Robinson added that "he simply is evading us, he is certainly, in my opinion, trying to kick the can down the road."

Mack also owns the building that houses Hometown TV and Appliances and apartments, but both buildings are taxed as one.

"We're not asking for anything on the Hometown building," Robinson said. "That needs work, but right now we're focused on the other building."

She said that she has met with officials from the New Hampton Light Plant, which

Carey, started April 29, 2024.

Discussed and reviewed of the Assessment from April 24, 2024 thru September 4, 2024 from Heartland Insurance for county property.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve having Neapolitan Labs (Chickasaw County Website) design an area for county employees to be able to take their harassment prevention training and to pay for it out of General Services and Safety Director in charge of it. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Hackman, Suckow, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Discussed equipment and vehicle tracking and consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have the Safety Director look into it.

Discussed authority for enforcing processes and procedures. The Board of Supervisors explained that it would start with letting the Board of Supervisors and the department heads know.

Discussed safety manual, new hire process, and workers compensation process.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve the Safety Manual for Chickasaw County. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Hackman, Suckow, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Discuss pay increase with action for Safety Director. No action taken.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve receiving and having the auditor file the annual report for Chickasaw County Conservation Board, Twin Ponds Nature Center for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Conservation updates by Conservation Director Chad Humpal.

Recessed: 10:47 AM
Resumed: 10:50 AM

Acknowledge Election Deputy, Gina Fangman, percentage increase from 65% to 70% of the auditor's salary or \$26.51 per hour to \$28.55 per hour effective November 11, 2024. No action taken.

Budget work session
Committee Assignment:
Supervisor Cerwinske, November 5, 2024- Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County Landfill

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:56 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Cerwinske. Absent: Kuhn. Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton,
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provides her department economic development funds and agreed to give Mack a no-interest \$20,000 loan to help remove electrical boxes so that the wall could be fixed and electrical issues in the building could be addressed. Under the terms of the loan, Robinson said that if Mack repaid the first \$15,000 of the loan on time, the remaining \$5,000 would be forgiven.

Yet no action has been taken, and because City Attorney Todd Prichard has cited a "conflict of interest" with Mack, city leaders asked the council to give them the go-ahead to hire O'Donohoe to represent the city on matters with the Main Street building.

"This is nothing against him," Robinson said of Mack, "and has everything to do with the building. The building is in very poor shape, and we have to find a way to get it repaired."

Council members then voted 5-0 to hire O'Donohoe to represent the city on the matter.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton city officials say they are concerned with the safety issues they see in a Main Street building that is home to the New Hampton Mart and Lucy's Closet, a thrift store that recently went into business.

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City of Alta Vista Council Meeting Tuesday, November 12, 2024

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Adam Roethler, Kayla Pride, Rick Heying, and Amy Laures in the Alta Vista City Hall. Samantha Slick was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burt Ostert.

Agenda was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the agenda. Ayes: Laures, Roethler, Heying, Pride. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

October 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Clerk would like to add that Pride brought up at the October meeting, under Ordinance No. 1-2024, that her dog was attacked by the neighbor's dog. Pride wants to make sure there is record of the incident. Roethler made the motion, seconded by Pride to approve the October 14, 2024 regular meeting minutes with the correction. Ayes: Laures, Roethler, Heying, Pride. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

Citizen Forum was discussed. Library was discussed.

Fire Department was discussed. Al Kolbet received a quote for a generator for \$11,251.95 completely installed. Clerk will apply for a MidAmerican grant.

Workman's comp incident was brought up. Investigation is still ongoing. Fire Chief will complete the debrief report and incident report as part of the investigation and the chief will email the individual incident reports to the city attorney.

Motor vehicle records, background checks, and private insurance was discussed. Clerk will contact attorney if all of these need to be done.

Grants were discussed. Septic system in town was discussed. Insurance claim was discussed.

Nuisance property was discussed. The City is close to obtaining 302 S White Ave.

Ordinance No. 1- 2024 was discussed. Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Alta Vista, Iowa, 2008, by amending provisions pertaining to animal protection and control was read for the second time. Pride made the motion, seconded by Roethler to approve the second reading of Ordinance No.1-2024. Roll call vote. Ayes: Pride, Roethler, Heying, Laures. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

Roethler made the motion, seconded by Pride to waive the third reading of Ordinance No.1-2024. Roll call vote. Ayes: Pride, Roethler, Heying, Laures. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried. Ordinance will be in effect after it is published in the Tribune.

FYE 2024 Annual Financial Report was discussed.

CWEC Urban Renewal Plan was discussed. It is for TIF money to redo the roads. Roethler made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the CWEC Urban Renewal Plan. Roll call vote. Ayes: Pride, Roethler, Heying, Laures. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

Rates were discussed. Delinquents were discussed. Water was discussed.

Sewer was discussed. Pump at sewer plant is 20 years old and is being repaired. City is looking into purchasing a backup pump.

Streets were discussed. E Weber project was discussed. Mayor will meet with County Engineer Roman Lensing soon to go over project. No designs are done as of yet. S White and W Weber were discussed. They currently have an overlay on them to get City by until 2028. Roman is looking into more grant options.

Sanitation was discussed. Parks were discussed. Handicap spot in Linden park is complete.

Municipal Hall was discussed.

Electric was discussed. No financial reports were present. Clerk is meeting with Clerkboks to do more training. Clerk is attending a training seminar in Cedar Falls on November 19th.

Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the disbursements. Ayes: Pride, Roethler, Heying, Laures. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

October Disbursements

To Whom Amt, Purpose
State of IA \$173.87, WET Tax
State of IA \$329.05, Sales Tax
State of IA...\$859.00, State Withholdings
US Treasury ... \$1,679.36, Withholdings
IPERS \$1,041.46 , Withholdings
Wellmark \$778.67, Health Insurance

Premium
Alliant Energy \$12,997.00 , Electric
Purchase
City of Alta Vista \$242.59 , Utilities
Windstream \$212.56 , Telephone/
Internet
Alta Vista Public Library \$6,387.19, Allocation
AV Express \$100.00 , Fuel
AV Firefighters Association \$42.00, Life Support Renewal
Bodensteiner Implement Co \$2.14, Wing Screw
Bruening Rock Products, \$458.55 , Rock
Croell \$510.00, Concrete
Electric Pump \$1,803.80 , Serviced
Pump
Hanson Tire Service. \$1,855.00, Tractor
Tires
Hawkins, Inc \$2,317.53, Scale
Iowa DNR (Engineering) \$115.00, Annual Water Use Fee
Jendro Sanitation ... \$1,437.23, Garbage
Pickup
John Deere Financial \$381.47, Pole
Saw, Brush Killer, Herbicide
Leisure Time ... \$15.97, Water shipment
Macqueen \$438.15 , Gloves
New Hampton Tribune \$137.62 , Publications
Stanton Electric LLC ... \$7,984.09, New
Pole, Outage, Tree On Line
Northeast Iowa Community Action \$227.00, Fees
Zurich \$3,694.00, Audit Premium
Buchholtz, Dale W \$1,194.66, 9/15-9/28
Holthaus, Jarrett \$500.21, 9/15-9/28
Holthaus, Jarrett \$318.96, Flags, Toner, Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide Detectors, Envelopes, Handicap Signs, Paper
Jarrett Holthaus ... \$597.59, 10/13-10/26
Buchholtz, Dale W \$1,194.66, 10/13-10/26
Kayla Pride \$46.12, Council Pay
Amy Laures \$46.12, Council Pay
Adam Roethler \$46.12, Council Pay
Rick Heying \$46.17, Council Pay
Burt Ostert \$92.35, Mayor Pay
Samantha Slick \$46.17, Council Pay
..... \$50,349.43
Library Account
Windstream \$132.50
Telephone/Internet, VISA \$469.64
Supplies, Flatjord, Christina .. \$276.23 , 9/15-9/28
Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$350.31, 9/15-9/28
City of Alta Vista \$41.60, Utilities
Center Point Large Print..\$40.58, Books
Palmertown Press \$61.00 , Book

AV Shopper \$252.00, Advertising
Flatjord, Christina . \$305.90, 9/29-10/12
Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$264.80, 9/29-10/12
Flatjord, Christina \$249.32, 10/13-10/26
Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$341.13, 10/13-10/26
Taylor-Griffen, Crystal \$37.52 , Mileage
City of Alta Vista \$563.09, Payroll
Liability
Transfer to Savings ..\$1,000.00, transfer
..... \$4,385.62
..... \$54,735.05
October Disbursements
General \$19,168.74
Road Use Taxes \$2,771.41
Snow Removal \$ -
Water \$1,027.01
Water Control \$2,448.50
Sewer \$2,684.35
Electric \$22,249.42
Library \$4,385.62
Economic Development \$ -
Debt Services \$ -
Total \$54,735.05
General \$35,282.16
Option Tax \$2,499.22
Road Use Tax \$1,350.81
Water \$3,142.07
Sewer \$2,198.22
Electric \$16,957.41
Utility Deposits \$ -
Debt Service \$ -
Economic Development \$0.26
Library- Account \$60.85
Library- County \$ -
Library- City \$ -
Library- State \$1,265.90
Library Donations \$1,050.00
Library Sales \$18.05
Sales \$ -
Transfers In \$ -
Total \$63,824.95
Council and Mayor concerns were discussed.

Heying made the motion, seconded by Pride to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Ayes: Pride, Roethler, Heying, Laures. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.

The next council meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM at Alta Vista City Hall.

Burt Ostert, Mayor
Attest: Jarrett Holthaus,
City Clerk

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FY 2023/2024 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -- Actual and Budget
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024
County Name: CHICKASAW COUNTY County Number:19

		General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Debt Service	Permanent	Actual Totals	Budgeted Totals	
Revenues & Other Financing Sources									
Taxes Levied on Property	1	4,160,569	2,140,455		450,082		6,751,106	6,985,185	1
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	9,115	8,880		5,384		23,379	6,014	2
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3		0		0		0	233,850	3
Net Current Property Taxes	4	4,151,454	2,131,575		444,698		6,727,727	6,745,321	4
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	3,426	1,741		362		5,529	135	5
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	39,398					39,398	15,000	6
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	134,574	1,154,858	0	14,238	0	1,303,670	944,392	7
Intergovernmental	8	1,079,384	6,700,893	0	25,512	0	7,805,789	8,012,221	8
Licenses & Permits	9	58,784	86,198	0	0	0	144,982	25,300	9
Charges for Service	10	1,052,570	824,152	1,000	0	0	1,877,722	1,626,188	10
Use of Money & Property	11	464,724	53,192	21,902	10,802	0	550,620	145,852	11
Miscellaneous	12	196,273	114,196	0	0	0	310,469	350,563	12
Subtotal Revenues	13	7,180,587	11,066,805	22,902	495,612	0	18,765,906	17,864,972	13
Other Financing Sources:									
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	0	0	0	0	0		14
Operating Transfers In	15	400,000	2,278,515	99,955	40,424	0	2,818,894	2,818,895	15
Proceeds of Capital Asset Sales	16	13,102	0	0	0	0	13,102	12,702	16
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	7,593,689	13,345,320	122,857	536,036	0	21,597,902	20,696,569	17
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses									
Operating:									
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	3,039,570	888,931			0	3,928,501	4,414,596	18
Physical Health Social Services	19	1,528,450	0			0	1,528,450	1,860,849	19
Mental Health, ID & DD (Polk County only)	20	0	0			0	0	0	20
County Environment and Education	21	532,157	195,902			0	728,059	991,984	21
Roads & Transportation	22	0	7,446,409			0	7,446,409	7,663,830	22
Government Services to Residents	23	525,439	0			0	525,439	682,901	23
Administration	24	1,951,024	0			0	1,951,024	2,280,249	24
Nonprogram Current	25	6,302	0			0	6,302	7,277	25
Debt Service	26	0	0		516,896	0	516,896	516,898	26
Capital Projects	27	441,015	2,034,842	37,932		0	2,513,789	4,488,140	27
Subtotal Expenditures	28	8,023,957	10,566,084	37,932	516,896	0	19,144,869	22,906,724	28
Other Financing Uses:									
Operating Transfers Out	29	729,518	2,056,318	33,058	0	0	2,818,894	2,818,895	29
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	8,753,475	12,622,402	70,990	516,896	0	21,963,763	25,725,619	31
Changes in fund balances	32	-1,159,786	722,918	51,867	19,140	0	-365,861	-5,029,050	32
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2023	33	5,314,991	5,398,101	471,853	47,949	0	11,232,894	8,788,413	33
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budget)	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	1,702,347	6,121,019	523,720	67,089	0	8,414,175	2,432,035	36
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	103,183	0	0	0	0	103,183		38
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	2,349,675	0	0	0	0	2,349,675	1,327,328	39
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2024	40	4,155,205	6,121,019	523,720	67,089	0	10,867,033	3,759,363	40

Additional details are available at: <https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov/Notes-to-the-financial-statement,if-any:->
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Turkey Valley honor roll

Turkey Valley's first quarter honor roll was released recently. The criteria for a student qualifying for the honor roll is obtaining a quality point average of 3.0 or above. Students receiving a D or F will not qualify for the honor roll.

3.75-4.0— Alexa Mueterthies, Anna Reicks, Annie Raymond, Ava Kuennen, Bree Balk, Brynlee Hayek, Cale Langreck, Caleb Kriener, Cole Fencil, Cooper Dietzenbach, Hazel Nieman, Honora Chicken, Isaiah Wheeler, Jacob Wurzer, Jadeyn Mueterthies, Jocelynn DeSloover, Karstyn Lukes, Karsyn Reicks, Kinsey Reicks, Morgan Vseteka, Mya Ives, Nicholas Bernhard, Sofia Rivera, Tucker Tlusty.

3.50-3.74 – Aisha Ouenas, Andrew Brown, Annebelle Scheidel, Annika Bodensteiner, Ashlyn Murray, Brody Hayek, Brooklyn Kuennen, Calen Franzen, Courtney Ball, Delaney Busta, Dominick Reicks, Elizabeth Hyer, Ellaney Bodensteiner, Ethan Orvis, Grace Bouska, Hunter Kruse, Jonah Orvis, Jordan Kriener, Kinzey Rausch, Lauren Ball, Larry Vrba, Lauryn Dagit, Lilly-Rose Buat, Luella Reicks, Mitchell Kriener, Theresa Hanson, Treyton Franzen.

3.25-3.49 - Adysen Wurzer, Alexis Gruenberg, Annika Kuennen, Austin Wemark, Autumn Maklenburg, Avery Lantow, Brady Blong, Colton Kurtenbach, Emersyn Hoeffert, Emma Brincks, Jenna Thronndson, Kaden Schmidt, Keira Fencil, Kesley Reicks, Layni Schuchhardt, Levi Kruse, Liam Langreck, Lucy Steinlage, Lydia Chicken, Mason Gebel, Morgan Reicks, Raelen Manderfield.

3.00 – 3.24 - Addison Steinlage, Alexis Elsbernd, Avery Franzen, Avery Vseteka, Braxton Steinlage, Callie Busta, Dawson Humpal, Ella Carolan, Ella Drilling, Gracyn Dagit, Haylee Hanson, Hugo Busta, Jacob Hanson, Traejin Keel, Jaya Quail, Jayden Rausch, John Kruse, Kendall Kuennen, Kole Adams, Kole Stika, Madalyn Vseteka, Serenity Geisler, Ty Moudry, Kaydin Wells.

Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club to put on annual soup supper during Meet the Team Night Friday

The Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club will holds its annual soup supper this Friday at New Hampton High School's winter sports Meet the Team Night.

The freewill donation supper will run from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and be held in the high school cafeteria.

Also on the schedule for Friday night is the following:

- 3:45 to 5:45 p.m.: Bowling practice at Bowlway Lanes.
- 4:15 to 5:45 p.m.: Boys and girls wrestling practice in the middle school gym (old high school gym).
- 5 to 5:45 p.m.: Girls basketball practice in the competition gym.
- 5:45 to 6 p.m.: Girls wrestling parent meeting.
- 5:55 p.m. to 6:10 p.m.: Introductions of bowling and wrestling cheer teams and coaches in the competition gym.
- 6 to 6:15 p.m.: Boys wrestling parent meeting.
- 6:10 to 6:55 p.m.: Freshman and JV boys basketball practice in competition gym.
- 6:55 to 7:40 p.m.: Varsity boys basketball practice in competition gym.

Legal Notice

CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 2024

The Board convened on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 1:00 PM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cervinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cervinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Skeleton

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for November 13, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Drew a name for County Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioner for the write in because there was a tie between two .

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the canvass of the General Election held November 5, 2024 and authorize Auditor to certify results to the State and record in permanent Election Register. Roll Call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, and Cervinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 1:36 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Scott Cervinske, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Skeleton,
Secretary to the Board

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Getting ready!

New Hampton Jordan Thronndson puts up a shot during Monday's practice that was held at the Chickasaw Wellness Complex as the Chickasaws get ready to play "for real" next week. New Hampton hosts Riceville in a scrimmage on Monday and then plays host to Wapsie Valley in its season opener on Tuesday night.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Andrew J Schmitt Jr, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003256 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Andrew J Schmitt Jr, Deceased, who died on or about on August 22, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on November 14, 2024, the last will and testament of Andrew J Schmitt Jr, deceased, bearing date of May 1, 2014, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the 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.

Dated on November 14, 2024.
Rosemary A Schmitt, Proponent

Attorney for estate:
Tori Beyer,
ICIS#: AT0015570
12 E. Main Street
New Hampton, Iowa 50659

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT AGREEMENT IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 (WATER REVENUE)

The City Council of the City of Lawler, Iowa, will meet on December 2, 2024 at the City Hall, in the City, at 7:15 p.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a loan and disbursement agreement (fue "Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$60,000, for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of planning, designing, and constructing improvements and extensions to the Municipal Waterworks Utility System (the "Utility") of the City.

The Agreement will not constitute a general obligation of the City, nor will it be payable in any manner by taxation, but, together with the City's outstanding Water Revenue Bond, S.R.F Series 2015, dated September 25, 2015 and any additional obligations of the City as may be hereafter issued and outstanding from time to time ranking on a parity therewith, will be payable solely and only from the Net Revenues of the Utility.

At the aforementioned time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Agreement. After receiving objections, the City may determine to enter into the Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the City Council of the City of Lawler, Iowa.
Suzette Byrne City Clerk

Patricia A. Lynch
c/o 620 Lafayette Street
P.O. Bo 178
Waterloo, IA 50704-0178

Theresa E Hoffman
AT#0003649, Attorney for Trustee
Beecher, Field, Walker, Morris,
Hoffman & Johnson, P.C.
620 Lafayette St, Ste. 300,
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ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

FRIDAY
New Hampton Meet the Team night, 3:45 p.m.

SATURDAY
New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls varsity wrestling at Independence tourney, 9 a.m.

MONDAY
New Hampton girls basketball scrimmage vs. Riceville, 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY
New Hampton girls and boys bowling at Oelwein, 4 p.m.

New Hampton girls basketball vs. Wapsie Valley, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley JV/V girls basketball vs. Postville, 6:15 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 2
New Hampton boys basketball at Mason City Newman Catholic, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3
Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball at MFL MarMac, JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 6:15 p.m.



New Hampton/Turkey Valley JV/V boys wrestling vs. Central Elkader, Clear Lake and South Winn at South Winn, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5
New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls varsity wrestling at Iowa City Area Sports Commission, Coralville, 9 a.m.

New Hampton girls and boys bowling at Columbus Catholic, 4 p.m.

New Hampton girls and boys basketball at Osage, JV girls at 4:15 p.m., JV boys at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:30 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GRACE M. MCGREGOR SECOND AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED TRUST AGREEMENT NOTICE OF TRUST

To all persons regarding Grace M. McGregor, deceased, who died on or about November 10, 2024:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Clark McGregor and Ruth Bierschenk are the Co-Trustees of the Grace M. McGregor Second Amended and Substituted Trust Agreement dated March 30, 2021.

Any action to contest the validity of the Trust must be brought in the District Court of Chickasaw County, New Hampton, Iowa, within the later to occur within four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice, or within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor and the spouse of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

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

Dated this 14th day of November, 2024.

Grace M. McGregor Second Amended & Substituted Trust Agreement dated March 30, 2021.

Clark McGregor, Co-Trustee
3397 280th Street
Nashua, IA 50658

Ruth Bierschenk, Co-Trustee
2753 Victory Avenue
Nashua, IA 50658

ATTORNEY FOR TRUST:
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VAN DER MAATEN,
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Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, November 18, 2024, in the High School FCS Room. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with Directors Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Superintendent Jurens, and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director Ayers was absent.

Director Denner moved to approve the agenda. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the consent agenda. Approve minutes of October 21, 2024, regular session, October 28th and November 5th Special Meetings. Approve the October monthly financial report and the November 2024 bill listing. Approve the following resignation from Patricia ten Hoeve (8th Grade Language Arts) and Mary Joyce Mueterthies (Title I) effective at the end of the school year. Approve the following recommendations Carter Henry as our 9th grade boys' basketball coach. Josh Holthaus, Jordan Rommes and Michael Stille as volunteer wrestling coaches. Maggie Konecne as Assistant Middle School Music Director and Large Group Speech Coach. J Hackman as a full-time custodian retroactive back to November 4th. All new hires are pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the Second Reading of Board Policy 503.8 Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence. 104, 104.R1 – Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy and 104.E1, 104.E2, 104.E3 – Complaint Form. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Board Treasurer Roethler presented the FY24 treasurer's report. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the FY24 Treasurers Report. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the first reading of Policy 904.3 VISITORS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS & SITES The board welcomes the interest of parents and other members of the school district community and invites them to visit the school buildings and sites; however, student and staff safety will always be a top priority for the district and procedures will be put in place to make sure everyone is safe. Visitors, which include persons other than employees or students, must notify the principal or his/her designee of their presence in the facility upon arrival. Persons who wish to visit a classroom while school is in session are asked to notify the principal and obtain approval from the principal prior to the visit so appropriate arrangements can be made and so class disruption can be minimized. Teachers and other employees shall not take time from their duties

nations for vice-president. Director A. Schwickerath nominated N. Schwickerath as Vice President. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. N. Schwickerath was unanimously elected as vice-president of the New Hampton School Board.

Board Secretary Roethler Delivered the Oath of Office to President Matthews and Vice President N. Schwickerath.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to retain committee assignments as prior year. Directors Matthews, N. Schwickerath, and A. Schwickerath: Negotiation Committee; Directors Ayers and Denner: facilities committee; Directors A. Schwickerath and Denner: Transportation committee. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to appoint Steve Weidner as the school Attorney. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to appoint Jay Jurens as the chief negotiator. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented information on the abandonment of contract by paraeducator Kathy Porter Wach. Director A. Schwickerath moved to terminate the contract and staff member. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented information regarding a Butter Braid Fundraiser to help with FCCLA expenses related to attending state competition. Director Denner moved to approve the fundraiser. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented information regarding concerns with the morning procedures at the downtown building. After discussions with Mrs. Steele (Elementary Principal) they have come up with a plan they believe is doable.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the first reading of Policy 904.3 VISITORS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS & SITES The board welcomes the interest of parents and other members of the school district community and invites them to visit the school buildings and sites; however, student and staff safety will always be a top priority for the district and procedures will be put in place to make sure everyone is safe. Visitors, which include persons other than employees or students, must notify the principal or his/her designee of their presence in the facility upon arrival. Persons who wish to visit a classroom while school is in session are asked to notify the principal and obtain approval from the principal prior to the visit so appropriate arrangements can be made and so class disruption can be minimized. Teachers and other employees shall not take time from their duties

to discuss matters with visitors. Visitors shall conduct themselves in a manner fitting to their age level and maturity and with mutual respect and consideration for the rights of others while attending school events. Visitors failing to conduct themselves accordingly may be asked to leave the premises. Children who wish to visit school must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. Parents who drop their children off at school and want to walk them to their classroom will follow the morning entry procedures as outlined in procedures 904.3P1. It shall be the responsibility of employees to report inappropriate conduct. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent and principals to take the action necessary to cease the inappropriate conduct. If the superintendent or principals are not available, a school district employee shall act to cease the inappropriate conduct.

NEW HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MORNING DROP-OFF PROCEDURES The New Hampton Community School District is committed to providing all students, employees, and volunteers with a safe school environment. With this in mind, the district has adopted the following morning procedures for parents who want to drop off their students at the elementary school in the morning. 1. Parents of students in the district's three or four year old preschool programs may accompany their child to his/her classroom throughout the entire year. This is a requirement of our preschool standards due to the age of these children. 2. For the first two weeks of school in the fall, any parent of a Kindergarten through fourth grade child may walk his/her child to their classroom to make sure the child knows where he/she is going. This is optional if the child needs this assistance, and the parent may decide to stop accompanying them at any time before the first two weeks ends. 3. For weeks 3 and 4 of the new school year, parents of a kindergarten through first grade student will be allowed to accompany their child to their classroom if the parent feels it is necessary. This is optional based on the needs of the child and the parent may decide to end the accompaniment earlier if the child is finding his/her classroom satisfactorily. 4. Beginning with week 3 for second through 4th graders and beginning with week 5 for kindergarten and first graders the following procedure will be used. a. Any parent of a child in the above listed grades (K-1, or 2-4) will need to sign in on the sheet provided by the staff member at the playground door before entering the building. After dropping his/her child off at his/her classroom, the parent should exit via the same playground door and sign out on the sheet provided by the staff member. b. The purpose of this is to make sure the district knows what adults are present in the building at all times. This will help with the safety and security of our students and staff. These procedures will be put in place in January 2025 beginning with Number 4 above. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented a quote from BlueAlly Technologies for new Chromebooks for next year's incoming Freshman class. Superintendent Jurens recommended accepting the BlueAlly quote for \$27,100. Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the purchase of Chromebooks out of Save Funds for next year's Freshman class. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented quotes on a new postage machine that needs to be IMI Compliant (Intelligent Mail India which implements new security and efficiency standards). The district received two quotes, one from Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$8,922.81 and one from Mantronic Mailing Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$6,095.00. Director A. Schwickerath moved to approve the purchase of the new postage machine from Mantronic. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the districts LAU plan. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented information on the Memorandum of Understanding with NICC for the career/counselor position. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the MOU with NICC. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented information on the disposal of old High School Band uniforms. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the selling of the old uniforms for \$5 each and the disposal of the remainder. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved that the Board of Directors of the New Hampton Community School District approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$1,743.34 for special education administrative costs associated with Lied Center Consortium program for the 2025-2026 school year. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve that the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$173,737 due to an increase of certified enrollment from the prior year. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve that the district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$35,295 related to the EL program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2024 certified enrollment head count. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to

approve the mid-year graduates Jayden Jones, Adeda Usher, Alexandria Johnson, Kaylee Johnson, Autumn Tank, Logan Thiele, Zak Larson, Kayla Teel, Noelle Schwickerath, Alexander Chevchuc, Edward Arnold, and Re'Anna Barron. This pending satisfactory completion of all course work. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurens presented an early notification incentive for two additional staff members: John Bear and Susan Bouska if they choose to let the district know their plans of retirement by December 31, 2024. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve this early retirement incentive of paying out \$50 per unused sick day if notice is given by December 31, 2024. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

The next regular board meeting will be December 16, 2024, at 6:00 pm. (Note time change)

Director Denner moved to adjourn at 7:56 pm. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Denner, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Vendor Name	Amount
95 Percent Group LLC	85.80
AdaptiveMail	309.73
AFCLAC	90.27
Ag Vantage FS	2,677.42
Amazon Capital Services	2,794.43
American Solutions for Business	324.00
Auto Value Parts Stores	119.95
Best Buy	58.83
Blackhawk Automatic Sprinkler	1,650.00
Brincks, Kristie	16.00
CDW Government, Inc.	144.00
Chickasaw Wellness Complex	300.00
Circle K Communications	356.00
City Laundering Co.	1,066.38
City of New Hampton	14,480.62
Counseling & Family Centered Services, Inc.	11,790.00
Crystal Ball Roller Rink	635.00
Dollar General Charged Sales	8.50
Dollar Tree	43.33
Fareway	1,950.67
Five Star Cooperative	4,251.06
Flite Test	79.46
FM Controls, Inc.	2,499.00
Frisbey, Angela	46.50
Fritcher, Katie	2,261.00
Full River Outpost	150.00
Geerts Plumbing & Heating	1,097.68
Glenn, Jill	88.00
Good, Michelle	73.99
Hacker, Nelson, & Co. P.C.	12,500.00
Hanson Tire Service	20.00
Heartlake Alarm & Signal Co.	102.51
Headway AEA 11	612.00
Home Invasion Pest Control	70.00
Huinker, Bob	85.00
IITEA	95.00
Iowa Department of Education	50.00
Iowa Department of Human Services	25,924.63
Iowa State University	132.50
Jaymar Business Forms, Inc.	359.94
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JourneyEd.com, Inc	1,304.16
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Kuder, Inc.	3,062.00
Kwik Star	179,738.30
L & R Manufacturing, LLC	123.60
LessonPix Inc.	36.00
LS Supply & Rental	886.10
Madison National Life Insurance	2,283.87
MakerBot Industries LLC	49.23
Martin Bros. Distributing	2,100.19
Mary & Zip's Repair, Inc.	5,398.32
Max-Ability	7,368.00
McGraw Hill School Education Holdings LLC	360.49
Mick Gage Plumbing	4,369.02
Mid-American Research Chemical	342.41
Mohling, Shelley	16.00
NAPA Auto Parts	23.38
New Hampton Tribune	180.48
NHMU Fiber	310.00
Northeast Iowa Community College Business and	376.40
Northeast Iowa Community College	42.00
Office World	839.06
Ohrt's Smokehouse BBQ, LLC	881.60
Orkin	80.00
Pearson Education	4,660.00
Pioneer Valley Books	360.80
Pitney Bowes Inc	348.58
Power Up Toys	135.99
Principal Life Insurance Company	784.34
Really Great Reading Company	107.52
Riley's Inc.	119.95
Roethler, Christy	110.00
Schmitt, April	156.25
School Administrators of Iowa	1,150.00
Schueh Ace Hardware	302.33
Schumacher, Timothy	64.00
Scrubber City Inc.	321.45
Sheraton Hotels	288.96
Swisher & Coht, P.L.C.	300.00
Teacher Innovations	54.00
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation	181.05
Timeline Billing Service LLC	569.45
Vern Laures Chev-Buick	3,594.21
VISA	1,720.43
Wagoner Bros. Repair	7,881.36
Walmart.com	550.64
Washington National Ins. Co.	800.10
Weber Paper Company - Division of Capital Sanitary	31.53
West Music Company	122.04
WEX BANK	500.42
Windstream	1,892.03
Zoom Video Communications Inc.	160.39
Fund Total	\$331,687.55
Capital Projects (33)	
Hassman Construction	955.00
New Hampton Electric	204.30
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	205.00
Fund Total:	\$1,3

BOWLING		
COFFEE CUP		
STANDINGS	W	L
Mid-Tech Services	29	11
Vern Laures Auto	23.5	16.5
Hugeback-Johnson	19.5	20.5
Geerts Plumbing	18	22
Dak's Tap	16	24
Rochford Insurance	14	26
NOV. 13 RESULTS WEEK 10		
Vern Laures Auto 4, Hugeback-Johnson 0		
Dak's Tap 3, Rochford Insurance 1		
Mid-Tech Services 3, Geerts Plumbing 1		
LEADERS		
High individual games: Rita Geerts 182, Diane Nehl 178, 178.		
High individual series: Nehl 530, Geerts 480, Linda Lechtenberg 478.		
High team games: Vern Laures Auto 471, 452, Hugeback-Johnson 435.		
High team series: Vern Laures Auto 1,334, Hugeback-Johnson 1,221, Mid-Tech Services 1,184.		
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)		
Jeanne Roder 38.		
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)		
Luann Lechtenberg 89.		
Splits converted		
Diane Nehl 6-7, Karen Schmitt 5-7.		
Karen Schmitt, Secretary		

Chickasaw Women's Pool			
Week 7 Nov. 13			
	W	L	GB
Kenny's Tavern II	38	25	0
Dak's Tap I	37	26	1
Kenny's Tavern I	34	29	4
NH Country Club	34	29	4
Bowlaway Lanes	31	32	7
Hide A Way	31	32	7
The Office	28	35	10
Dak's Tap II	19	44	19
RESULTS			
Kenny's Tavern I 9, Dak's Tap I 0			
Bowlaway Lanes 7, Hide A Way 2			
NH Country Club 7, The Office 2			
Kenny's Tavern II 8, Dak's Tap II 1			
THREE-GAME WINNERS			
Kenny's Tavern I - Tina Britt & Jodi Bobenmoyer, Kristy Kirkus & Linda Noehl, Missy Hackman & Diane Nehl			
Bowlaway Lanes - Krissy Anderson & Ann Crook			
NH Country Club - Cathy Knutson & Leslie Noehl			
Kenny's Tavern II - Sue Matthews & Kandy Fox, Jess Heying & Julie Snyder			



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Day 1 on the mats

New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestlers go through a drill on Monday, the first day boys wrestling teams could hit the mats for practice.

Nuss appreciates support from her sisters

NUSS: FROM 14

probably just meeting new people and getting to play with my teammates all the time," she said. "Yes, golf can be tough mentally but just the amount of time I get to spend with my friends that I've made in golf makes it fun."

She pointed out that at the 2024 state tournament, she played with Summer-Fredericksburg's Chloe Bolte and Oelwein's Grace Lewis.

"I've known them a long time and we're really close," she said. "I love the game, but the people make it, if that makes any sense."

Olson is happy to have one more year to coach Nuss, who will be joined by her younger sister, freshman Kirsten, on the squad this spring.

"I went out to the golf course to put my cart to bed [for the season]," he said, "and there's Lauren with two of her sisters and her dad playing golf. That says something."

"She's very talented and has a great work ethic and in our game that's a pretty healthy combination."

Besides the fact that her sisters were part of the Panther golf program, Nuss said that another reason she chose UNI was longtime Panther coach John Bermel, who has coached the UNI men's team since 1995 and added the women's program to his plate in 2002.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Lauren Nuss poses for a picture with two of her biggest fans — Bruce and Janine Babcock — after her signing ceremony last week.

"He's a super nice guy and I've known him for a long time," Nuss said. "I'm excited to have the chance to play for him."

And, of course, she always has Allison and Morgan in her "back pocket."

She laughed when asked if her sisters gave her grief or

coaching? "They do both," she said. "It's mostly help. Whenever I have a thing that needs fixed, I can always ask Allison or Morgan and they usually know. They help a lot, even when they're giving me crap. Seriously, I do appreciate them so much."

Trojans came on strong late in volleyball season

TV VOLLEYBALL: FROM 14

Busta's rightside slot. Ella Ives, a sophomore middle that came on strong toward the latter portion of the season, was also named to the honorable mention team.

The Trojans, along with co-head coach Ashley Walz, propelled themselves to the Class 1A regional semifinal for the first time since 2020 with a fantastic three-set sweep at Nashua-Plainfield — 25-20, 25-23, 25-19, its most productive win of the season. Once in the semis, TV lost to eventual state qualifier and No. 2 ranked St. Ansgar, 25-19, 25-11 and 25-23.

Steinlage went on a tear in the serving department as she was one of Class 1A's best in that statistical category. Steinlage was second in the entire state (all four classes) in serve efficiency. The left-hander was elite as she missed just three serve attempts in 366 tries. That translated to a 99.2 percent clip, which was bested by the state's overall leader in senior Allie Sawyer of Akron-Westfield (99.4 percent, 351-353).

Steinlage was also just a single assist away from tying UIC assist leader Ella Theis, a junior

from South Winneshiek. Ellis tallied 478 assists to Steinlage's 477. Steinlage also amassed 227 digs to go along with 36 aces — tied for second on the team with senior Alexis Elsbernd. Steinlage was also one to watch near the net as well with 53 kills.

Busta led the league in blocks with 54 and the Trojans occupied the top three spots in that category as Reicks racked up 41 blocks and Ives came up with 40. Reicks netted 127 kills to Busta's 91. Reicks also generated 102 digs and 27 ace serves. Busta's kill efficiency (.248) was second in the league. Ives and Steinlage were tied for third with a .242 clip.

Ives hammered down 70 kills in 27 matches.

Despite being tied for second in the league in kills (155) and aces (38), Trojan senior Layni Schuchhardt was not selected to any of the three all-league squads.

Annika Bodensteiner, a junior, was fifth in the UIC with 152 kills and was also not selected.

TV picked up steam during its stretch run to the postseason as the Trojans won seven out of their last nine matches.

ALL-UIC VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM

Lily Holthaus	North Fayette Valley	Soph.
Alyssa Holthaus	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Jayla Cowley	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Ella Theis	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Ella Sieck	North Fayette Valley	Soph.
Morgan Vsetecka	Turkey Valley	Sr.
Brianna Davis	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Ivey Franzen	South Winneshiek	Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Amyra Millard	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Lauryn Johnson	MFL MarMac	Jr.
Bailey Kuennen	South Winneshiek	Fr.
Delaney Busta	Turkey Valley	Sr.
Addison Steinlage	Turkey Valley	Jr.
Lola Reimer	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Hannah Schroeder	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Tori Sylvester	Central Elkader	Sr.

TURKEY VALLEY HONORABLE MENTION

Ella Ives, so.; Kinsey Reicks, sr.

Wartburg, Coe head to playoffs

FOOTBALL: FROM 14

Stadium in Waverly.

Since losing to Buena Vista 24-20 on Oct. 30, 2021, Wartburg has reeled off 26 straight wins in the American Rivers. Winter, who is a 2000 graduate of New Hampton High School, has led the Knights to the Division III national playoffs semifinals in each of the past two years.

Wartburg's current roster includes two local players — junior linebacker McKade Munn, who prepped at

Nashua-Plainfield, and sophomore Aiden Roberson, who played high school ball at New Hampton.

The Knights will have some American Rivers Conference company in the playoffs as Coe College, coached by Fredericksburg native Tyler Staker, made the field as an at-large team.

Coe is 9-1 and will play host to Bethel (Minnesota) University this Saturday in one of eight first-round games. The Kohawks' only blemish came in a 14-7 loss to Wartburg.

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After signing her letter of intent to attend the University of Northern Iowa and play golf for the Panthers next year, New Hampton senior Lauren Nuss poses with her family members — (from left) Kirsten, Carolyn, Allison and Marty.

New Hampton golf star to play for UNI

Chickasaws' Nuss set to follow in footsteps of her older sisters and tee it up for the Panthers

By BOB FENSKE
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The top golfer on New Hampton's powerhouse girls golf team will follow in her older sisters' footsteps and head to Cedar Falls next year to attend school and play golf at the University of Northern Iowa.

Lauren Nuss made it official last Wednesday when she signed her letter of intent with the Panthers. She will be the third Nuss to play golf for Northern Iowa as her twin sisters, 2020 New Hampton graduates Allison and Morgan, also donned the purple and gold after their stellar prep careers.

"It definitely helped that they've been through it," Lauren Nuss said before her signing ceremony. "They knew what to do and how to get me there and guide me through the whole

process."

The still-a-Chickasaw-but-soon-to-be-a-Panther has had a brilliant career in New Hampton coach Eric Olson's program that has won nine consecutive Northeast Iowa Conference titles and advanced to the last six Class 2A state tournaments.

She has claimed three top-three individual finishes at the NEIC tournament, twice winning conference medalist honors. Nuss has also made a steady climb at the state tournament — finishing 14th as a freshman, fifth as a sophomore and second this past spring as a junior.

And while there's no doubt she loves the game, it's not just the drives, the chips and the putts that make it fun for her.

"I think the best part of golf is
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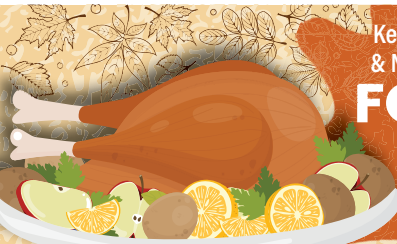
Coaches with local ties lead teams to NCAA Division III football playoffs

The Wartburg College football team wrapped up another American Rivers Conference regular season title this past Saturday, when coach Chris Winter's Knights picked up a 69-14 win over Loras.

The win improved the Knights to 9-1 overall and gave them a perfect 8-0 record in the

ARC. Wartburg, ranked 11th in the latest Division III rankings, will open the Division III playoffs a week from Saturday, on Nov. 30, with a home second-round game against Wisconsin-Platteville at Walston-Hoover

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Turkey Valley's Morgan Vsetecka goes all out to make a dig during a match earlier this fall.

Trojans land five on all-UIC volleyball

Turkey Valley's Vsetecka caps her stellar career on all-conference's first team

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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In a sea of dark red and Columbia blue — Turkey Valley

senior Morgan Vsetecka stood out.

As the lone Turkey Valley representative on this fall's Upper Iowa Conference all-league first team that was dominated by league champ North Fayette Valley and runner-up finisher South Winneshiek — Vsetecka proved her worth and then some.

Her first all-conference selection on the volleyball hardwood also featured another impressive accolade as she was selected as one of 23 members of the Class 1A Northeast All-District team.

"That's a great accomplishment considering there were about 40 athletes to vote for," said TV co-head coach Tammy Vrzak.

Vsetecka, a libero for the Trojans in 2024, led the league in digs with 435 — far and away

better than the UIC's second-place total, which belonged to junior Lauryn Johnson (312 digs) of MFL MarMac.

There were eight first-teamers selected in the nine-team league. The most picks reeled in was by NFV with four and South Winn with three — and that was it.

NFV (17-7, 8-0) cruised to the league crown with a four-set victory over the host Warriors — 25-22, 25-16, 17-25, 25-19. That pivotal showdown proved to be the match that eventually decided who would win the league. South Winn finished 19-11 overall and 7-1 in conference play.



Busta

Both South Winn and NFV had two unanimous first-teamers in TigerHawk sophomore Lily Holthaus and Warrior junior Alyssa Holthaus.

Turkey Valley (18-15, 6-2) didn't do too shabby either as junior setter Addison Steinlage and senior middle Delaney Busta cracked the UIC second team.

The Trojans also saw senior middle/rightside hitter Kinsey Reicks honored on the honorable mention squad. Reicks and Busta switched positions midway through the season. Reicks moved from her middle spot to



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