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No progress on county budget

Supervisors set max levy, but that's about all two board meetings produce

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors made progress on one front — setting a public hearing on its maximum levy — this week but remained stuck on coming up with a solution to the riddle that the county's General Basic (GB) 2025-26 budget has become.

Board members met both last Thursday and Monday to discuss its budget challenges, which include being about \$363,000 short of having its GB ending fund balance at the recommended 25 percent of expenditures and having its combined GB and General Supplemental (GS) expenditures \$749,000 more than the two funds projected revenues for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

During a meeting on Feb. 25, supervisors reached a consensus to eliminate the equivalent of 4 1/2 full-time employees at the beginning of the 2025-26 fiscal year. Two days later, they met for less than an hour — hearing possible options from Ann Smisek, an attorney for the county's human resources firm, for employees who could be potentially laid off — board members adjourned without making

any more cuts to projected budgets.

Ditto for Monday morning, when the board discussed the 2025-26 budget for almost an hour. Although several ideas were presented, board members still did not have updated budgets to see how the layoffs — one from the Auditor's, Treasurer's and Sheriff's offices and 1 1/2 from

home care would affect the upcoming budget.

During the meeting last Thursday, Sheriff Ryan Shawver roughly

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New Hampton levy rate to drop, but task-asking is up

City Council votes to set public hearing on its maximum tax levy rate for April 7

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The New Hampton City Council will hold a public hearing next month on its "max levy" — stay with us here, one that will lower the levy rate but bring the city more money during the fiscal year that will begin on July 1.

"Welcome to city finance," City Clerk Karen Clemens said late last week, "but in all seriousness, a lot comes into play with valuations, where the roll back is and all that."

During Monday's meeting, council members voted unanimously to set the first of two public hearings on the 2025-26 tax levy and budget for Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m., and the maximum levy will be the only item on the agenda.

That's because state law allows only the public hearing to be on an agenda so council members will adjourn the public hearing meeting on that day and then reconvene for their regularly scheduled meeting.

In short, the city's tax-rate levy for 2025-26 will be \$13.75274 per \$1,000 valuation, a 0.5 percent decrease from this year's rate of \$13.81706 per \$1,000 valuation.

But because the city's valuations increased by 4.9 percent this year — from \$149.69 million to \$157.06 million, a jump of 4.9 percent — the city will receive \$93,506 more in property-tax revenue in 2025-26 than it will this year.

SEE CITY COUNCIL, 3



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It's a full house at the New Hampton Community Service as the area's two lawmakers — Sandy Salmon and Charley Thomson — take part in a legislative forum Saturday morning.

Lawmakers get an earful at forum

Constituents tell Salmon, Thomson to 'back off' when it comes to library bills

By BOB FENSKE
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Local librarians and their patrons came to Saturday's legislative forum en masse and voiced their concerns to two area state lawmakers about bills making their way through the Legislature that they say are either not needed

or a threat to the institutions.

And while State Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, and State Rep. Charley Thomson, R-Charles City, did get a chance to provide updates on the 2025 session of the Iowa Legislature, this was a forum that was dominated by libraries.

Yet both Salmon and Thomson said that

the bills — most notably one that would make libraries subject to Iowa's obscenity laws without exemptions for education, art or history — are needed because they claim there are public libraries in some Iowa communities that have inappropriate books in them.

SEE FORUM, 3

New Hampton speech kids shine at district

Team has big day at contest as 10 of 14 entries advance to state competition later this month

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Neither their coach nor the members of the New Hampton individual speech team had all that much time to prepare for this past Saturday's district contest in Janesville.

But it didn't matter as New Hampton had 10 of its 14 entries earn coveted Division I ratings to advance to the state

contest that will be held a week from this coming Saturday at Stormont High School.

This is coach Kassie Bercik's first year as the individual speech coach, and considering that the large-group speech contest ended on Feb. 8, that meant she didn't have a ton of time to get ready for Saturday's district contest.

Ditto for most of her speech students as they, too, were large-group competitors.

"We only ended up with a short time to

practice individual events since I was doing both large group and individual events this year," Bercik said. "I will definitely plan better for next year, but my individual speech kids showed me their resilience and dedication. ... It was tough for all of us to balance, but their hard work paid off. I just feel so lucky to be a part of helping them along their journey."

SEE SPEECH, 7



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton City Clerk Karen Clemens swears in the Police Department's newest officer, Jace Hall, during Monday's City Council meeting.

Young hire brings New Hampton police force back to full strength

By BOB FENSKE
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Youth was served Monday night by the New Hampton City Council when it approved the city police chief's recommendation to bring his department back to full strength for the first time since this past fall.

During their regular

meeting on Monday night, city leaders unanimously approved the hiring of Dike native Jace Hall, who will begin work with the department this coming Sunday.

"He's a little young, but he's the most mature 19-year-old I've ever met," Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl said.

SEE OFFICER, 2

Well, that was nice ... and it's coming back!

Members of the New Hampton girls track team take part in an outdoor practice Monday afternoon when the temperature approached 60 degrees.

And while it didn't last all that long — the area was under a blizzard warning when this edition of the Tribune went to press — we'll start warming up over the weekend and forecasters say we may see temps in the 60s next week.

Bob Fenske/Tribune



Up-and-down year

Former New Hampton basketball star endures injury-marred season in Wartburg's 'turnaround' year

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Spring ahead

Setting our clocks ahead early Sunday morning means we get an extra hour of evening sunlight!



Accolades

Chickasaws, Trojans receive winter sports postseason honors

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Lions to serve up breakfast this Sunday

The last thing one wants to do after losing an hour of sleep is get up and cook breakfast, right?

Don't worry, the New Hampton Lions Club has you covered as members will put on their 53rd annual Pancake and French Toast Breakfast this Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the New Hampton High School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$8 in advance and available from any Lions Club member. Tickets will also be available for \$8.50 at the door, and those with children 12 and under can make a freewill donation for their kids' meals.

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From Dorian to Parade of Bands, it's a big month!

New Hampton High School Concert Band members — (above, from left) Kye Rausch (alto saxophone), Dylan Carter (trombone), Hayden Hackman (trumpet), Andi Gebel (bass clarinet) and Skyler Bugenhagen (percussion) — took part in the prestigious Dorian Music Festival at Luther College in Decorah. The festival was capped by a concert Monday night.

Dorian is a part of what will be a big month for New Hampton instrumentalists as the high school and middle school jazz bands will perform at the annual Jazz Dessert Concert that will be held Friday evening, beginning at 7. The concert will also include a performance by the Main Street West Singers.

Meanwhile, all the school district's bands are also preparing for the Parade of Bands, which will be held a week from this coming Monday on March 17. That concert also begins at 7 p.m., and among the groups performing are the Sixth-Grade Band, which was busy preparing for the concert earlier this week when percussionists Kipp Sheets, Accalia Johnson and Kayla Jones (below) lend a hand to Director Jenny Adam during a class.



New officer says he appreciates New Hampton opportunity

OFFICER: FROM 1

"He's really solid. Jace is really good, and if we don't grab on to him, someone else is going to snap him up really quick so I feel really good about getting him. He's going to be a great addition to our department."

Hall was at Monday's meeting and after the council approved his hiring, he was sworn in by City Clerk Karen Clemens.

"I'm excited for the opportunity," he said, "and ever since I was a little kid, this was the career path I wanted. I have a cousin who's a state trooper, and he was the first one in our family who went into law enforcement, and it's just something I've always wanted to pursue."

Hall's hiring will fill a vacancy created in October when Officer Chad McGee resigned to accept a position as a sheriff's deputy in Bremer County.

A 2023 graduate of Dike-New Hartford High School, Hall is currently a student at Hawkeye Community College, where he is majoring in police science.

Rosendahl said Hall was originally set to graduate from Hawkeye in early May, but [Hawkeye officials] "gave him permission or their blessing that if he is hired prior to finishing school, as long as he gets through and completes the police academy, they will honor that as his time left for schooling and issue his degree when he completes the academy."

The police chief told council members that Hall will work as an "uncertified officer" for about two months before attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Following the meeting, Rosendahl said that uncertified officers can perform most duties, save for specialized duties — like conducting OWI field tests, for example.

"He'll need to call one of us out or maybe a [sheriff's] deputy," Rosendahl said, "but he'll be able to patrol, he'll be able to make arrests, he'll be able to do a lot of things."

Rosendahl said he's hoping to get Hall into the next Iowa Law Enforcement Academy class that begins in May. That would mean his newest officer would be back in New Hampton by early August, when the department's new K9 officer will be delivered to handler Darby Stone and their training will commence.

City officials said a contract will be drawn up with Hall that will allow the city to recoup the costs of sending him to the academy if he leaves the city during the next four years.

Rosendahl last fall developed the city's new policy on training costs — one that requires an officer who leaves the department within one year to pay back the city 100 percent of those training costs.

An officer who departs after more than one year of service but before two years from the completion of training would have to pay the city 75 percent and the payback rate would drop to 50 percent the following year and to 25 percent the year after that.

Hall, though, said Monday he was focused on New Hampton.

"It's a lot like Dike, size wise and everything," he said, "and that's a big plus for me. Like I said, I appreciate the opportunity and can't wait to get started."

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Salmon: Work on the state's budget to pick up steam soon

FORUM: FROM 1

That's phooey, said New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker. Instead, she said the bill is one in search of a solution for a problem that doesn't exist.

"Parents were terrified in Iowa because people said they're giving sex books to your toddlers and that's just not happening," she said. "There are already laws in place about obscenity. Our kids are protected."

She went on to say that she was "horrified" when she looked at national trends on books that are being banned from public libraries.

"Most of the books that are being banned are not about LGBTQ agendas. They are in fact about race or they are about free-thinking. They're banning '1984.' That's not an obscene book. It tells you to challenge authority, it tells you to think about who your leaders are," she said and added that the road Iowa is going down is "a very slippery slope. That's a very dangerous ideology."

Salmon countered that the bills Becker was referencing "have to do with sexually explicit books that are in our libraries. I can't speak for your library, but they are in Iowa libraries."

Ionina Community Library Director India Watson challenged both Salmon and Thomson to produce proof that sexually explicit materials are in public libraries.

"I didn't bring any samples with me today, but they are out there," Salmon said, but Thomson said he would email information to those who wanted it.

"We've been faced with active movement — again, not in New Hampton but in places like Waukee — where they think it's a great idea to push this out to kids, the younger the better," he said, "because they're trying to educate kids in their way. My view of libraries is they are not in the business of educating kids, they're in the business of maintaining collections and making them appropriate for



Bob Fenske/Tribune

State Rep. Charley Thomson, R-Charles City, listens as State Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, kicks off Saturday's legislative forum by providing constituents with an update on the 2025 session.

the public."

Becker said that there are already "avenues to address it, and an obscenity law in place to address it," and also took the lawmakers to task for another bill that would deny Enrich Iowa funding to libraries that are members or have directors who are members of the Iowa Library Association.

"It's unnecessary legislation and it's the targeting of librarians because now you're making it personal," she said. "You're saying you won't get funding if you're a member of the ILA ... and you're going to go to jail."

New Hampton resident Bill Riley, meanwhile, took issue with a state law passed several years ago that took away voter-approved tax levies for libraries and places like the Carnegie Cultural Center, the New Hampton museum where he has been a longtime volunteer.

"It's kind of disheartening because we actually voted to put it back on ourself to sustain the Carnegie and the library," he said, "and I just don't think that's fair."

In the end, Thomson said he remains bullish on the state's libraries.

"The bills I would support I don't support banning books first of all. I'm a First Amendment advocate," Thomson said, "and I think libraries are very important and they've been historically important in Iowa and I think they have a great future."

With updates from Salmon

and Thomson taking up 30 minutes of the hour-long forum that was sponsored by the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau and the discussion on libraries taking another half-hour, Salmon had to "tap out" because she said she had another meeting to attend.

Thomson stuck around for about 30 more minutes, but much of that time was spent discussing the bill that removes civil rights protections for transgender Iowans that was approved by the Legislature.

Still, the two lawmakers did cover a lot of ground with their updates, including:

- Salmon said that lawmakers will soon tackle the state's 2025-26 budget and said that Gov. Kim Reynolds has proposed spending \$9.4 billion from the General Fund, an increase of 4.5 percent.

The state senator said that "we're going to do like we have in the past and pass a conservative budget, looking to put taxpayers first."

She added that there has been a "little dip" in state revenues with the implementation of tax cuts, but that she wasn't overly concerned.

Salmon said Republicans in control of all the House, Senate and governor's office are focused on education, Medicaid and public safety, and that after "some time they rebound, the economy rebounds and the state revenues also rebound as well."

She said work on the state's budget will begin in earnest

once the Revenue Estimating Conference meets this month and provides lawmakers with an estimate on how much they can expect Iowa to have to spend in the fiscal year that begins on July 1.

- Thomson said that he is continuing to push for changes in how the state funds education, arguing that the current system in which school districts, no matter their size or location, all receive the same funding increase hurts rural Iowa.

"It's important that it be redone because it's unfair to the smaller, rural schools," he said. "So when you talk about 2 percent or 2.25 percent, there were people in the House caucus who wanted it to be 4 percent but I think to be fair for rural schools, they need more than 4 percent but you can't do that statewide."

- Thomson also said he hopes a bill he is proposing — one that would sharply increase fines and other legal remedies for those clocked going 100 miles per hour while also raising the state's speed limits — will make it through the session.

"We need to increase the penalties for people who are driving crazy speeds," he said but added that he would like Iowa to be in line with much of the rest of the country as states have raised speed limits by 5 miles per hour.

"According to the statistics," he said, "raising speed limits sensibly actually causes a decrease in the number of accidents."

Carnegie to hold programs this month

The Carnegie Cultural Center has several activities on tap this month — ranging from programs dealing with St. Patrick's Day to a Sunday storytime to Legos to art created by Nashua-Plainfield school students.

- On Saturday, March 15, the New Hampton museum will hold some "leprechaun shenanigans" from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Activities include building a leprechaun trap, reading a story and a photo booth. A special St. Patrick's Day snack will be served.
- On Sunday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m., the Carnegie will hold its "Sunday Story," where milk and cookies will be served.
- On Thursday, March 20, the museum will have "Lego Creations" program that will run from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- And on Sunday, March 30, Nashua-Plainfield Schools will hold an open house art exhibition at the museum from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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Council OKs hiring land-acquisition agent for wastewater plant

CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

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Maybe the most worrisome for city officials is the public hearing notice that will appear in the Tribune later this month, one that some think could be misconstrued by the public.

That's because the state changed the form tax-collecting governmental entities must publish. Instead of comparing a property at the same valuation for both the current and subsequent fiscal years, it now compares a residential property valued at \$100,000 for the current year and at \$110,000 for the upcoming fiscal year, i.e., a 10 percent increase in valuation. The form does the same for a commercial property, except

it uses the figures \$300,000 for this year and \$330,000 for the fiscal year.

That means, in New Hampton's case, the form shows a 12.19 percent increase to a property tax bill for the residential property and a 13.45 percent increase for the commercial property even though valuations for the city only went up 4.9 percent.

Setting the public hearing was part of a relatively short meeting for council members, but they did agree to hire A&R Services to serve as its agent for the land acquisition that will be needed to build the city's new wastewater treatment plant.

The Ames company, in the "Right of Way Services Agreement" it presented to the city, estimates it will charge the city \$20,000 for its services.

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moment to allow God
to strengthen our spirits
with the hope of everlast-
ing life with our all-lov-
ing God who cares for
us.

You and I get the priv-
ilege to meet with God
every day. We've been
given the ability through
the Spirit, to rest in God's
presence, to know his
nearness and love. This
way you and I can have
the same experience as
Paul in being “renewed
day by day.”

Yet, to experience

renewal, we first must
trust that God will reveal
his love to us when we
meet with him.

When we ask him to
show us his love, he will.
When we make space to
encounter him, he will fill
us with his presence.

Trust that God loves to
meet with you and renew
you.

Also, foundational to
experiencing renewal
is engaging in worship.
You and I are created
to worship. So much of
being renewed by God is
choosing to believe his
word over our experience
of what we feel is true.

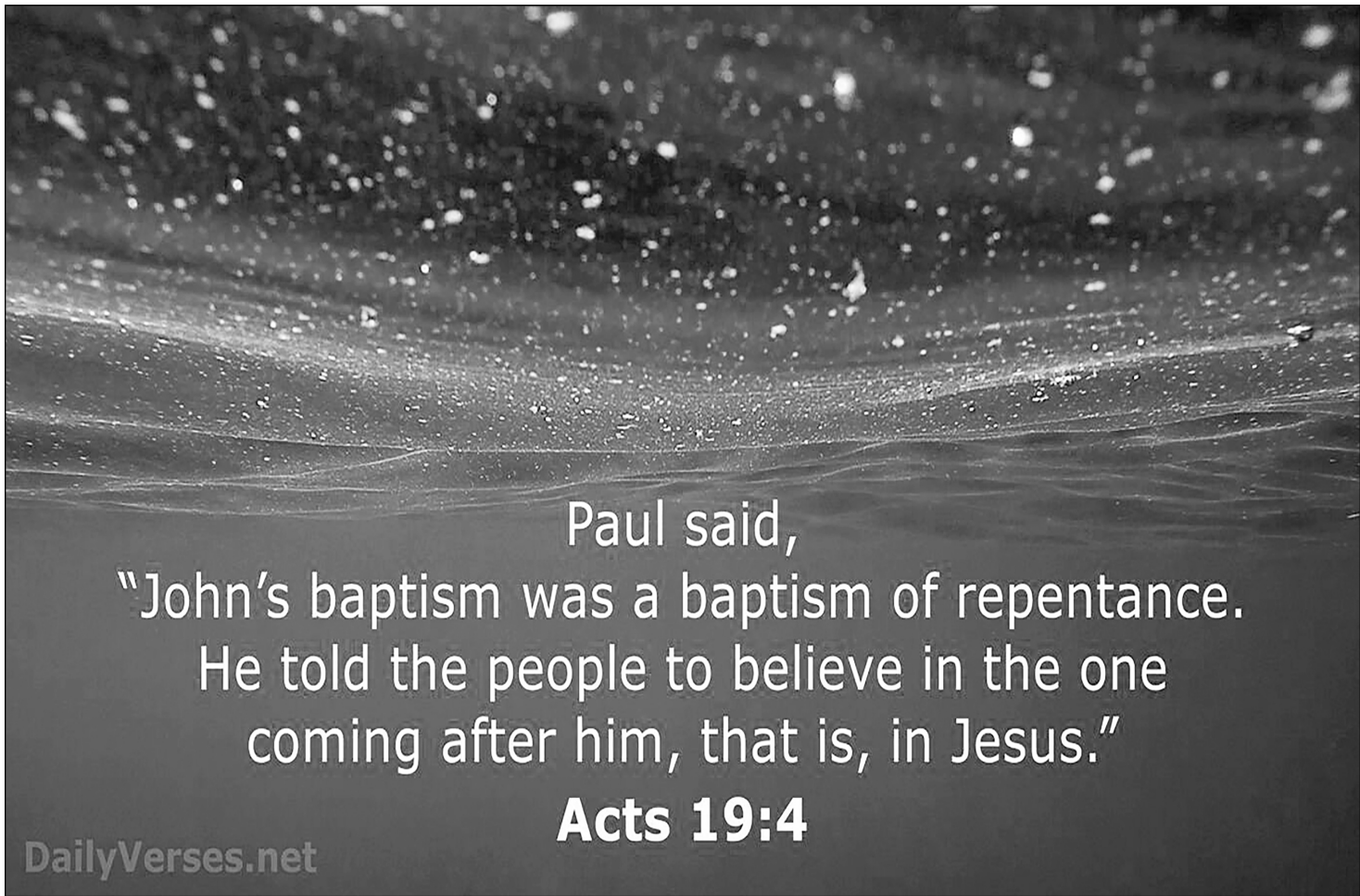
Let your faith be
stirred to encounter your
heavenly Father today
and every day. God ear-
nestly desires to renew
you this week.



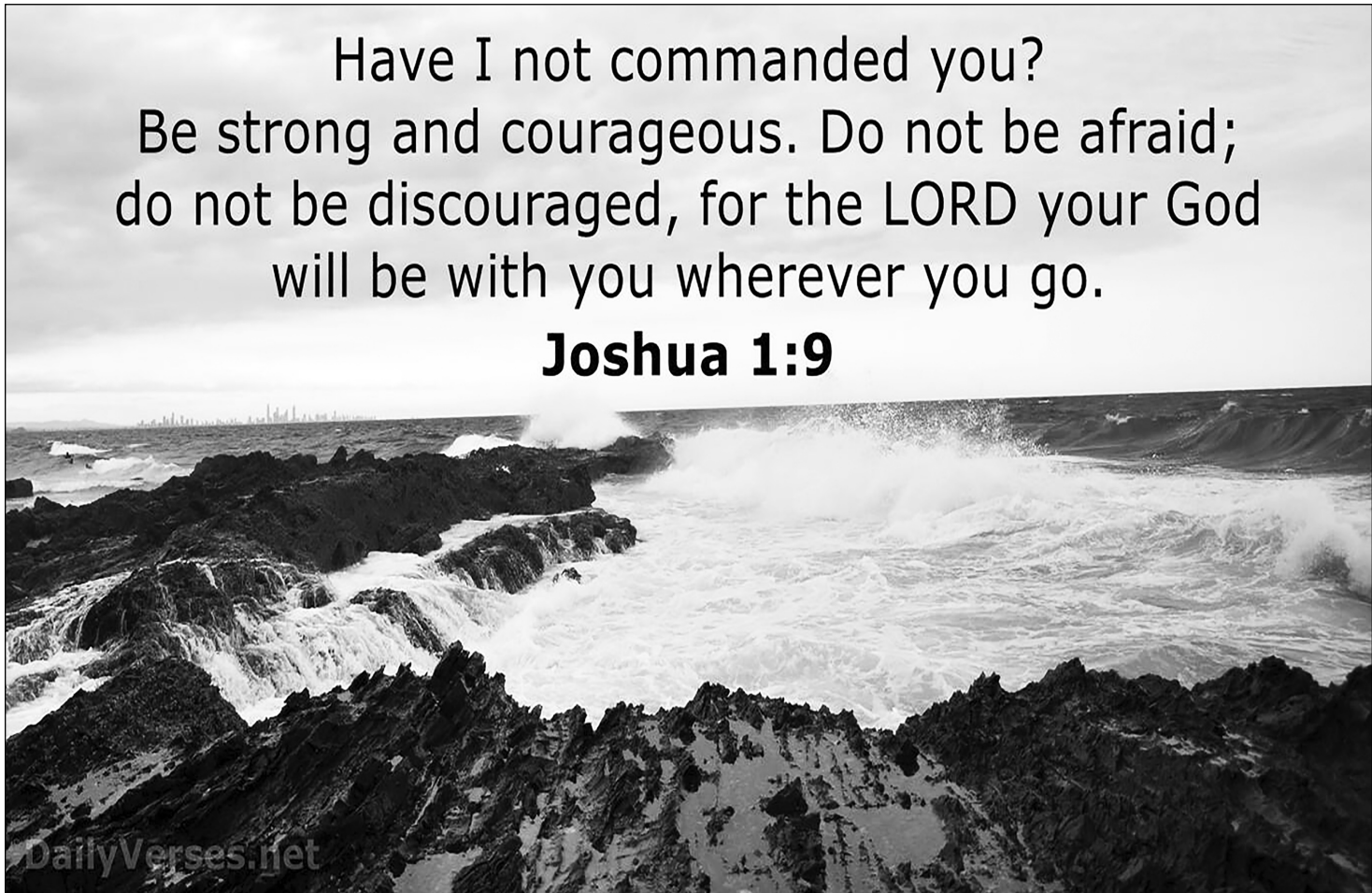
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He longs to heal the
wounded and dry places
in your life. Spend
time today meditating
on God's promise of
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Key Decisions or Retired Couples

Once you and your spouse retire, you'll have some decisions to make — decisions that could affect your quality of life in your retirement years. What are these choices?

Here a few of the most important ones:

• How much should you withdraw from your retirement accounts? By the time you retire, you may have contributed for decades to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. But once you retire, you'll probably need to draw on these accounts to help pay your living expenses. Consequently, both of you will need to be sure that you don't withdraw so much each year that you risk running out of money later in your retirement. One common guideline is to aim for an annual withdrawal rate of 4%, but everyone's situation is different based on age, pre-retirement income, lifestyle, health, travel plans and other factors. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you will have to take certain amounts, based on your age and account balance, from your traditional IRA and traditional 401(k) each year.)

• When should you take Social Security? The answer to this question depends on many factors, such as your age and other sources of income. You can take Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will typically be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be age 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. And if you can afford to wait even longer, your payments will "max out" when you reach age 70. Your decision on when to take Social Security can affect your spouse — and vice versa.

If the lower-earning spouse claims Social Security before their full retirement age — again, age 67 — their own retirement benefit and any potential spousal benefit will



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be reduced. (Spousal benefits are given to the lower-earning spouse if their full retirement benefit is less than half the other spouse's full retirement benefit.)

• Should you downsize? If you live in a big home and your children are grown, you may find it economical to downsize.

Of course, this is also an emotional decision, but you may find that you can save money by moving into a smaller home.

• Where should you live? Some states are far more expensive to live in than others. You'll want to weigh your decision carefully, considering the cost of housing, food, income and real estate taxes, transportation and health care in whatever state you choose.

• Have you finished your estate plans? If not, now is the time. You'll want to work with your legal professional to create whatever documents are needed — a will, living trust, power of attorney — to help ensure your assets go where you want them to go, and that your financial and health care choices will be protected if you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

Of course, many of these same issues will apply if you are single, divorced or widowed. But if you are married, you and your spouse will want to discuss all your choices and then decide which steps to take. Once you've got your plans in place, you may well find that you can fully enjoy your retirement years.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.
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Supervisors tweak budget amendment, then approve it

By Bob Fenske
editor@nhtrib.com

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday, save for one minor change, approved the second amendment to its 2025-26 budget.

Board members first voted to transfer \$300,000 from the county's General Supplemental (GS) fund to its General Basic (GB) fund.

"We did allow up to \$550,000 in our first appropriation, but now since GB is short and GS is a little bit healthier, this resolution does an inter-fund operating transfer,"

said Board Chairman Jake Hackman, who added that the county has a "paper trail" that says the county can legally do the transfer. "We put it in there anyway, so now we're going to take it back out."

After that resolution passed unanimously, board members considered the amendment in total that will allow several departments to use money obtained from grants during this fiscal year, the county to pay for damage suffered when a water pipe burst at the Heritage Center and allow the Secondary Roads Department to move up a bridge project into the current fiscal year.

Board members still searching for budget answers

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estimated that his one position cut would save GB about \$50,000 and GS about \$28,000.

There were questions, too, on just what the supervisors wanted to cut from the proposed budget. Laudner put it point blank: "Do you want the 363 or do you want the 749?"

And the answers from the five-member board showed that the board still has some work to do. Board Chairman Jake Hackman and Travis Suckow both indicated they preferred a "balanced budget," meaning the \$749,000. Issac Carter and Steve Breitbach favored the \$363,000 to buy the county time, while Scott Cerwinski said "we have to at least get 363, and I'd like to see a little more to get a start on next year."

On Monday, County Attorney David Laudner reminded supervisors that when it comes to the county's autonomous boards — Public Health, Veterans Affairs, County Conservation and EMA — the board can only set the "final number" that the county will spend, i.e., they can't mandate those boards to eliminate positions.

Hackman expressed frustration with where the county is, especially when he looks at the numbers from Hancock County.

"I use Hancock a lot just because I think it's almost comparable in staff, population and tax base," he said. "Their

max levy that they certified last week ... is \$6.85 and we just approved \$9.45. Almost \$2 less than Chickasaw? And their total GB/GS is only at \$4.6 million and ours is \$5.2 million. How can they do it with \$562,000 less to provide the services they provide?"

Carter said one option he's looked at is having all elected officials and their deputies not take a raise, which would save the county \$47,000 in its GB budget next year.

The newest board member said that looking at what he reluctantly called "fluff — because it's not really fluff —" he found \$210,000 savings and "that's with no employees being cut."

"We can throw a lot of ideas out there," Breitbach said, "but if we can't get the departments to cut maybe, we need just to do a percentage of where the GB has been the last five years and that's what you're going to get to work with."

Cerwinski said what is making the process so difficult is that "I don't even know what the net gain is" when it comes to the potential layoffs.

Back and forth they went as county leaders discussed ways to cut projected budgets and searched for ways to at least come closer to a balanced budget.

"Things have to change," Hackman said. "Things have to get tighter."

By the end of the discussion,

the board chairman said that "some day, something has to be called" and board members agreed to meet Wednesday morning, after this edition went to press, to once again try to come up with ideas to tackle the 2025-26 budget.

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On Monday, though, board members did agree to hold a public hearing on its so-called max levy at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 24.

Board members had been discussing holding the hearing on March 20, but Laudner urged supervisors to push the date back a few days so that property owners would have plenty of time to receive a copy of the mailing in which taxing entities disclose their maximum levies and the county is required to send.

The county, as it did a year ago, has hired an outside con-

tractor to conduct the mailing.

"I don't want taxpayers coming in to you guys and complaining to me in saying, 'Hey, we didn't get our letter until the day of the hearing or until after the hearing' because the mail is so slow," he said.

Cerwinski agreed, saying it "takes 10 days to mail something from Charles City to New Hampton."

The proposed max levy rates include \$3.50 per \$1,000 valuation for GB, \$1.92 per \$1,000 valuation for GS and \$3.55 per \$1,000 valuation for Rural Services Basic (RSB). The GB rate, by state law, must remain the same, supervisors agreed to keep the GS rate the same and raised the max levy rate for RSB by 3 cents.

Once the max levies are published, the county can not add to them but they can reduce them.

Annual meeting at Borlaug Learning Center to include discussions on tariffs, soil health

Chad Hart, extension crop marketing specialist, Melissa Miller, project director of the Iowa Nitrogen Initiative, and Kelly Garrett, co-founder of XtremeAg will speak at the annual meeting of the Northeast Iowa Agricultural Experimental Association (NEIAEA) at the Borlaug Learning Center, ISU Northeast Research Farm, Nashua on March 19.

The program starts at 9:30 a.m. with a call to order for the board meeting.

Hart will start with his presentation at 10 a.m. titled "Tariffs, Trade, and the Economy."

In the next hour, Miller and Lauren Schwarck will discuss "The Iowa Nitrogen Initiative: 2024 Results and an Introduction to the N-FACT Decision Support System."

During lunch, Ken Pecinovsky, farm superintendent, will review 2024 research trial results conducted at the Northeast Research Farm and discuss future research plans.

Kelly Garrett will wrap up the presentations at 1 p.m. as he shares his insights on "Regenerative Farming and the Benefits of Balancing Your Soil Health."

A free lunch will be provided, sponsored by Corteva.

Following Garrett's presentation, the NEIAEA board of directors will meet. The day's sessions qualify for four free CCA credits (3 CM, 1 NM).

The meeting is free and open to the public.

The program will be held at the Borlaug Learning Center on the ISU Northeast Research Farm.

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We would like to thank all of our families, friends, neighbors and those who expressed their condolences at the passing of our mother/grandmother. Thank you to Hugeback-Johnson for their care and service, Rev. Evan Meester and organist of St. Johns Lutherans church for their beautiful service, Frederika Locker and the women of the church for the delicious meal. Special thank you to St. Croix Hospice for your care and compassion during this trying time. Your thoughtfulness did not go unnoticed.

God Bless All

Elizabeth "Betty" Wendt Family

New Hampton Calendar of Events

March 2025

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice (Sophmores and Freshman)
- 9:30-12 Private Pesticide Applicator CIC Chickasaw County Extension

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

- 7:15am Choir
- 7:30am Interact Club
- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice (Intermediates)
- 7:00pm Music Middle School Gym Jazz Dessert Show
- 1pm Mahjong! Beginners Welcome

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- 10-11 am YQCA New Hampton/Chickasaw Co Extension

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

- 8 am to 12:30 pm New Hampton Lions Club Annual Pancake, French Toast Breakfast at NHHS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- 10 am Family Story Time at New Hampton Public Library

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

- No School Comp Day
- 7:15am Choir
- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice (Intermediates)
- 1pm Mahjong! Beginners Welcome
- Noon to 1pm Seed Starting 101 Workshop at Chickasaw Co Extension

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

- 8:00am Individual Speech State Individual Speech Contest at Starmont
- New Hampton Park & Rec Mother/Son Bowling

MONDAY, MARCH 17

- 7:15am Choir
- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice Handicap and Doubles
- 7:00pm Band High School Gym Parade of Bands
- 10-11 am Donuts & Digital with Mobile Momma at NH Public Library

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- FFA Drive your Tractor to School Day!
- 10:00am Bowling: Boys Varsity Regionals vs. IHSAA @ TBD
- 2:30pm Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Wartburg College @ Wartburg College
- 3:30pm Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Mason City @ Mason City High School
- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice (Seniors)
- 9 am-2 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) New Hampton/Chickasaw Co Extension
- 5:30-6:30 pm Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Co Extension

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- 7:15am Choir
- 3:45pm- 8:00pm Lettermen's HS Weight Room Lift-a-thon; Middle School - 3:45 PM; High School

Girls - 5:00 PM; High School Boys - 5:15 PM

- 5:00pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting Middle/ High School Cafeteria
- 7:30pm National Honor Society
- 10 am Family Story Time at New Hampton Public Library
- 9 am Veterans Coffee at Heritage Residence
- 9am-11:30 am Certified Handlers, Chickasaw Co. Extension

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice Singles and Skeet (Seniors)
- 7:00pm Music Auditorium MS Musical

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

- 7:15am Choir
- 7:00pm Music Auditorium MS Musical
- 1pm Mahjong! Beginners Welcome

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

- FFA 24/25 Banquet
- New Hampton Spring & Craft Vendor Show at Chickasaw Event Center 9 am to 2 pm

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MONDAY, MARCH 24

- 7:15am Choir
- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice Handicap and Doubles

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

- FFA District Ag Mechanics @ Clamer
- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice (All)
- 4:30pm Track & Field: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Luther College @ Luther College
- 4:30pm Track & Field: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Luther College @ Luther College
- 9 am to 2 pm Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) New Hampton/Chickasaw Co Extension

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

- 2 Hour Early Out
- 7:15am Choir
- 3:30pm Troy Baas Photography High School Athletic Complex Area Spring Sports Pictures/All State Speech photos if needed
- 7:30pm National Honor Society
- 10 am Family Story Time at New Hampton Public Library

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- 3:45pm Trap Shooting Sportsman's Club Boyd Practice Singles and Skeet (All)
- Adult Woodworking workshop 6-8 pm, New Hampton High School must pre-register

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

- Adult Woodworking workshop 6-8 pm, New Hampton High School must pre-register
- 1pm Mahjong! Beginners Welcome

MONDAY, MARCH 31

- Future Business Leaders of America State Conference in Cedar Rapids, IA
- 7:15am Choir
- 8:00am Individual Speech All-State Individual Speech Contest Festival at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

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Wednesday	48	30	--
Thursday	49	32	--
Friday	50	15	--
Saturday	50	10	--
Sunday	39	17	--
Monday	59	23	--
Tuesday	51	40	.50

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny during the day but chance of snow at night; high 37, low 25.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 35 and a low of 21.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high of 41 and a low of 20.

Sunday: Sunny and breezy with a high of 44 and a low of 27.

Extended forecast: We're warming up, with highs in the 50s on Monday and 60s through the middle of the week.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications boards, 5 p.m., NHMU.

History

- In 1820, President James Monroe signs the Missouri Compromise, also known as the Compromise Bill of 1820, into law in an effort to equalize the number of slave-holding states and free states in the country.
- In 1836, after 13 days of intermittent fighting, the Battle of the Alamo comes to a gruesome end, capping off a pivotal moment in the Texas Revolution.
- In 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down its decision on Sanford v. Dred Scott, a case that intensified national divisions over the issue of slavery.
- In 1981, Walter Cronkite signs off for the final time as the anchor of the “CBS Evening News.”
- In 1983, Helmut Kohl is elected as chancellor of West Germany, a position he would hold for the next 15 years and was highlighted by the reunification of his country in 1990.

Birthdays

- Italian painter and sculptor Michelangelo was born in 1475.
- Former slave and 19th century civil rights leader Harriet Tubman was born in 1820.
- American comedian and actor Lou Costello was born in 1906.
- MLB great Willie Stargell was born in 1940.
- Former NBA great Shaquille O'Neal turns 53.
- Alan Greenspan — the American economist and presidential advisor who served as the chairman of the Federal Reserve for almost 20 years — turns 99.

Corrections

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

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Dennis R. Cain



Dennis Cain with his son Travis

Dennis R. Cain, age 72 of New Hampton and formerly of Sumner, died Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Unity Point/Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Open Bible Church in Waterloo with Pastor Jason Minikus officiating.

A luncheon will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to the family for later designation. Becker & Son Funeral Home in Sumner is assisting Dennis' family. Online condolences may be left at www.beckermilnesretig.com.

Dennis Ray, son of Lawrence “Larry” and Phyllis (Arnamen) Cain was born Sept. 3, 1952, in Waterloo.

He received his education in the Waterloo School System and graduated from Waterloo West in 1971.

Following high school, he moved to Colorado and began his working career in construction and for the rodeo.

He married Jodi Kenzelman and to this union two children were born, Jacie and Brandon. The couple would later divorce.

Dennis returned to the Waterloo area, earning a degree in criminal justice from Hawkeye Tech in Waterloo.

On March 9, 1985, he was united in marriage with Tammy Kastli in Waterloo. To this union two sons, Travis and Ryan, were born — joining Brandon, Jaci, and Bret.

Dennis began his career as a police officer for the Evansdale Police Department, later

became the chief of police in Readlyn, helped start a Police Department in Lamoni, was an officer, sergeant and chief of police for Sumner. He also worked in the Drug Task Force for Black Hawk, Bremer and Fayette County.

He was a member of Open Bible Church in Waterloo. Dennis enjoyed hunting and personal gunsmith.

Dennis is survived by his wife, Tammy of New Hampton; children, Jacie (Kale) Scheffler of Harlan, Brandon Cain of Kansas City, Missouri, Bret (Rhonda) Kastli of Evansdale, and Ryan Cain of New Hampton; 11 grandchildren, Carter, Carlye, Logan, Margeaux, Kynzlee, Sunny, Rebecca, Rachel, Cole, Courtney and Kaleb; two great-grandchildren, Carsen and Delilah; step-mother, Shirley Garrison Cain of Cedar Falls; mother-in-law, Leona Kastli of Waterloo; brother-in-law, Robert (Diane) Kastli of Evandale; sister-in-law, Debra (Barry) Bodecker of Evansdale; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and step-father, Phyllis and William “Bill” Fernau; father, Larry Cain; son, Travis Cain; brother, Larry Cain; father-in-law, Ronald Kastli; and brother-in-law, Kurt Kastli.

Donald Clyde Maricle, 79

Donald Clyde Maricle, age 79 of Waukon, passed away on Monday, Feb. 24, 2025.

Condolences may be expressed at www.CouleeCremation.com.

Ronald Dietz, 88

Ronald Dietz, age 88 of Nashua, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, at Hillcrest Homes in Sumner.

A Celebration of Life was held at 11 a.m., Sunday March 2, 2025, at the Douglas Den in Plainfield.

Burial will take place at a later date at Greenwood Cemetery in Nashua.

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

Property Transfers

Nicholas A. Entwisle to Megan M. Entwisle, Megan M. Scroggins and Megan Marie Scroggins; W94-2/3 FREDERICKSBURG RAILROAD ADDITION (FB) Lot: 7 Block: 1 W94-2/3 S30' FREDERICKSBURG RAILROAD ADDITION (FB) Lot: 6 Block: 1 E47-1/3' FREDERICKSBURG RAILROAD ADDITION (FB) Lot: 7,8 & 9 Block: 1.

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Rodney L. Hinz to Curvin Zimmerman and Joanna Zimmerman; W1/2 EX PARCEL A SE 18-96-14 PARCEL A NW SE 18-96-14.

Betty J. Gruenberg EST and Curtis Gruenberg EX to Ashlee Davidson; FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 7 Block: 24.

Michael Stastny, Debra Stastny, Starla Griffith and Thomas Griffith to RJW Farms LLC; SE SE 16-94-14 EX E20AC SW 15-94-14.

Andrew Fayer to Rebecca Fayer; PARCEL U IN E1/2 SW 07-94-11.

Kimberly Van Driel to New Hampton Veterinary Clinic PLLC; PARCEL AA NE 12-95-13.

Kenneth J. Rowley, Rachael L. Kelly EX and Rachael Kelly EX to Michael L. Kelly and Timothy J. Rowley; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST S1/2 NE 17-96-14.

Matthew D. Olson and Ashlee M. Olson to Stacey Bendickson, Jackie Bendickson and Karen Bendickson; NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 13 NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 13 NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 13 W1/2 NASHJUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 13.

Richard L. Lumley and Renee Benning Lumley to Richard L. Lumley and Renee Benning Lumley; NASHUA DEMROS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 12.

Kenneth J. Rowley, Rachael L. Kelly EX and Rachael Kelly EX to Rachael L. Kelly; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST NE NW 16-96-14.

M&L Rentals LLC and M & L Rentals LLC to Hill Top View LLC; EX OF ROAD SE SW 24-95-12.

Emma Z. Burkholder and Lloyd Z. Martin Atty In Fact to Edwin S. Martin, Edwin Martin and Eunice Z. Martin; N1/2 NE 16-96-14 Parcel: 190516100001.

Anita Sullivan TR, Kirk Bailey TR and Beverly M. Bailey REV TR to Anita Sullivan and Kirk Bailey; E1/2 EX S455' N625' E380' NE SE 35-94-14 S50AC NE 35-94-14 UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST N110AC EX PARCEL A NE 35-94-14 UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST W60AC N1/2 NW 36-94-14S1/2 NW 36-94-14.

Erik Joseph Larson and Amanda Luella Larson to Kurt Larson and Sarah Larson; NW SW 14-96-12.

Thank You

The family of Lavern Tilkes would like to thank St. Croix Hospice, Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home, Father Jim, Deacon Vic, I.C. Choir, The Meatery, kitchen help & relatives & friends for all the care and support shown to us at this difficult time. We will always remember your kindness.

Sibyl Imogene Brees, 90



Sibyl Brees

Sibyl Imogene Brees, age 90 of New Hampton, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, at the Shell Rock Healthcare Center.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a 6 p.m. prayer service by the Rev. Paula Hemann.

Graveside service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 4, 2025, at Hudson City Cemetery in Hudson.

Sibyl was born Nov. 27, 1934, in Buckingham, the daughter of Maurice and Besse (Butts) Griffith.

She attended Hudson High School where she met the love of her life, James “Jim” Brees. The couple was married on April 18, 1953, at the Mississippi River. To this union, one daughter was born.

Around 1964, after frequently relocating for Jim's job with the telephone company, the couple settled in New Hampton, where they built their lives.

Sibyl worked part-time at the

House of Flowers, channeling her love for florals into creating beautiful bouquets. At home, she tended to her flower beds and garden, while always keeping the bird feeders full so she could enjoy watching blue jays and cardinals while sipping her morning coffee.

Jim and Sibyl were avid snowmobilers, belonging to the New Hampton Snowmobile Club. Many snowmobile trips were taken with her daugh-

ter and family to Yellowstone, the Black Hills and northern Wisconsin.

Summers were meant for camping, boating, and evening walks hand-in-hand with Jim.

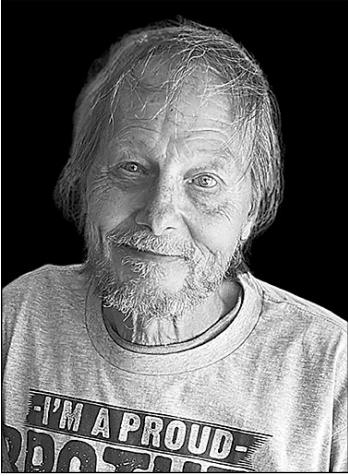
Sibyl was a lover of cats, taking in the neighborhood strays and giving them a home where they would be loved and spoiled. She enjoyed baking with snickerdoodles being her specialty. Later in life Sibyl and Jim enjoyed traveling around Iowa antiquing.

Sibyl is survived by her son-in-law, Robert “Bob” Brumley of Cedar Falls; two grandchildren, Jason (Jillian) Brumley of Waterloo, and Jennifer Brumley of Portland, Oregon; and one great-grandson, Nolan James Brumley.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Brees on Oct. 19, 2018; daughter, Joell Brumley on Aug. 9, 2021; one brother, Lloyd Griffith; and her parents.

Sibyl's kind heart, gentle spirit and love for family and nature will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Lawrence ‘Larry’ Ewing, 69



Lawrence Ewing

Lawrence “Larry” Ewing, age 69 of Elma, died Monday, Feb. 24, 2025, at his home.

A private family burial will be held at a later date at the Rossville Cemetery in Rossville.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton have been entrusted with all of Lawrence's funeral arrangements.

Lawrence Joseph Ewing was born Dec. 7, 1955, in Waukon, the son of William and Anna Marie (Billmyer) Ewing. Lawrence graduated from Waukon Senior High School in 1974.

Lawrence worked in the auto body and auto mechanics field during high school and after graduation. He made his home in Des Moines for many years where he worked for Anderson Erickson Dairy, the Marriott

Hotel, Aamco Transmission and Dee - Zee.

In 2012 he returned to Northeast Iowa, where he made his home in Elma. He was

employed by Sparboe Farms and held a few other odd jobs until his retirement.

Lawrence enjoyed fishing, shooting air guns with his friends, collecting Star Wars and NASCAR memorabilia and spending time with his family and friends.

Lawrence is survived by five sisters, LouAnn Bucheit of Decorah, Deb (Dave) Dugan of Waterloo, Patty Dahlstrom (Al Peterson) of Lansing, Judy (Don) Miller of Postville, and Donna Stone of Lansing; one aunt, Kay Snitker of Waukon; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; one brother, Danny Ewing; and brothers-in-law, Bruce Dahlstrom and Alyn Bucheit

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of March 3 1950 (75 years ago)

- Sullivan Insurance Agency, Personal Loans, Why Not Consolidate Your Bills? Arrange A Loan, Convenient terms, up to 20 months to pay, Phone 162.
- The Maindiner Cafe is celebrating the first anniversary of the opening of their new cafe on Friday, March 3. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to celebrate Friday dunking doughnuts with them.
- Showing at Firemen's Theatre: “The Story of Seabiscuit” starring Barry Fitzgerald, Lon McCallister and Shirley Temple; “And Baby Makes Three” starring Robert Young and Barbara Hale; “Prince of Foxes” starring Orson Welles and Tyrone Power.

1975 (50 years ago)

- Turkey Valley High School doubled its list of individual state wrestling champions during the three days of the 1975 state tournament. The school's state championship total officially jumped from one to three Saturday nite. Henry Reicks started the Class AA championship finals by winning the 98-pound crown and Dick Cuvelier ended the Double A competition with the heavyweight title.
- New Hampton's Dan Boos at 105 was upset in a semifinal round match, then came back in the consolation bracket to win third place to add to the second he had claimed at 98 pounds a year ago.
- Tank Bros. Masonry of New Hampton was awarded the contract for hard surfacing New Hampton's newest city parking lot, in action by the New Hampton City Council. The lot, located at the intersection of East Prospect Street North Water Avenue, will be surfaced with Portland cement.
- Tank Bros.' bid, the lowest of the four received, was for \$12,117.80. Completion date on the project has been set for June 30, 1975.

2000 (25 years ago)

- The second shoe dropped on Feb. 27. The last employees walked out of the Sara Lee Plant on Sunday. All that remained were about 30 employees who will assist with removal of the equipment to be transferred to plants in Tarboro, NC and Traverse City, MI.
- Approximately 320 workers were released over the weekend. The balance of 625 employees had already left or were released when production lines were removed earlier. Local plant employees were offered jobs in Tarboro with only a few accepting and some management people will stay with Sara Lee at other facilities.

• Jason Reicks ran his match record at the State Wrestling Tournament to a perfect 8-0 this past weekend in Des Moines. Reicks won his second title at 171 pounds. He won 37 matches this year and displayed fine sportsmanship throughout the tournament and the year.

Tony Hanson, a junior at 135 pounds, placed sixth.

2015 (10 years ago)

- Back in 2013, Bob Utterback returned to the room he loved so much to meet with the New Hampton High School Concert Band members he would direct at the Parade of Bands concert. His daughter, Kathleen Ayers, said he was having trouble with his legs, but once he got on stage the pain was gone and he was right at home.
- Utterback was a California native, but made his mark in Iowa, teaching band and vocal music to students for more than 40 years. His family, friends and former students are remembering not only his love of music but also his guiding influence this week. Utterback passed away on Thursday at Mercy Medical Center-New Hampton. He was 91.
- Sophomore Noah Stochl was honored for his contributions to the Central College football team this fall. The former Chickasaw, listed as a 6-0, 185-pound quarterback, earned his first varsity letter and was a 2014 Academic All-Iowa Conference selection.
- In Jeff McMartin's 11th season as head coach, the Dutch finished 8-2 overall for their 51st winning season since 1961 and finished second in the Iowa Conference.

2020 (5 years ago)

- The annual TRIBE Trail Steak Fry is really more about “exposure” than it is about fundraising. TRIBE Trail Committee member Megan Baltes said Phase III will probably cost about \$600,000, so getting the word out really helps. Phase I of the trail was poured in 2017, while Phase II, which brought the trail to Linn Avenue, was finished last summer. Baltes said committee members will use 2020 as a fundraising year, one in which it will “close out” the first two phases of the trail.
- John and Shea Epperly, two MercyOne doctors, will be leaving the New Hampton hospital. In July, when their contracts with MercyOne expire, the Epperlys will move to Colorado, but because their “mission leave” begins April 1, they will see their last patients this month.
- The Epperlys came to New Hampton in July 2010 along with four other “new doctors”- Paul and April McQuillen, Jack Kline and Rick Moberly.

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Everybody Hurts sets April 25 as date for 'Run, Walk & Ride'

Everybody Hurts will hold its fifth annual "Run, Walk & Ride" event on Friday, April 25.

In addition to the 5K run, walk or bike ride, this year's event will include a meal, a silent auction and a keynote speaker.

A freewill donation will be taken for the meal, and the cost for the event is \$15 if registered by April 11 and \$20 for those who register after that date.

Children ages 8 and under do not have to pay a registration fee, but in order to take part in the race, they must be accompanied by an adult.

This year's event will be held at the Chickasaw Event Center and the Run, Walk & Ride will begin and end at the center.

Registration will begin at 4:30 p.m., and the race, which will take place "rain or shine," is set to start at 6 p.m.

Money raised during the event will go to support a variety of programs and scholarships that are offered by the non-profit that focuses on suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

For more information or to register for the April 25, event, go to the Facebook page "Everybody Hurts CCIA."



Photos courtesy of Dawn Heying

Everybody Hurts presents 2024 scholarships

Everybody Hurts' Brenda Beckman (above) presents Madison Flick with one of the two 2024 scholarships the non-profit organization recently awarded, and Sara Howe (right) was the second recipient of the annual scholarship program sponsored by the organization dedicated to suicide prevention and mental health awareness.



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CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF IONIA - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 19-164

IONIA Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/24/2025 Meeting Time: 06:45 PM Meeting Location: Ionia City Hall, 101 W Iowa St, Ionia

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available) City Telephone Number (319) 239-0289

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Property Tax	Certified 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service		6,728,673	6,804,465	6,804,465
Consolidated General Fund		56,319	56,319	56,953
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit		0	0	0
Aviation Authority		0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance		7,865	7,865	7,871
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.		0	0	0
Unified Law Enforcement		0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement		0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)		3,387	3,387	3,444
Other Employee Benefits		0	0	0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)		0	0	0
Taxable Value for Debt Service		6,728,673	6,804,465	6,804,465
Debt Service		0	0	0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX		67,571	67,571	68,268
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE		10.04223	9.93039	10.03286
Taxable Value for City Ag Land		348,626	358,430	358,430
Ag Land		1,047	1,047	1,077
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE		3.00375	2.92107	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed				
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year 2024/2025	Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Residential		465	523	12.47
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year 2024/2025	Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial		2,054	2,339	13.88

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at 100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

Increase in property tax valuations, operational expenses, public safety, property insurance, and employees' wages and benefits.

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CHICKASAW CO. CLAIMS LISTING 2/14/2025-2/27/2025	ING 2.12.25	25.00	2.12.25.....	25.00	537.00
20/20 FX LLC, 25 ELECTION POLL-BOOKS/SETUP/HARDWARE/SP-PLS-SHERIFF/ELECTIONS	DEREK LECHTENBERG, MTG/EDU MLG REIMB-ENVIRO HLTH	267.40	KEITH ELENZ, CUPCAKES AND DO-NUTS FOR COFFEE CLUB/MLG REIMB-VA.....	80.79	253.36
AIRGAS, INC., OXYGEN CYLIN-DERS-EMS	DIAMOND MOWERS INC, PARTS/ MINOR MV PARTS-SEC RDS	7,552.12	MICROBAC LAB, LAB FEES FOR WELL WATER TESTING-ENVIRO HLTH	498.50	332.90
ALLIANT ENERGY, INTERSECTION LIGHTING-SEC RDS	DON'S TRUCK SALES INC, PARTS/ MINOR MV PARTS-SEC RDS	1,826.86	KWIK TRIP INC, FUEL-ENVIRO HLTH	67.54	400.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, LAB & WOUND CARE SPPLS/POLICE & TASK FORCE SPPLS-PUB HLTH/SHERIFF.....	DOUGLAS KIEL, MNTC/PARTS - EMS	72.38	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES INC, INTERPRETER-PUB HLTH STATE GRANT	54.60	222.96
ANDREA KIME, JAN MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH	FAREWAY STORES INC, CRTHS POP MACHINE/JAIL SPPLS/ FOOD-GEN SVCS/SHERIFF178.43	630.00	LAWSON PRODUCTS INC., ELEC PARTS/SPPLS-SEC RDS	3,380.79	50.97
ANN KNUTSON, JAN MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH	FASSTENAL COMPANY, HARD-WARE-SEC RDS	312.06	LEAF CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, COPIER LEASE-SEC RDS	190.87	240.50
AUTO VALUE OF NEW HAMPTON, PARTS/FILTERS/TOOLS-SEC RDS	FIVE STAR COOPERATIVE, GRIT/ FUEL-CRTHS/GEN SVCS	156.51	LISA WELTER, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH	126.00	200.90
AUXIANT, EMS OVERPAYMENT REIMB	FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF, BOARDING INMATES (4) JAN 2025-SHERIFF	2,275.00	MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL, IMM.GRANT NEEDLES/WOUND CARE SPPLS-PUB HLTH	1,069.20	1,746.00
AXON ENTERPRISE INC, TASER-SHERIFF BATTERY PACKS-SHERIFF	FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING LLC, PARTS-SEC RDS	171.50	MEGAN LESTER, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH	583.80	250.00
BEAR CREEK ARCHEOLOGY INC, HISTORICAL BRIDGE/ENGINEER SVCS-SEC RDS	FOX REHABILITATION SERVICES PC, PT/OT THERAPY-PUB HLTH	12,705.00	MERCY HEALTH SERVICES - IA CORP, RANDOM DRUG & AL-COHOL TEST-SEC RDS	95.00	5,979.50
BIG FOOT ENTERPRISE, STOCK PARTS-SEC RDS	FREDERICKSBURG PLBG & HTG LLC, REPAIRS NH SHOP-SEC RDS	457.97	MICK GAGE PLUMBING & HEAT-ING, INC, ANNUAL BOILER MAINT/PLUMBING RE-PAIRS-HERITAGE/CSB	1,421.92	496.30
BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NAT GAS/ LEMC/CSB/CRTHS/JAIL/HERI-TAGE/EMS.....	FREDERICKSBURG, CITY OF, LEACHATE FEES JAN '25	192.50	MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO, POWER @ NASHUA TOWER/ INTERSECTION LIGHTING-911/ SEC RDS	140.45	3,200.00
BLACKHAWK AUTOMATIC SPRIN-KLERS, INC, HERITAGE QTRLY FIRE SPRINKLER INSPECTION..	GUNDERSEN AIR, EMS EDUCA-TION DAY	250.00	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL CORP, DISINFEC-TANT-CRTHS/HERITAGE	236.14	50.97
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, WINTER SAND CONTRACT-SEC RDS	HEALTHCARE FIRST, CLIENT SUR-VEYS-PUB HLTH	1,166.57	MISTIE DEERE, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH	438.90	653.13
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELE-PHONE CO., PH SVC-PUB HLTH	HEALTHCARE STRATEGIES INC, DATA PROC SOFTWARE-PUB HLTH	1,680.00	MPH INDUSTRIES INC, 19-1 RADAR KIT-SHERIFF	2,604.76	200.90
CENTURY LINK, PH SVC-911..	ILLOWA CULVERT & SUPPLY CO, STOCK CULVERTS-SEC RDS	38,521.60	NEW HAMPTON AUTO BODY LLC, STOCK PARTS-SEC RDS	27.00	200.90
CHICKASAW CO TREASURER, 24 ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS / ENG	INOVALON PROVIDER INC, BILL-ING SOFTWARE-PUB HLTH	594.97	NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, PUB-LICATIONS/SUBSCRIPTIONS/ ADS-ENVIRO HLTH/PUB HLTH/ CLERK CRT/SEC RDS	719.90	1,231.68
CHICKASAW COUNTY POST-AGE METER, POSTAGE MA-CHINE-GEN SVCS/AUDITOR/ ASSR	IOWA COUNTY RECORDER'S AS-SOCIATION, 2025 RESEARCH/ EDUCATION DUES-RECORDER	250.00	NEW HAMPTON, CITY OF, UT-LS-MULT CTY DEPTS	2,670.80	1,231.68
CIRCLE K COMMUNICATIONS INC, STOCK PARTS-SEC RDS	IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD-EMY, DISPATCH/ONLINE JAIL SCHOOL-SHERIFF	500.00	NORTH IOWA BROADCASTING INC, STATE GRANT RADIO IN-TERVIEW-PUB HLTH	25.00	1,231.68
COX, TROY, EMS PAYMENT REIMB	ISAC, CONF DUES-BOS/ASSR	310.00	NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION CORP, JAN25 GENERAL RELIEF-NEICA	611.25	576.10
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITION-ING, SOFTENER SALT/WATER/ COOLER RENTAL-JAIL/SEC RDS/ASSR.....	JANE COLLINS, MLG REIMB-PUB HLTH	314.30	ON TRACK SIGNS, NAME/DATE PLATES/SIGNAGE-SHERIFF/SEC RDS	135.50	2,587.49
DASH MEDICAL GLOVES INC, EXAM GLOVES-SHERIFF	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, SOFT-ENER SALT/HARDWARE/ PARTS/TOOLS/ELEC SPPLS-GEN SVCS/SEC RDS	1,124.77	PHYSICIAN'S CLAIMS COMPANY, NOV/DEC24 AMBULANCE BILL-ING-EMS	7,625.28	2,525.00
DAVID KRIVACHEK, DISINFEC-TANT-JAIL	JUDY PAULUS GEBEL, MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH	391.30	R & R WELDING INC, BRIDGE MAINT/WELDING SPPLS/ PARTS-SEC RDS.....	902.90	2,587.49
DEAN SPEICHER, VA COMM MEET-ING	JULIA SHEKLETON, MLG RE-IMB-PUB HLTH	304.50	RANDY NOSBISCH, VA COMM MTG-VA.....	25.00	174,270.68
	KATHRYN KUEHN, VA COMM MTG 2.12.25	25.00	RAPID PRINTERS, WINDOW ENVE-LOPES/NOTECARDS-EMS/ASSR		
	KATIE BOEHMER, VA COMM MTG				

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It's a long day but successful one for New Hampton speech students

SPEECH: FROM 1

Three students "doubled up" Saturday as Skyler Bugenhagen earned Division I ratings in acting and solo musical theatre, Karla Pickar received Division I ratings in radio news announc-ing and storytelling and Beth Pickar did the same in literary program and poetry.

Other students earning I ratings included Jose Singewald (storytelling), Maddi Malta (acting), Sydney Laures (original oratory) and Aleah Eichenberger (poetry). Four students — Zoey Dreckman (acting), RW Pethoud (orig-inal oratory, Wyatt Sabelka (radio news announcing) and Kaydence Rasing (storytelling) received Division II ratings.

For the competitors, it was a long day on Saturday as New Hampton's first performance was at 8:10 a.m. and its last performance came at 3:42 p.m.

"It makes it stressful for everyone, especially for those who had to wait all day to per-form," Bercik said. "However,

all of the stress transformed into adrenaline and allowed every-one to perform at their best."

For Bercik, Saturday's con-test in Janesville reminded her why she loves coaching speech.

"Everyone always jokes that people would literally rather die than speak in front of people," she said, "and yet here I am with a small but magnificent group of kids who are willingly putting themselves out there to perform."

Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Probate No. ESPR003270

WARREN W. MEANS, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To: Shaun Means, Chantel Means, and Brandon Means

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 29th day of January, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Warren W. Means, deceased, bearing date of Decem-ber 13, 2017, was admitted to probate in the abovenamed Court and that Patricia Means Neuroth and Rhonda Means Plamann were appointed co-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 rea-sonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all per-sons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the un-dersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the abovenamed 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 this 20th day of February, 2025.

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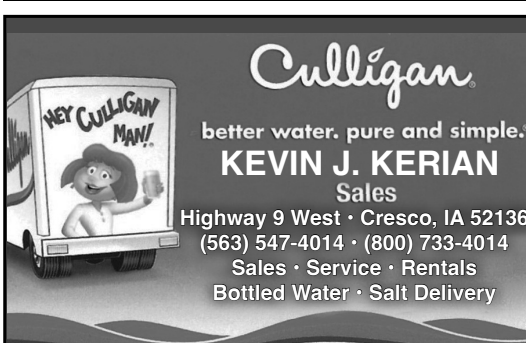


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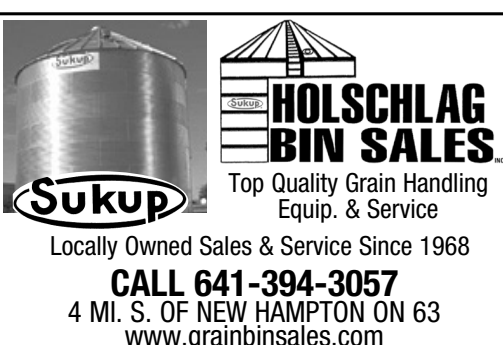


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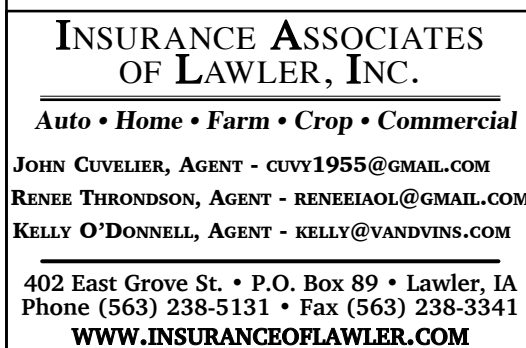


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Fish fry set for Friday evening in Alta Vista

There is an “All you can eat” Alta Vista Days fish fry fundraiser planned for Friday, March 7 at the Alta Vista hall. It’s the 10th year for the annual event, where all proceeds go towards community betterment.

Serving from 5 until 7 p.m. — or until the food runs out — the menu consists of all you can eat fish, with cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, dessert and a roll. The price is \$16 per person and the food is available dine-in or carry out.

Conservation Board to hold hunter education class on March 15

Spring turkey season is right around the corner, and the Chickasaw County Conservation and Twin Ponds Nature Center will be hosting a hunter education class at the Fredericksburg Sportsman’s Club on Saturday, March 15.

Online registration is required by going to <https://license.gooutdoorsiowa.com/Event/ViewEvent.aspx>.

Those taking the class must be at least 11 years old.

This is a full classroom course and will cover everything that is needed with the exception of registering for the course.

If the person attending the class has already purchased a deer tag, turkey tag or other similar type of item in the past, they should already have an account. If not, they will need to create their own account. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Iowa

DNR or by calling the Conservation Board office at 641-394-4714.

Taking donations for handbag sale to benefit patrons of MercyOne

In an effort to raise funds for MercyOne New Hampton, a gently used handbag sale will be taking place in April.

Gently used purses, handbags, totes, fashion backpacks, wallets or belt bags may be donated at Luana Savings Bank, Bank Iowa in New Hampton and Lawler, First Citizens Bank, Fidelity Bank, Security Bank or the MercyOne New Hampton clinic and hospital lobbies from March 5 through April 7.

Items will be sold by the Friends of MercyOne on Wednesday, April 16 from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, where a bake sale will also be held.

Funds raised will purchase needed equipment for MercyOne New Hampton.

St. Patrick’s in Alta Vista to hold pork chop supper March 16

A grilled pork chop is on the menu for the St. Patrick’s 39th supper drive-thru on Sunday, March 16.

The Alta Vista Municipal Hall is where those hungry souls can pay and pick up the meal, which will include a grilled pork chop, dressing, corn, potatoes and gravy, coleslaw and pie. Serving is from 3 to 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$16 in advance for adults and children — or \$17 at the door — and are available from parishioners or New Hampton

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In case of inclement weather, a snow date has been set on March 23.

New Hampton Farmers Market looking for vendors for 2025 season

A search is starting for vendors for the upcoming New Hampton Farmers Market, which will be held from May through August — the fourth Thursday of the month — from 4 to 6 p.m.

Contact Nhcnewhampton@gmail.com for more information.

Early dismissals, day off for New Hampton students next week

New Hampton Community School and St. Joseph Community School students will get out of school an hour early Tuesday and Thursday next week because of parent-teacher conferences.

And students and staff will also have Friday off as a comp day for the conferences.

LifeServe blood drive is March 25

There will be a LifeServe community blood drive on Tuesday, March 25 at the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E. Spring St. New Hampton, from noon until 5:30 p.m.

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Members of the Chickasaw boys wrestling team included (front row, from left) managers Addie Douglas, Abby Utley, Beth Pickar, Maycen Hackman, Ailin Valdez and Alexa Mashek, (second row) LJ Robinson, Kyson Kielman, Nolan Swehla, Braden Manson, Tate Schwickerath, Jarrin Robinson, Ty Moudry, Chase Humpal, Braiden Schaufenbuel, Bryar Usher, Reid Bramow, (third row) Emmett Kuehner, Cade Carpenter, Francisco Valdez, Chase Gebel, Roy Barron, Aiden Underwood, Aidan Eichenberger, Jackson Kellogg, Tanner Leichtman, Dylan Maloy, Jax Shekleton, Brayden Opperman, (fourth row) Gabe Larson, Xander Meyerhoff, Parker Reicks, Dominick Reicks, Mason Nelson, Israel Ortiz, Jay Pickar, Aiden Zeien, Carter Cajthaml, Jayden Bucknell, Colin Shatek, (fifth row) Carter Dreckman, Lohen Tank, assistant coaches Peyton Anderson, Caleb Flugum, Andy Geerts, Cael Krueger and Jordan Rommes, head coach Matt Paulus, assistant coaches Ryan Anderson and Chris Paulus, Austyn Kleppe and Caleb Utley.

Members of the Chickasaw girls basketball team included (front row, from left) Chloe Weigel, Jackie Pickar, Cora Schwickerath, Tegan Dungey, (second row) Ava Leichtman, Caycee Crawford, Jordan Thronson, Jersey Pemble, Ainslea Pint, (back row) manager Kennadee Anderson, Kayme Hackman, Gretta Kuehner assistant coach Terry Sittig, head coach David Leichtman, Bailee Tenge, Payten Steine, manager Rebecca Wickman and (not pictured) Aleigha Cahoy.



Members of the Chickasaw bowling team included (front row, from left) McKenzie Herzberg, Kassidy Meyerhoff, Vanessa Snyder, Sophia Rivera, (second row) Weston Praska, Connor Stumme, Gabe Macon, Charlie Kriener, Jamison Porath, Kaden Garrison, (third row) coach Andy Aries, Paul Schwier, William Klassen, Landon Marr, Kody Kleen and Jaxson Porath.

Members of the Chickasaw boys basketball team included (front row, from left) Brooke Vestel and Madison Shawver, (second row) Kye Rausch, Braxton Bundy, Kinnick Wisner, Ethan Carter, Dylen Schmitt, Caden Rochford, Trenton Horner, (third row) manager Hayden Frahm, Adam Ewert, Reid Rausch, Ryan Willadsen, Jake Schwickerath, manager Kinnick McGrath, (back row) manager Vince Pomfrey, Carson Laures, Jacob McDonald, head coach Ryan Rausch and assistant coaches Logan Peterman and (not pictured) Carter Henry.



Members of the Chickasaw girls wrestling team included (front row, from left) managers Irelynn Bodensteiner, Kate Gaitan, and Raelen Manderfield, (second row) Marjorie Reicks, Sophie Glaser, Harper Humpal, Addison Neville, Vanessa Salas, Taelynn Bass, (back row) Kaidance Hall, Ava Trende, assistant coach Michael Stille, head coach Caleb Ciavarelli, assistant coach Josh Holthaus, Kelly Thronson and Drey O'Brien.

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New Hampton’s Landon Marr (above) watches his bowling ball travel down the lane and the Chickasaws’ Jaxson Porath (below) releases a shot in action earlier this winter at Bowlway Lanes.

Chickasaw bowling coach appreciates parents’ support

LANE HONORS: FROM 14

with Charles City edging NH by just four pins – 3,410 to 3,406. The Chickasaws – who sported the top match score average (3,112) and baker (207) average in 1A – placed second in the state qualifier to district champ Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn at the 1A qualifier on HMS’ home alley of Locomotion Lanes. New Hampton was just 17 pins away from cracking the state tournament for the first time in school history as they lost to HMS, 2,965 to 2,948.

Kleen and Jaxson Porath finished in the top eight on the individual leaderboard at the 1A district qualifier. They each tied for sixth, with a three-series total of 613.

The icing on the cake for New Hampton, at least in terms of postseason awards, is that Aries was tabbed as 1A District Coach of the Year for the central region.

“I was a little surprised. I guess I really can’t completely take all the credit for that. They boys did what they had to do in order for me to get that,” said Aries. “That’s the big thing



is, they performed and all that stuff.”

All-state awards are handed down on the girls side by the IGCA (Iowa Girls Coaches Association) and the Iowa High School Bowling Coaches Association (IHSBCA) for the boys best and brightest in each class.

Just 12 all-state distinctions are bestowed upon standout bowlers in each class – six each on the first and second teams. Six members apiece comprise each of the first and second

all-district squads out of the three regions in the state, which add up to 36 bowlers.

Just some of the major school records that were set this winter by the New Hampton boys squad were individual high game average (Jam. Porath, 225.9) and individual high game (Kleen, 288). The individual high two-game series was broken by Marr (511). Jamison Porath now holds the individual high season total in pins with 4,518.

New Hampton’s high baker

game (298), baker series (1,180), meet total (3,406) and season total pins (34,074) were all set this season with those new school-record marks.

The New Hampton girls set a slew of program bests as well as senior Zoey Dreckman now holds the NH all-time mark for high average (117.61) and high game (179). McKenzie Herzberg, a junior, sports the new high two-game series (288), individual high season total pins (2,148) and high three-game series (416).

The Chickasaw girls – who rolled to a record of 1-9 this season with just five bowlers – upped their school record high marks to 162 for high baker game, 650 for baker series, 1,740 for high meet total and 14,159 for the season pin total.

NH graduated seniors Jamison Porath, Kleen, Marr and Gabe Macon, as well as Dreckman on the girls team.

Aries also wanted to give a shout out to all that helped make this a season that Chickasaw bowling fans will never forget.

“The support we get from the parents and everything is beyond reproach,” said Aries.

Turkey Valley claims first girls basketball conference crown in eight years

TV GIRLS: FROM 13

offense a game and averaged just under five rebounds a tilt. Busta had an identical field-goal percentage (46.8) as Stika. While Busta wasn’t as vocal as Steinlage, she transformed herself into a player that her teammates looked up to.

“Delaney is a quiet leader. Even though she didn’t show a lot of emotion, you could tell deep down she had the fire. Delaney came along ways throughout her career at Turkey Valley,” Hoffert said.

Busta switched roles later in her varsity career as she played closer to the rim in her last two seasons, as opposed to near the 3-point line when she first suited up on the varsity squad.

Hoffert also mentioned Busta’s game-winner in the regular season finale, a thrilling 48-46 win at home over Jesup.

“When she came in as a freshman she was primarily a perimeter player, but like most small schools – positions change. Delaney became a solid post player. I will always remember the putback to win the game against Jesup,” said the TV head coach.

Hoffert – Steve’s daughter – is a valuable bench player for TV that should see an increased role next season. She averaged right at five points per game and was a critical defender for the Trojans’ pressure defense. In the half-court set, Hoffert was often faced with the task of trying to stop a perimeter player

or a low-post forward or center near the rim.

“She really came into her own as a defender. She was asked to guard any girl on the court, whether it was a guard or a post and she was always up to the challenge,” said Hoffert. “Emersyn has the potential to be a really good shooter.”

Although she did not make the UIC squad, Hoffert wanted to commend senior guard Layni Schuchhardt for her presence on the team and her ability to wreak havoc on the defensive end. She often guarded the opponent’s top scorer.

“Layni was our lock-down defender. It didn’t matter who she was guarding, she didn’t back down from the challenge. That was huge for us,” Hoffert added.

One of the highlights of the season was witnessing senior guard Ashlyn Busta back out on the court in a Trojan uniform. That didn’t seem possible after last summer’s jet-ski accident that looked like it might cost

Busta her senior year of basketball. She recovered and was able to play in four games this winter.

“Although her senior year didn’t turn out the way she had planned, she was still a part of our team and our success. Ashlyn and her family overcame a lot of obstacles this year. To see her playing basketball was amazing,” said Hoffert.

Turkey Valley went 17-6 overall this year and 14-2 in the league. MFL played to a mark of 15-9 overall and was also 14-2 in conference games. Kee High (19-7) – who knocked TV out of the postseason with a 46-28 victory – placed third in the UIC with a 13-3 mark.

TV had not won a league crown prior to this past season since claiming three-straight UIC titles under the direction of Nymeyer from 2015-2017. The Trojans did not lose a game in that span and posted a four-year conference run of 51-3 dating back to the 2013-2014 season.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES FEBRUARY 24, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, February 24, 2025, at 9:03 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinski, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Custodian Dave Gorman, Treasurer Shirley Troyna, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Public Health Board member Jeremy McGrath, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz, Engineer Roman Lensing, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Veterans Affairs Administer Keith Elenz, Deputy Treasurer Amy Roeder

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for February 24, 2025 and the additional agenda. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve minutes for meeting on February 18, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No public comment.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to direct County Attorney to look at the Resolution 03-09-20-21 Township Trustee and Clerk Compensation to see if changes are needed. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Discussed Pathways proposal for school-based programming and media using the opioid settlement.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve and authorize chair’s signature on the agreed upon procedures engagement of Chickasaw County EMS Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) Medicaid cost report for the period ended June 30, 2024 pending PCC. Roll Call: All Ayes:

Motion carried.

Discussed EMS updates with Director Joel Knutson.

Discussed repair for the water damage at Heritage Center and consensus of the Board of Supervisor to approve Zach Prouty to work on the stripping and waxing the floors.

Discussed possibly going out for bids for Heritage Center’s kitchen equipment.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to approve payroll checks dated February 21, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior claims in the amount of \$8,279.17. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Breitbach to approve claims in the amount of \$141,584.00. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Committee Assignment: Supervisor Breitbach, February 19, Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw Decaturatorization Board

Supervisor Hackman, February 20, CSS

Recessed: 10:22 AM
Convened: 10:31 AM
Budget work session

Consensus of the Board of Supervisor to have Auditor decrease staff by one, Treasurer decrease staff by one, Sheriff decrease staff by one, and Public Health decrease staff by one and a half effective July 1, 2025.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinski to adjourn at 12:23 PM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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All-UIC Boys Basketball

FIRST TEAM

Dalton Mudderman	Kee High	Sr.
Jordan Cota	Kee High	Sr.
Parker Kuehl	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
Cael Reichter	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Decklyn Heins	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Matson Winings	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Josiah Minikwu	Postville	Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Owen Hammersland	Central Elkader	Soph.
Carter Lightfoot	MFL MarMac	Jr.
Landyn Miene	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Kyler White	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Braiden Todd	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Carson Streeter	South Winneshiek	Jr.
Logan Busta	Turkey Valley	Jr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Lincoln Aeschliman	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Gavyn Grove	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Brock Hackett	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Eli Hanson	MFL MarMac	Jr.
Nolan Sabelka	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Kaden Barton Franzen	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Brayden Darling	Kee High	Sr.
Karsen Strong	Kee High	Sr.
J.D. Kruse	Turkey Valley	Jr.
Jordan Kriener	Turkey Valley	Soph.
Vaughn Zittergruen	Central Elkader	Sr.
Isaac Loan	Central Elkader	Jr.
Xander Martinez	Postville	Jr.
Cedric Navarro	Postville	Soph.
Colton Hoeger	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Seth Kregel	Clayton Ridge	Jr.
Milton Cushion	West Central	Soph.
Brody Wolff	West Central	Soph.

Trojan coach believes Busta deserved UIC first team nod

TV BOYS: FROM 14

minutes out on the court and excelled in almost all facets of the hardwood game.

“I still say he is one,” said



Kruse



Kriener

Izer about Busta being one of seven members of the UIC first team. “I thought he should have been. Nine out of 10 other years he’s in there easily and I guess maybe I’m just saying that because I know he was that strong for us.”

What made it extra hard this year to crack the first team is that five of the seven players on the premier all-UIC squad were repeat selections in Kee High seniors Dalton Mudderman and Jordan Cota, along with MFL MarMac senior Parker Kuehl, North Fayette Valley senior Cael Reichter and South Winneshiek junior Matson Winings.

Busta was an honorable-mention UIC pick last year as a sophomore and helped TV play to a mark of 10-13 overall and 7-9 in league play in 2024-2025 – good for fifth place.

“There’s a lot of games we don’t win without him and there’s a lot of games we don’t stay in without him,” said Izer, who just finished up his fourth season as TV head coach. “I told a lot of coaches that were fighting for the last five positions like we were, the difference between us ending up fifth in the conference instead of ninth – we had a Logan and you didn’t.”

Busta was the leader for TV in scoring (16.1 ppg, eight-best in UIC), third on the team in rebounding (5.5 rpg), was tops

on the team in assists (3.9 apg), steals (2.8 spg, fourth best in league) and 3-point field goals made (48). He shot 42 percent from the field and also led the team in blocks (20).

Oh, one more thing. Izer wanted to remind hoops fans that he’d like to get Busta a little more rest on the bench next season as he felt he was on the court too much this year and couldn’t perform to the best of his abilities because of it. Busta was TV’s primary ball-handler this winter.

“Logan led us in minutes last year as a sophomore. We have to develop more ball handling. We have to find it. We have to get it,” said Izer. “We can’t tax him that way. It’s just gotta happen because his scoring in the fourth quarter was down.”

TV junior forward J.D. Kruse – the league’s second-best rebounder – was relegated to the honorable-mention team – another strong indicator that the UIC was no joke this year in terms of quality basketball players. Joining Kruse on the honorable mention team was Trojan sophomore forward Jordan Kriener. Each made their first appearance on the all-UIC squads.

Kruse’s 8.4 rebounds a game was No. 2 in the UIC behind Reichter’s whopping average of 15.8. Kruse averaged just over 11 points a game and was third in the league in free throws made (70).

Izer cut to the chase on how he felt about his star forward – who saw an increased role this winter after coming off the bench as a sophomore.

“J.D. – I had him graded out better than a few of them on first team,” said Izer.

As the season picked up steam, so did Kruse’s production down on the blocks. Like Busta and Kriener – who are all tremendous athletes out on the gridiron for Mark Scott’s Trojan football team – he put his athleticism on full display in 2024-2025 after a slow start. Izer said he got more comfortable in his rotation as the season progressed.

“He needs to come back next year with the same mentality as this year. The difference is last year as a sophomore, he had a really good year – but he was coming off the bench. This year starting he thought he had to be the “daws.” J.D. is a tremendously good role player. You do what you do. Don’t think we need you to average 20 a game. You just play the way you have been the best and those stats will come – and they did,” said the TV head coach.

Blue-collar would best describe Kriener as he was the hustle and heart to TV’s squad as he did a little bit of everything. His gritty play – where he was an undersized forward – led to 9.5 points per game, 6.1 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game.

“We needed him to be good, but he consistently was,” said Izer. “He was all that – he over-achieved.”

TV’s goal for next year is simple – win a league championship – as they’ll be placed in the small-school division of the UIC.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLENE J. ERNST, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003268 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Darlene J. Ernst, Deceased, who died on or about August 19, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 24, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Darlene J. Ernst, deceased, bearing date of September 30, 2009, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Wallace J. Ernst and Dianne LaRue were appointed Co-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.

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Dated February 21, 2025.
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To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marion L. Bush, Deceased, who died on or about September 26, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on February 20, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Marion L. Bush, deceased, bearing date of April 20, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Patricia L. Bush was appointed Executor 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 February 20, 2025.
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On Tap for Chickasaws, Trojans

MONDAY
New Hampton girls track at Wartburg indoor meet, 2:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 18
New Hampton boys and girls track at Wartburg indoor meet, 2:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
New Hampton Letterman's Club Lift-a-Thon, middle school at 3:35 p.m., high school girls at 5 p.m., high school boys at 5:15 p.m.
Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club meeting, 5 p.m., New Hampton Middle/High School Cafeteria.

BOWLING

COFFEE CUP

STANDINGS	W	L
Geerts Plumbing	22	10
Vern Laures Auto	21	11
Dak's Tap	17	15
Mid-Tech Services	16	16
Hugeback-Johnson	14	18
Rochford Insurance	6	26
FEB. 26 RESULTS WEEK 20		
Hugeback- Johnson 4, Mid-Tech Services 0		
Vern Laures Auto 3, Rochford Insurance 1		
Geerts Plumbing 3, Dak's Tap 1		

LEADERS
High individual games:
Diane Nehl 227, 207, LuAnn Lechtenberg 211.
High individual series:
Nehl 623, Rita Geerts 594, Linda Lechtenberg 557, LuAnn Lechtenberg 542.
High team games: Dak's Tap 483, Geerts Plumbing 461, 459.
High team series: Geerts Plumbing 1,343, Vern Laures Auto 1,300, Dak's Tap 1,276.
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)
LuAnn Lechtenberg 78.
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)
LuAnn Lechtenberg 143.
Splits converted
Jeanne Roder 3-6-7-10, Kristy Kirkus 4-5-7, Karen Denner 2-7, 3-10.
Karen Schmitt, Secretary

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 18 Feb. 26	W	L	GB
Kenny's Tavern I	96	66	0
Dak's Tap I	92	70	4
Bowlaway Lanes	86	76	10
NH Country Club	86	76	10
Kenny's Tavern II	84	78	12
Hide A Way	82	80	14
Dak's Tap II	61	101	35
The Office	61	101	35
RESULTS			
Kenny's Tavern I - 8, Dak's Tap II 1			
Dak's Tap I - 5, NH Country Club - 4			
Kenny's Tavern II - 5, Hide A Way - 4			
Bowlaway Lanes - 5, The Office 4			
THREE-GAME WINNERS			
NH County Club - Leslie Noehl & Cathy Knutson			
Kenny's Tavern I - Missy Hackman & Kristy Kirkus, Kandy Fox & Jodi Bobenmoyer			



Bob Fenske and Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Addison Steinlage (left) drives to the hoop and the Trojans' Bella Stika snares a rebound in UIC contests this past winter. Each Trojan standout earned first-team all-league recognition in what was a banner year for TV as it shared the UIC title with MFL MarMac.

UIC co-champs land five on all-league teams

Steinlage and Stika named to first team to lead Turkey Valley girls' five-member all-UIC hoops squads

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Turkey Valley won its first Upper Iowa Conference crown in eight years this past winter. Granted, the league title Steve Hoffert and his Trojans won was shared with fellow conference foe MFL MarMac, but that success in 2024-2025 enabled five TV hardcourt standouts to be selected on the all-UIC team — two on the first team.

Those first-teamers — junior point guard Addison Steinlage and sophomore forward Bella Stika — will both be back next year, as will the majority of Hoffert's roster.

Stika came on to the scene in a big way this year down low for the Trojans as she led the league in rebounds per game with a tad over 14. She broke the school record with 26 boards in a 39-36 victory over rival South Winneshiek on Feb. 4 and was the seventh-best rebounder in terms of per-game average in Class 1A.

Snaring those rebounds often means Stika has to get on the floor and corral loose balls, which either allows TV to retain possession of the basketball or cause a turnover.

"Bella wasn't afraid to do the dirty work. Bella has a nose for the ball. It seems any ball that is close to her, she gets her hands on," said Hoffert, who finished up his third season of coaching TV after taking over for Carla Nymeyer in 2022.

Stika runs the floor extremely well and netted 10.3 points per game. She possessed the third-best field-goal percentage (46.8 percent) in the UIC — tied with senior teammate Delaney

Busta. Stika is also an adept defender as she was fifth in the UIC in steals (3.3 spg).

Hoffert didn't mince words about Stika's potential and ceiling out on the hardwood — which could obviously help lift TV to heights the squad hasn't seen since Nymeyer guided the girls hoops team from Jackson Junction to back-to-back state title appearances in Class 1A from 2016-2017.

"If Bella develops a mid-range jump shot and continues to grow as a defender and rebounder. She has the potential to be an all-state player," said the TV head coach.

Steinlage, like Stika, was a unanimous pick for the seven-player first team and was the table-setter for the Trojans. She lifted her game to a new level of expertise as she was fourth in scoring in the league with a 12.5 clip. Stika led the team in assists (2.1 apg) and came away with 2.5 steals per game. She also crashed the boards well as she averaged almost four rebounds a tilt. Steinlage tied for the team lead in 3-pointers with 23 alongside junior Annika Bodensteiner — who was an honorable mention all-UIC selection a year ago.

"Addi became our team leader both on and off the court. Addi is a competitor and she is relentless," said the TV head coach. "Addi not only grew as a really good shooter, she also became a really good defender as well."



E. Bodensteiner



Busta



Hoffert

Steinlage was TV's primary ball handler and like Stika, as well as almost every one on Hoffert's roster, upped her game in virtually every statistical category.

"Addi worked hard to improve every facet of her game. A point guard has a lot of responsibilities. Addi excelled in all of those responsibilities," Hoffert added.

Everyone of Hoffert's five UIC all-league picks were first-timers — as was the case for sophomore center Ellaney Bodensteiner, who cracked the second team.

Bodensteiner really came into her own this year as she played on the junior varsity squad before Hoffert gave her a chance to show her skills and she didn't disappoint. She was second in the league in free-throw percentage (71.1 percent) and averaged 5.6 points per game. She also netted over four rebounds a game and averaged just under a block a game — which put her in the top five in the UIC in that category.

"You had to game plan for Ellaney every night. She is really growing into a strong and confident post player. She also improved on the defensive end," said Hoffert.

Hoffert mentioned that Ellaney is still trying to adapt to the physical nature of play on the varsity level. She often had

All-UIC Girls Basketball		
FIRST TEAM		
Emma Wikner	MFL MarMac	Soph.
Addison Steinlage	Turkey Valley	Jr.
Isabella Stika	Turkey Valley	Soph.
Addison Winters	Kee High	Jr.
Rylee Mudderman	Kee High	Soph.
Kaelyn Elsbernd	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Amyra Millard	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
SECOND TEAM		
Ava Kishman	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Emma Driscoll	MFL MarMac	Soph.
Ellaney Bodensteiner	Turkey Valley	Soph.
Lilly Kolsrud	Kee High	Jr.
Lexi McGowan	North Fayette Valley	Soph.
Karissa Wenthold	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Blair Scherf	Central Elkader	Fr.
HONORABLE MENTION		
Delaney Busta	Turkey Valley	Sr.
Emersyn Hoffert	Turkey Valley	Soph.
Kacie Picha	MFL MarMac	Jr.
Autumn Shaw	MFL MarMac	Sr.
Elana Schulte	Kee High	Jr.
Morgan Mohn	Kee High	Fr.
Hannah Schroeder	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Maddie Loftsgard	North Fayette Valley	Soph.
Allison Hageman	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Vanessa Bullerman	South Winneshiek	Fr.
Brylee Erickson	Central Elkader	Soph.
Katie Royer	Central Elkader	Jr.
Alyssa Wille	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Lola Reimer	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Faith Steinbronn	West Central	Sr.
Sam Steinbronn	West Central	Soph.
Meluni Mejia	Postville	Sr.
Delia Acevedo	Postville	Jr.

multiple defenders draped all over her on a consistent basis down on the blocks, with a lot of that contact not getting called by officials. Still, she persevered and was able to help her team out in any number of ways inside the paint.

"Ellaney would get double, triple and sometimes quadruple teamed and somehow she either got the shot up or

found an open teammate," said Hoffert.

Rounding out the UIC honors for TV were Busta and sophomore guard Emersyn Hoffert — who were each picked for the honorable-mention squad.

Busta, a center who is left-handed just like Steinlage, clipped out to over five points of

SEE TV GIRLS, 12

Former Chickasaw star will head back to the court soon to prepare for 2025-26 collegiate season

WEMARK: FROM 14

at now, it just feels good to be a part of this."

Wartburg, which secured the final spot in the ARC tourney, upset third-seeded Loras in the tournament's first round before falling to Wesleyan.

That loss ended a season in which Wemark averaged 1.9 points and 1.7 rebounds a game, and although he said earlier this week that he will take a break from the court, he said it'll be a short one.

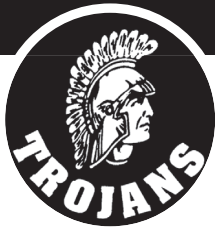
"I know I need to work on my shot," he said, "and I think if I can stay healthy, get the work in — and I will — I can have

a good year next year."

Wemark said he doesn't regret his decision to give up football at Morningside and pick up basketball at Wartburg. He has two years of eligibility remaining, and he was asked if he would use both years.

"I'm going to see how next year goes,"

he said. "We've got a lot of good players coming back — not that we're not losing some really good players, like [Wartburg's leading scorer and rebounder] Marshun [Williams], but we have a shot to be good again next year. I'm going to put a lot of work in and hopefully I can have the year I want to have."



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Tuesday, March 11
1 Hour Early Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, March 13
1 Hour Early Dismissal
Parent Teacher Conferences)

Friday, March 14
No School

Saturday, March 15
IHSSA State Individual Speech
1:00 pm Gala

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New Hampton coach says all-NEIC Chickasaw player 'mixed well' with younger teammates

ALL-NEIC: FROM 14

New Hampton, which went 4-17 overall and winless in conference play, was the lone league team with just one selection, but Rausch said he expects that to change in future years. And he also is counting on Rochford to taking another step forward by the time his senior season rolls around.

"I think the advantage for

him is that he'll work really hard to take another step," the Chickasaw coach said. "As we are able to play a faster pace, that's something that I think he can help us do. ... He's a competitive guy and wants to win. He's mixed well with those young guys. He knows that those young guys are a big key to our success and he wants to help them get to the next phase."

All-NEIC Boys Basketball

FIRST TEAM		
Alex Berg	Crestwood	Jr.
Zachary Driscoll	Decorah	Sr.
Talin Hemann	Waukon	Fr.
Cael LaFrentz	Decorah	Jr.
Noah Milburn	Decorah	Jr.
Jordin Ritter	CC	Sr.
Victor Ward	CC	Jr.
SECOND TEAM		
Richie McKusker	Crestwood	Jr.
Colton O'Neill	Waukon	Jr.
Riley Perez	CC	Sr.
Caden Rochford	New Hampton	Jr.
Henry Ruzicka	CC	So.
Drake Sir	Crestwood	Fr.
Vaughn Stegen	Waukon	So.

It's an up-and-down turnaround season for Wartburg's Wemark

Former Chickasaw endures an injury-plagued season as Knights improve season victory total from three to 16

By BOB FENSKE
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Don't get Drake Wemark wrong, he loved being a part of an amazing turnaround men's basketball season at Wartburg College.

It's just that the 2022 New Hampton High School graduate would have loved to be even more a part of it.

Wartburg went 3-22 during the 2023-24 season, Wemark's first with the Knights after he spent a year at Morningside University in Sioux City, where he played on the Mustangs' national-power football team.

This winter, under first-year head coach Sam Leal, the Knights finished the season 16-11 and advanced to the American Rivers Conference tournament semifinals last Thursday night, when they saw their season come to an end with a loss at Nebraska Wesleyan.

"Team wise, it was pretty amazing. Going from three to 16 wins, that's something you don't see very often," Wemark said. "It was pretty cool to be a part of that, no doubt, man."

Personally, though, 2024-25 was far too often frustrating for the former Chickasaw.

A season that started so promising — Wemark recorded a triple-double (11 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists in a game against Grinnell on Nov. 19 — took a wrong turn because of injuries. First, Wemark injured an ankle in that Grinnell game and in late December, right when he was returning to full health, he suffered a "turf toe" injury.

His playing time the rest of

the season yo-yoed, if you will.

"It was frustrating, I'm not going to lie," he said. "It was definitely tough getting a new coach, battling through injuries. It was hard not knowing how many minutes I'd get; a lot of it depends on matchups, things like that, but it's different than high school. I would have loved to seen what kind of year I would have had if I could have just stayed healthy."

He did say, with a laugh, that he learned way more than he wanted when it came to turf toe, which is basically a hyper-extended big toe.

"It was in practice and I made a move and just went down," he said. "I didn't think it was that big of a deal but I woke up the next morning and it was swollen, I mean like huge and I went, 'Ahhhhhhh, [crap]'. It took forever to get better, too. ... And you're right, you don't realize how important your big toe is to making an athletic move until you can't use it."

By February, though, Wemark was finally having his moments. Maybe the best came on Feb. 22 when Wemark played 18 meaningful minutes in a 80-61 win over Coe College, one that clinched Wartburg's spot in the ARC tournament.

His stats — four points, two rebounds, two assists and one steal — may not have been eye-popping, Wemark was, in a word, solid.

"It feels great to contribute in a game like this," Wemark said after the game. "It just felt really good, especially to get a win like this. From where we were at last year at this time to where we're

SEE WEMARK, 13



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Wartburg College's Drake Wemark looks for an opening in the Coe defense during the Knights regular season finale that was played in Waverly on Feb. 22.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Jamison Porath begins his approach during a meet held at Bowlaway Lanes this past season.

ROLLING TO BOWLING REWARDS

JAMISON PORATH NAMED ALL-STATE; KLEEN, MARR, JAXSON PORATH AND KRIENER GARNER POSTSEASON NODS

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Awards season is always a fun time and that's why last Sunday's end-of-the-year banquet for the New Hampton bowlers was extra special.

The Chickasaws and head coach Andy Aries celebrated yet another fantastic season for his New Hampton girls and boys bowling teams by handing out all sorts of accolades at Bowlaway Lanes — the home alley of his up-and-coming program that just completed its third season of competition.

"It was an historic year for us," said Aries about his two squads. "Hopefully, we can push some numbers together again next year."

Jamison Porath, one of Class 1A's best bowlers, was named to the first team all-state squad.

The Chickasaw senior rolled to a 225.9 score per game average in 2024-2025. That was the third-best total in 1A.

"Jamison bowled really, really well this year. He also bowled really well during

the bakers," said Aries. "But to get on all-state, you gotta be in that top elite group of 12 people. That's a huge accomplishment."

Porath was also a member of Class 1A's central region all-district team, of which two other Chickasaws were named. Porath was joined on the first team by fellow senior Kody Kleen and NH senior Landon Marr cracked the second team.

"You can't take away from what they did, that's for sure," said Aries. "They all bowled excellent. To have three of them make the all-district team — that's completely outstanding."

Porath, Kleen and Marr all received first-team recognition on the North Central Conference West division's all-league squad. Chickasaw junior Jaxson Porath and NH sophomore Charlie Kriener were selected to the NCC second team.



Kleen



Marr



Kriener



Jax. Porath

"It's a real honor to have that happen," said Aries. "It shows how well they performed. It gives them a little extra recognition."

New Hampton went 8-2 overall this season and 3-2 in the NCC, good for third place behind league champ Waterloo Columbus (8-2, 5-0) and NCC runner-up Charles City (6-3, 3-2). The Chickasaws' only two losses in the regular season came at the hands of Columbus at Cadillac XBC and in a wild shootout at Comet Lanes versus Charles City. Both squads broke school records in the showdown at Comet Lanes,

SEE LANE HONORS, 12

Rochford is lone Chickasaw to make all-NEIC boys teams

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton boys basketball coach Ryan Rausch has the numbers to prove that the Chickasaws' Caden Rochford took a giant leap forward on the hardwood this past season.

The junior's scoring average jumped from 4.7 points a game in 2023-24 to 10.9 this season. His rebounding output also more than doubled — from 1.8 boards a game to 4.

But Rausch said two other factors — an improvement on defense and a strong work ethic — were the reason that Rochford was the lone Chickasaw to earn all-NEIC honors after he was tabbed for the second team by the league's coaches.

"I think obviously what stands out to me and to the

other coaches across the league is he plays hard all the time," Rausch said. "He's really worked on his shooting — he's become a good 3-point shooter. I think this year he also did a better job of trying to be aggressive defensively without fouling."

The Chickasaw star was part of an all-conference contingent that was dominated by underclassmen; in fact, just three of the 14 players honored were seniors.

Conference champion Decorah, which saw a 17-point first half lead evaporate in an overtime substate loss to Cedar Rapids Xavier, had three of the seven first-team selections, but runner-up Charles City overall had the most selections with four.

SEE ALL-NEIC, 13



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Caden Rochford puts up a shot in a game against Clarksville.

Busta's second-team pick leads Trojan boys' three-member all-UIC contingent

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Try with all his might — John Izer just couldn't get Logan Busta on the first team of the Upper Iowa All-Conference squad this winter.

In his mind, the leading scorer for the Turkey Valley Trojans deserved that type of recognition.

But for any number of reasons — mainly the UIC was as talented and deep as it's been

in quite some time — Busta had to settle for a second-team nod.

It was still a tremendous season for Busta — TV's junior guard/forward that logged overtime



Busta

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