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Supervisors vote in new chair

Four of five members nominated; Cerwinske wins and will lead board in '24

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors has a new leader, but Tuesday's vote to elevate Scott Cerwinske to chairman had its share of "county intrigue."

Matt Kuhn, who had served as the board chair for the past two years, announced that he had no interest in

continuing in his position.

"It's time for someone else to step up," he said and opened the floor for nominations.

And there were a slew of them, too, as Steve Breitbach nominated Cerwinske, who returned the favor and nominated Breitbach. Jake Hackman nominated Kuhn, and Kuhn nominated Travis Suckow.

Kuhn appeared to be taken aback

by his nomination, especially because it was coming from Hackman.

"You've never supported me before," Kuhn said and asked why Hackman had made the nomination.

Hackman's reply was quick. "Because I want you as a chair."

In the end, it didn't matter as the first three votes cast — by Breitbach, Suckow and Kuhn — were for Cerwinske. Hackman voted for Suckow

while the new chair voted for Breitbach, who was elected as vice chairman.

That vote was 4-1, as Hackman voted "no."

Hackman served as board chairman between 2018 and 2020 but his fellow supervisors elected Rick Holthaus to the position in 2021. After Holthaus

died on Jan. 2, 2022, both Hackman and Kuhn sought the chair position, and after a 2-2 vote, Hackman dropped out of the race, at

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A drought that won't end tops a newsworthy year

Despite lack of rainfall, farmers have decent crop but worry about 2024 growing season

By BOB FENSKE
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A year that started out so promising ended maybe not as dry as a bone but parched enough that area farmers are heading into 2024 with more than a few concerns.

It's a drought that just doesn't seem to want to end, and in a newsworthy year, it's the top news story of 2023.

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the normal 2.69 inches

Yet, when the year that was began last January, we got off to a great start with precipitation as the first two months of 2023 had 4.53 inches of precipitation, far above we usually get during January and February.

And then it went south in a hurry.

Over the course of the last 10 months of 2023, only one, September, had above normal rainfall, and when the "ball dropped" at the end of the year, New Hampton had received less than 70 percent of its normal precipitation for the year.

New Hampton finished the year with 27.91

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Salvation Army has a record year

By BOB FENSKE
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It was a record year for the Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army when it came to its annual Red Kettle Campaign.

And after Kris Markham, the coordinator of the Salvation Army in the county, accepted congratulations, she got right to her annual "acceptance speech."

"Without Fareway, without the bell ringers, without the people who donate," Markham said, "we wouldn't be able to help people. They're the ones who are the real heroes with the kettle."

This year's campaign, which

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton Mayor-Elect Steve Geerts takes the oath of office from City Clerk Karen Clemens during a swearing-in ceremony that was held on Friday at the Community Center.

THERE'S A NEW MAYOR IN TOWN

GEERTS JOINS COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO WERE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER IN TAKING OATHS OF OFFICE

By BOB FENSKE
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They swore the oaths, signed the papers and all Steve Geerts, Joe Denner, Deb Larsen and Jason Speltz had to do was wait for midnight to strike on New Year's Day and they began their

four-year terms representing the residents of New Hampton.

Geerts, who was elected mayor in November, joined Denner and Larsen, both of whom were elected to the City Council, in taking the oath of office during a ceremony over the noon hour on Friday while Speltz did the same a couple of

hours later for his council seat.

"It's time to get to work," Geerts said, "and I think we're all looking forward to Tuesday."

That, of course, was the first day Geerts led a City Council meeting that in addition

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

State Rep. Charley Thomson shares information about the upcoming legislative session during a town-hall meeting that was held last Friday evening at the New Hampton Public Library.

State representative says he'll work to amend HF 718

Thomson tells town hall meeting attendees that state leaders need to realize the differences between rural and urban Iowa

By BOB FENSKE
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The man who represents New Hampton in the Iowa House of Representatives said last week that he's going to go to bat for the city's library and museum that would be adversely affected by a new law that was passed by the Legislature and signed into law last spring.

State Rep. Charley Thomson covered a lot of ground during a town-hall meeting at the New Hampton Public Library, one that was relatively well-attended considering it began at 5 p.m. on a Friday that kicked off a holiday weekend.

Thomson spent almost a

third of the meeting having a back-and-forth discussion about House File 718, a new law that contains some dramatic changes when it comes to how local government entities can tax property owners.

After hearing from Carnegie Cultural Center secretary Wally Murphy and New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker, Thomson said he had issues with the new law, especially when it comes to "rolling in" voter-approved levies to city levies.

"They can say they preserved your freedom to have your library levy, but you just have

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Tough road news

Road project from Alta Vista to Elma imperiled by missing out on federal grant

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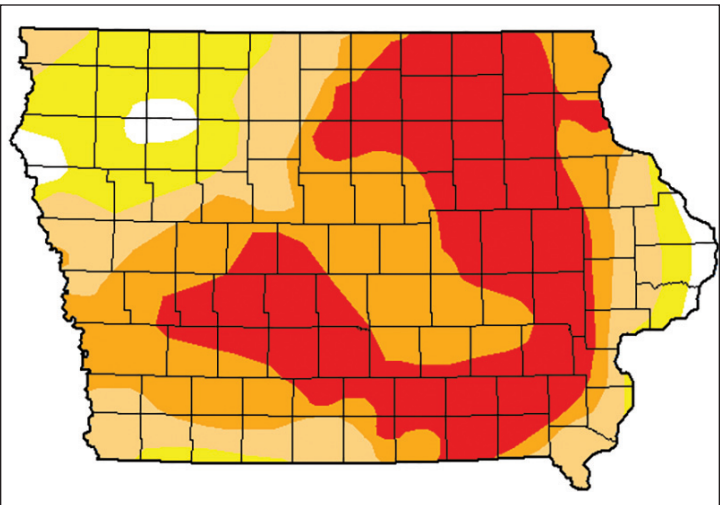
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The final drought report of 2023, which was released last Thursday, shows that Chickasaw County is suffering from extreme drought, which is shown by the dark red on the map.

Drought was big story in 2023 and hope is it won't be this year

DROUGHT: FROM 1

inches of precipitation, far below the 40.12 inches it receives in a normal year.

And Chickasaw County's largest city, it could be argued, was almost an oasis. Just 20 miles away in Nashua, the city's National Weather Service recording station received just 55 percent of its normal rainfall.

Little wonder that the final U.S. Drought Monitor report showed an ugly picture as all of Chickasaw, Bremer, Fayette, Howard and Mitchell counties are suffering from extreme drought. The same is true in Winneshiek, save for a small sliver in the county's northeast corner.

The good news, if you want to call it that, is the drought didn't lead to disastrous yields in 2023, but ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol said farmers are gravely concerned

about the 2024 growing season.

"We had a decent moisture content going into 2023, and obviously, we're not going to be able to say the same thing next spring if things don't change," Basol said in early November. "We desperately need rain before the ground freezes."

The good news was that both November and December were relatively mild, meaning rain would have soaked into the ground.

The bad news was, save for an inch of rain that fell Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Mother Nature didn't cooperate.

Instead, November was the driest month of the year as just .21 inches of rain fell on New Hampton, barely 10 percent of the normal 2.07 the city receives. And December was better, but just 1.15 inches of precipitation were recorded, down from the normal 1.67 inches.

Plum Creek displaying youth art, reception set for Jan. 14

Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery is pleased to announce its newest special exhibit.

The gallery is featuring the many different art projects of local youth produced at its Monday afternoon ArtsCool program.

ArtsCool is a free weekly class presented by Plum Creek Art staff volunteers for area children.

The display is now open at the gallery, 115 W. Main Street in Fredericksburg, and will remain on display for the next couple of months.

The gallery is planning an open house and reception on Sunday, Jan. 14.

The reception will run from 1 to 3 p.m. to honor these young artists. You will be pleased and maybe surprised by their work..

All are welcome to stop in during open hours (noon to 4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays) to view the art.

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EMS garners plenty of headlines in 2023

By **BOB FENSKE**
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In both 2021 and 2022, our top news story of the year revolved around the ambulance issue, and truth be told, EMS made another run for the top spot in our 2023 listing of top-10 news stories.



The Top 10 stories of the year that was

Not that it wasn't a year in which Chickasaw County EMS made for plenty of headlines, beginning on Jan. 1, when the county-owned ambulance went into service for the first time.

And it's been a busy year for EMS Director Joel Knutson and the paramedics, EMTs and drivers who man the rigs. The same can be said for the Board of Supervisors, who are in charge of the service that provides ambulance coverage to the rural parts of Chickasaw County and, through 28E agreements, to the residents of New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington.

The service took hundreds of calls throughout the year, and Knutson said that had at least two months — September and October — that produced positive cash flow.

During the year, supervisors OK'd the purchase of a third ambulance, a used rig that is housed in Fredericksburg and also purchased a building just off New Hampton's downtown district to serve as an ambulance station.

But the first year of the service saw controversy, most notably with a remodeling project that would lead to living quarters being added to the ambulance station. For months, many assumed that the Board of Supervisors would use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the remodeling project, but this summer, supervisors voted 3-2 to designate most of its remaining ARPA funds to a Secondary Roads Department.

Board members have yet to sign a contract for the remodeling project, but near the end of the year, they said they would use the EMS budget — i.e., money provided by the county and the cities with 28E agreements — to complete the remodeling project if or when it is approved.

As for the rest of the top-10 news stories ...

3. Election gives New Hampton new mayor: Lifelong New Hampton resident Steve Geerts won a relatively easy victory in a three-way race for mayor as he unseated incumbent Bobby Schwickerath and challenger Melanie Schmitt.

The election also was noteworthy in that two races — for the Ward 1 and Ward 3 council seats — had no candidates while the at-large council race was an uncontested affair as just incumbent Joe Denner filed nomination papers.

That led to two write-in candidates — former Mayor Deb Larsen in Ward 1 and



The Chickasaw Wind Farm can be seen during a beautiful sunset this fall, and workers bring in a "blade" to a turbine site earlier this summer.

incumbent Jason Speltz in Ward 3 — winning council seats in Chickasaw County's largest city.

4. Searching for a jail answer: After beginning the year partnering with the city of New Hampton on building a joint law-enforcement center and 24-hour holding facility, county leaders switched gears in April and decided to go it alone.

That led to a proposal to remodel the current Sheriff's Office building, which also includes the current jail, and build a 24-hour holding facility next to it.

The almost \$7 million plan, though, drew opposition and supervisors have yet to decide if they will use tax-increment financing (TIF) revenue or put the question to the voters in the 2024 general election.

5. Wind farm constructed, goes on line: That TIF money will come from taxes generated by the Chickasaw Wind Farm and its 66 turbines that went up throughout the year. The farm went "on line" on Dec. 20.

6. Daycare in school: Less than a year after Little Sprouts Daycare opened, daycare proponents worked out a deal with New Hampton Community Schools to use space in the elementary school for a "wrap-around daycare" — one that school-age children attend before and after school.

Little Sprouts officials said the daycare was needed to create more "openings" for infants and toddlers at its New Hampton Methodist Church location, and after the School Board approved the project, a busy summer of construction ensued and the daycare opened at the start of the 2023-24 school year.





It's A Girl!

Audrey Rose Oulman

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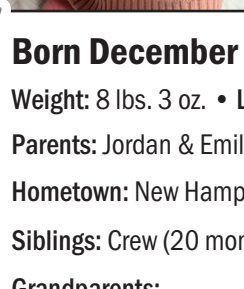
Hometown: New Hampton, IA

Siblings: Crew (20 months)

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4-H Outstanding Youth Volunteer Awards, from left: Emily Geerts, Tory Brincks, Ely Suhr, Abby Kuhn, (not pictured) Jadeyn Mueterthies.

Celebrating the best of 4-H!

Chickasaw County 4-H honors 4-H achievement during annual Awards Banquet



Outstanding 4-H Family: Matt and Janette Brincks Family.



Club Herdsmanship Awards: Trinity Brincks (Fredericksburg Futures, sheep and rabbits), Lyndin Maurer (Little Wapsie Legends, bucket bottle calf), Abby Kuhn (Little Wapsie Legends, beef), Ryan Kuhn, (Little Wapsie Legends, dairy goats), back, Emily Geerts (Alta Vista Aces, swine), Emmett Kuehner (Fredericksburg Futures, poultry), Tori Bearman (New Hampton FFA, horse), Tory Brincks (Fredericksburg Futures, meat goats), Jennifer Eichenberger (New Hampton Harvesters, dairy cattle).



Recognition for Seniors: Emily Geerts, Aiden Sullivan and (not pictured) Dawson Demro, Kimberly Jordan, Ethan Swehla.



4-H Alumni Award: Jennifer Langreck



Outstanding 4-H Award, Aiden Sullivan.



Officer Club Record Book Awards: Front, from left: Ryan Kuhn for Little Wapsie Legends Club Treasurers, Emily Geerts for Alta Vista Aces Treasurers Book, Carrie Schwickerath Little Wapsie Legends Club Secretary Book, Samara Haefflinger for Alta Vista Aces Secretary Book, back, Emily Suhr for Fredericksburg Futures Reporters Book, Hattie Miller for Alta Vista Aces Club Historians Book, Gretta and Emmett Kuehner for Fredericksburg Futures Club Historians Book, Ely Suhr for Fredericksburg Futures Treasurers Book, Aiden Sullivan for Ionia Rustlers Treasurers Book. (Not pictured Kendall Suckow for Fredericksburg Futures Secretary Book.)



Record book completion, front, from left: Becca Miller, Lyndin Maurer, Kolton Kramer, Connor Sullivan, back, Emily Geerts, Connor Sullivan, Carrie Schwickerath, Emily Suhr, Claire Miller, Brock Miller, Aiden Sullivan, Hattie Miller and (not pictured) Lucille Kleiss, Troy Kleiss, Jocelyn Harrison, Ava Peterson, Owen Seamans, Sadie Harrison, Kendall Suckow, Jena Peterson, Trista Harrison.



Achievement show Senior Showmanship Awards, front, from left: Brady Lensing (swine), Emmett Kuehner (poultry), Trinity Brincks (rabbit and sheep), Jennifer Eichenberger (dairy goat), back, Tory Brincks (meat goat), Aleah Eichenberger (dairy cattle), Josie Fuerstenberg (horse) and not pictured, Luella Reicks (beef), Lily Gorman (dog).

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Chickasaw Democrats will meet at the following location(s):
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Precinct 5 (Stapleton/Fredericksburg): Fredericksburg City Hall, 151 W Main
Precinct 6 (Bradford): Nashua Plainfield Middle School - Commons, 612 Greeley St.

The purpose of this year's caucus is to:

1. Discuss and adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform.
2. Elect Unbound Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention
3. Elect Precinct Committee Persons to the County Central Committee

*The precinct caucus is a great way to get involved in grassroots activities with the Iowa Democratic Party. All Iowa Democrats are encouraged to attend.
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Monday January 15, 2024, 7:00 PM
at four locations. Registration starts at 6:00 PM

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New Hampton City Precincts #1, #2, #3, #4
Dayton/Richland Precinct #7
New Hampton Rural Precinct #8

Sumner/Fredericksburg Middle School Building - 300 E Main St, Fredericksburg
Dresden/Fredericksburg/Lawler/Stapleton Precinct #5

Nashua Welcome Center - 10 Amherst Blvd, Nashua
Nashua/Bradford Precinct #6

Alta Vista Memorial Hall - 208 White St, Alta Vista
Chickasaw North Precinct #9

All Precinct Caucuses will perform the following functions:

1. Tally votes for a Republican Presidential Candidate.
2. Elect three Republican residents of the precinct to serve on the Chickasaw County Republican Central Committee.
3. Elect 55 delegates and 27 alternate delegates and junior delegates to attend the Saturday February 17, 2024, Chickasaw County Republican Convention.
4. Propose and vote on platform planks to be sent to the County Convention.

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Jesus never changes

We may not like change, but as Hebrews says, the Son will always be a constant

For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness.

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

— Hebrews: 12: 10-11

This new year should not only be a year of glorifying God with all we do, but also a year of growth in Him.

Discipline is a necessary aspect of the growth process.

The scripture above speaks of how our heavenly Father disciplines us as spiritual children, just as how earthly fathers disciplined us when we were physically

children. This year, every time we face trials of many kinds, we need to rejoice and stay focused on the outcome, not the pain of the process.

We know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him. So as we face moments of God's discipline this year, focus on the strength you will have when you persevere.



Pastor Anthony Harris serves Harvest Church New Hampton.



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

Byzantine art — like this mosaic in an Italian church that was completed in the 500s and restored in the 19th century — usually depicts the Magi in Persian clothing, which includes breeches, capes, and Phrygian caps.

Arrival of Maji still remains a mystery

The order of events following Christ's birth to the time He went to reside at Nazareth is much disputed. The chief point of controversy is respecting the time of the visit of the Magi. If this can be determined, the other events may be easily arranged.

An early and current tradition placed the coming of the Magi on the 6th of January, or on the 13th day after His birth. In that case, supposing that the star announced His birth, and that they left soon after its appearing, they were only some ten days on their journey.

This day was early celebrated as the feast of the Epiphany, or the manifestation of Christ, and originally had reference to the visit of the Magi and to His baptism; and later, to His first miracle. It is now observed both in the Greek and Roman Churches with reference to the two former events, of which the adoration of the Magi is made most prominent.

This is also the case in the English and American Episcopal Churches. But the tradition did not command universal assent.

Eusebius and Epiphanius, reasoning from Matthew 2:16, put the coming of the Magi two years after His birth. And others have thought the 6th of January selected for convenience, rather than as having any direct chronological connection with the event.

If we now ask the grounds upon which, aside from this tradition, the coming of the wise men is placed so soon after the birth, and before the presentation in the Temple, the more important are these: first, "now when Jesus was born" (Matthew 2:1), implies that the one event speedily followed the other.

Second, directly after the presentation, Jesus went with His parents to Nazareth (Luke 2), and that therefore the presentation must have been preceded by their visit.

Thirdly, at the coming of the Magi, Herod first heard of the birth of Jesus, but if the presentation at the Temple had previously taken place, he must have heard of it, as it had been made public by Anna (Luke 2:38).

But none of these reasons is decisive. There is nothing that proves that they came as soon as He was born, or that an interval of two months may not have elapsed.

The opinion of many of the fathers that they found Him still in the manger, or stall, may be true if the manger was in a cave in the rear of the house.

The statement of Luke, that "when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth," has often been interpreted as affirming that they went directly from the Temple to Nazareth without any return to Bethlehem. But this interpretation is arbitrary.

It is apparent that Luke does not design to give a full history of Christ's infancy. He says nothing of the Magi, of the murder of the children, of the flight into Egypt.

Whatever may have been the motive of this omission, which many critics ascribe to ignorance, nothing can be inferred from this concerning Luke's accuracy.

— christianity.com

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2

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Pastor Sarah Namukose
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Pastor Todd Burrichter
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310 Main Street
Pastor Darin Cerwinski
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Mass: Sunday, Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m.

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Rev. Peter Wenzel
Service time: 10 a.m., Sundays.

New Year’s Financial Resolutions

Now that we’ve reached 2024, you might be thinking about your goals and hopes for the new year. But in addition to whatever personal resolutions you might make — volunteering, going to the gym more, learning a new language and others — why not make some financial resolutions, too?

Here are a few to consider:

- Boost your retirement savings. If you can afford it, try to increase your contributions to your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. The more you put away in these accounts, the greater your chances of reaching your retirement goals. At a minimum, contribute enough to your 401(k) to earn your employer’s match, if one is offered. And whenever your salary goes up, consider raising the amount you put in to your 401(k).
- Reduce your debts. It’s not always easy to reduce your debts — but it’s worth the effort. The lower your debt load, the greater your monthly cash flow. So, look for ways to consolidate debts or find other, possibly more productive, ways of using credit. And if you truly can’t afford something that’s nonessential, don’t go into debt for it. “Live within your means” is an old piece of advice, but it’s just as valid now as ever.
- Build an emergency fund. If you suddenly needed a major home or car repair, or received a large medical bill not fully covered by insurance, would you have the funds available? If not, you might be forced to dip into your retirement accounts or other long-term investments. To avoid this possibility, try to build an emergency fund containing several months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account that’s separate from the ones you use to meet your daily expenses. It can take a while to build such a fund, but if you make it a priority and contribute regular amounts each month, you can make good progress.



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• Avoid emotional decisions. Too many people overreact to events in the financial markets because they let their emotions get the better of them. If the market is temporarily down, it doesn’t mean you need to sell investments to “cut your losses” — especially if these investments still have good fundamentals and are still appropriate for your portfolio. It can be hard to ignore market volatility, but you’ll be better off if you focus on the long term and continue following an investment strategy that’s designed to meet your needs.

• Review your goals. Over time, your goals may have changed. For example, while you once might have wanted to retire early, and planned for it, you may now find that you’d like to work a few more years. If that’s the case, you may also need to adjust your financial and investment strategies.

• Revisit your estate plans. If you’ve married, divorced, remarried or added children to your family within the past few years, you may need to review the account titling and beneficiary designations on your 401(k) and other retirement assets, along with your estate-planning documents, such as your will or living trust. You might also need to revise these documents in other ways.

Of course, you may not be able to tackle all these resolutions at one time, but if you can work at them throughout the year, you can potentially brighten your financial outlook in 2024 — and beyond.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.
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County, Alta Vista have to regroup after not getting road grant

Engineer tells supervisors that federal rural grant goes to interchange in Cedar Rapids; V18 project from AV to Elma imperiled

By BOB FENSKE
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It was the federal government's version of coal in the stockings of Chickasaw County and the city of Alta Vista, and it is sending county and city officials back to the drawing board.

Chickasaw County Engineer Roman Lensing told the Board of Supervisors Tuesday morning that the county and city will not be receiving a portion of a federal Rural Service Grant that would have helped pay for a much-needed road construction project of County Road V18 from the south limits of Alta Vista to the Howard County town of Elma.

"The feds' opinion of rural is an interchange by Cedar Rapids," Lensing said, "[so it's] back to the drawing board on that — figuring out how we're going to foot the bill for that cost. Alta Vista, of course, is in the same boat. ... We need to have some discussion with the city at some point."

Not getting the grant won't affect a road project that will be done this year on V18 from Highway 18 to the south city limits of Alta Vista that will include concrete overlay and about 2,600 feet of total road reconstruction in North Washington.

That project is still set to be let sometime this month.

The bigger project, though, is on hold, although Lensing said preliminary engineering on the project will continue through March.

"It's going to have to be addressed whether or not the county wants to assist the city with payment or what we want to do there," he said. "Everything technically outside

the center 22 is their baby."

Lensing was referring to the fact that the county is responsible for the center 22 feet of V18 as it passes through Alta Vista. The city is responsible for any other items that are not in the county's jurisdiction.

"They were going to have a hard time making it work with the grant," said Supervisors Steve Breitbach, whose district includes Alta Vista, "so I don't know how they're going to handle it now."

The supervisors and Lensing discussed a variety of options — from shrinking the scope of the project to using TIF money to help Alta Vista with some of its costs to pursuing other grants.

The county also needs to figure out how it can meet its costs. Lensing said if the county used its Farm to Market Fund, "it would take a while to foot that bill, and everyone knows that the road in Alta Vista is pretty bad."

Supervisor Jake Hackman said he was not in favor of having the county doing its portion of the project without the city involved.

"I think it it would be foolish to just do the 22 feet," he said, "and then they have to come back and do theirs later. It would be cheaper to do any kind of improvement all together."

Lensing agreed and also expressed his disappointment with the grant decision.

"We tried pretty hard to get that grant, a lot of work was put into it. I mean this was seven counties putting this application together, so it was pretty sad to get that before Christmas, too, when they said it would be March until they announced it."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Scott Cerwinski listens to a presentation by the county's head custodian, Dave Gorman, during Tuesday's meeting.

Kuhn leaves chairman’s post after leading board for two years

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the time saying it was “the right thing to do.”

Kuhn was then re-elected to the chair at the beginning of 2023 on a 4-1 vote, with Hackman voting for himself. But Kuhn's second year leading the board had its rocky moments, especially this past spring when Suckow suggested that the board replace its chairman.

But Kuhn refused to resign, and during an April 17 meeting, no motion was made to remove him and he finished out the year as chairman.

Cerwinski, a former Nashua city councilman, knocked off three-term incumbent Tim Zoll in the 2022 Republican primary for the District 2 seat that represents the southwestern part of the county, including the city of Nashua.

He then ran unopposed in that year's general election and took his seat on the board in January 2023.

New Hampton Calendar of Events

January 2024

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

- 7:15am Yearbook Meeting
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Varsity/JV vs. Clarksville @ Home
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 7:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Varsity/JV vs. Clarksville @ Home
- 7:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

- 7:15am Interact CORE Meeting in Mrs. Ward's room - 106
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

- 10:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Cyclone Center
- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Central Elkader IA @ Central Elkader High School
- 10:00am Wrestling: Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Maquoketa Valley High School

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Charles City @ Home

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Oelwein Community Schools @Oelwein High School
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Oelwein Community Schools Oelwein High School
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 - NH vs Nevada
- 5:30pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Double Dual vs. Multiple Schools @ Home

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

- 7:30am National Honor Society National Honor Society Meeting

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - NH vs Center Point-Urbana
- 4:00pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock Middle School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Waukon @ Home
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual vs. Waukon @ Home
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual

vs. Waukon @ Home

- 7:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual vs. Waukon @ Home, Senior Parent Night

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

- 7:30am Interact Club Meeting in Mrs. Ward's room - 106
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Home
- 5:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Home
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Home
- 7:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Home

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Home
- 10:00am Wrestling: Varsity Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Home
- 2:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. MFL Mar Mac @ Upper Iowa University Upper Iowa shoot out

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

- Music NEIC Music Festival- Band and Vocal
- No School Teacher Inservice
- 4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Columbus Catholic @ Home
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Denver Community Schools @Denver High School
- 5:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. Columbus Catholic @ Home
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Denver Community Schools @ Home
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. Columbus Catholic @ Home
- 7:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. Columbus Catholic @ Home
- Extension Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Thunder Lanes, Sumner
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. Sumner Fredericksburg Middle @ Thunder Lanes, Sumner
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 - NH vs Roland-Story
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Charles City @ Home
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Charles City @ Charles City High School
- 4:15pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Charles City Middle School
- 6:00-7:30 pm Extension Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 5:00pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting Middle/ High School Cafeteria
- Veteran's Coffee 9 am & Heritage Residence, New Hampton

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- 7:15am Yearbook Meeting
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League -

NH vs Fairfield

- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Turkey Valley @ Turkey Valley High School
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Turkey Valley @ Turkey Valley High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game vs. Waukon @ Home
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School
- 6:15pm Wrestling: Boys JV Dual vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School
- 7:30pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Dual vs. Waverly-Shell Rock @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 4:30pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Riceville High School
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon High School

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- Large Group Speech TBD
- District Large Group Speech Contest
- 10:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Mason City High School
- 9:30pm Wrestling: Varsity Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Alburnett High School

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- Band State Jazz Band Festival
- Future Business Leaders of America District Leadership Conference at NICC in Calmar
- 4:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winneshiek High School
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls/Boys Varsity Game vs. Independence @ Independence High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winn Middle School - Ossian
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winn Middle School - Ossian

• 4:30pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Match vs. Multiple Schools @ Mason City High School

- 5:00pm Wrestling: Boys JV Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Home
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winneshiek High School
- 6:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winneshiek High School
- 7:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Quad vs. South Winneshiek @ South Winneshiek High School

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 - NH vs Central DeWitt
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Decorah @ Home
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 10:00am Bowling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Cadillac Lanes, Waterloo
- 10:00am Bowling: Boys Varsity Tournament vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ Cadillac Lanes, Waterloo

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- Band Northern Festival of Bands at UNI
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Rocket League - NH vs Williamsburg
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Quad vs. North Fayette Valley @ Home
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Crestwood @ Crestwood High School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Crestwood @ Home
- 4:30pm Wrestling: Boys JV Conference Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Charles City High School High School
- 5:30pm Basketball: Boys JV Quad vs. North Fayette Valley @ Home
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JVV Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School
- 6:45pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Quad vs. North Fayette Valley @ Home
- 7:30pm Basketball: Boys 9th Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah High School Gym
- 8:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ Home
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- 7:00-9:30 Private Pesticide Applicator CIC

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- Band Northern Festival of Bands at UNI
- 11:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Regional Tournament vs. Luther College @ Luther College
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Decorah @ Home
- 5:00pm Basketball: Boys JV Game vs. Decorah @ Home
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Home Senior Parent Night
- 7:45pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Game vs. Decorah @ Home Senior Parent Night

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- Band Northern Festival of Bands at UNI
- 10:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Waverly-Shell Rock High School
- 10:00am Wrestling: Varsity Conference Tournament vs. Multiple Schools @ Waukon High School
- 5:00pm Dance Middle School Gym NHDT Showcase & Senior Parent Night

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- Grief Support Group, Everybody Hurts, 1:30-3 pm @ St. John's Church or Religion

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

- 4:15pm Basketball: Boys 7th Game vs. Saint Ansgar @ New Hampton Middle School Middle School Gym
- 4:15pm Wrestling: Girls 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Decorah Middle School
- 5:15pm Basketball: Boys 8th Game vs. Saint Ansgar @ New Hampton Middle School Middle School Gym

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

- FFA Symposium @ Des Moines Capitol
- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ Lilac Lanes
- 4:00pm Bowling: Boys Varsity Game vs. North Fayette Valley @ Lilac Lanes
- 4:00pm Esports Varsity Overwatch 2 - NH vs Williamsburg

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:10am- 10:00am, Troy Baas Photography Middle School Gym Yearbook & dance picture day



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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 29 and a low of 19.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 33 and a low of 22.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 34 and a low of 23.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 33 and a low of 23.

Extended forecast: We'll start the work week off with a chance of rain or snow, and it's going to be windy with highs in the lower 30s and lows near 20.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

- In 1896, Utah enters the Union as the 45th state.
- In 1965, during his State of the Union address, President Lyndon Baines Johnson lays out for Congress a laundry list of legislation needed to achieve his plan for a "Great Society."
- In 1982, President Ronald Reagan signs off on a top secret document, National Security Decision Directive 17 (NSDD-17), which gives the Central Intelligence Agency the power to recruit and support a 500-man force of Nicaraguan rebels — the so-called "Contras" — to conduct covert actions against the leftist Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.
- In 2007, Republican John Boehner handed the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives gavel over to Nancy Pelosi, a Democratic representative from California who becomes the first woman to serve as the House's top leader.

Birthdays

- English physicist, mathematician and astronomer Isaac Newton was born in 1643.
- Louis Braille, who developed a system of reading and writing for the blind, was born in 1809.
- NFL Hall of Fame coach Don Shula was born in 1930.
- Kris Bryant, who led the Chicago Cubs to World Series title in 2016, turns 32.
- American historian and author Doris Kearns Goodwin turns 81.

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Phyllis Leibold, 90

Phyllis Leibold, age 90 of New Hampton, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, of natural causes, surrounded by family at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center in New Hampton.

Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for Phyllis and her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Phyllis at Holy Family Parish Catholic Church, New Hampton, at 10:30 a.m. with visitation one hour prior on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, with Father Jim Goerend officiating. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, New Hampton.

Visitation was held on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m., with a 7 p.m. Scripture Service at Holy Family Parish Catholic Church, New Hampton.

Phyllis was born on Nov. 26, 1933, daughter of Leo W. Boehmer and Catherine Boehmer (Cerwinske) of Alta Vista.

She attended and graduated from Alta Vista High School. After graduation, Phyllis worked in the Charles City bakery.

On Aug. 28, 1952, she married Joseph M. Leibold in Charles City at the Immaculate Conception Church. They had first met at a dance in Alta Vista. The couple made their home in New Hampton on a farm. Phyllis actively participated in the farming, operating farm equipment, including the combine, for over 40 years.

She volunteered as a teacher's aide at St. Mary's grade school while her children were students there. She also was the organist at the St. Mary's Catholic Church for many years.

Phyllis was also generous with her time in assisting others in looking after several "older" women who needed help staying in their own homes. She helped bring in groceries and assist with other things. She enjoyed playing bridge. She organized a "Red Hat" group. She also enjoyed raising flowers (especially roses), making flower arrangements, and exhibited at various events. She spent many hours tending to her flower gardens, water fountains, and landscaping, often sharing her flowers with others.

Christmas was always an exceptional time with lots of effort going into baking and decorating. For several years they won the New Hampton Christmas lighting contest. For years, Santa Clause would arrive Christmas Eve and bring gifts to the families for the holidays. It was also a special time

William 'Bill' Ott, 78

William "Bill" Ott, age 78 of Fredericksburg, died Friday Dec. 22, 2023, at Whispering Willows Assisted Living in Fredericksburg.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024, at Hillcrest Baptist and Brethren Church in Fredericksburg with Pastor Scott Smith presiding.

Interment with military honors will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in Fredericksburg. Visitation continues an hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Online condolences for the Ott family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Dennis K. Enck, 76

Dennis K. Enck, age 76 of Nashua, died Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Linn Haven Rehab and Healthcare in New Hampton.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua.

Richard David Hansen, 77

Richard David Hansen, age 77 of Nashua, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, at his home.

Funeral services are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in Nashua.

Online condolences for the Hansen family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Jason Lee Bright, 47

Jason Lee Bright, age 47 of Asbury, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023.

Funeral service were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua with the Rev. Drew McHolm presiding. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery in Nashua.

Friends greeted the family an hour before the service on Tuesday at the church. Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with services.

James 'Jim' Diller, 82

James "Jim" Diller, age 82 of Nashua, died Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, at Waverly Health Center in Waverly.

Funeral services were held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, at St. John United Church of Christ - Pleasant Hill, rural Nashua, with the Rev. Drew McHolm officiating. Interment was held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lansing.

Friends greeted the family from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

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

Doyle Ransom, 67

Doyle Ransom, age 67 of Nashua, died Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, at his home.

Services are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in Nashua.

Lucille Ann McKay, 95

Lucille Ann McKay, a beacon of kindness and dedication in her community, passed away peacefully on Christmas Day, 2023, at the age of 95, in Mason City.

A Memorial Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waucoma with the Rev. Nick Radloff officiating.

Inurnment was held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Waucoma.

Friends greeted the family from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, at the church in Waucoma. There was a public Rosary starting at 9:15 a.m.

Born on Aug. 17, 1928, in St. Lucas, the daughter of Alphonse and Regina (Schmitt) Hageman, Lucille's life was a testament to her faith-filled spirit, generous heart and selfless nature.

Lucille's educational journey began at St. Mary's Catholic School in Waucoma, where she completed her elementary education. She graduated from Waucoma Public High School in 1946 and furthered her studies at Hamilton Business College in Mason City. Lucille's academic pursuits laid the foundation for a career that would be marked by diligence and a strong work ethic.

On June 14, 1948, Lucille's life was forever changed when she married the love of her life, John "Jack" McKay, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma. The couple settled in Waucoma, where they would share a lifetime of love and partnership.

Lucille began her professional life at Lynch Grocery and later honed her financial skills as a teller at the Waucoma Bank. Her career took a pivotal turn when she and Jack took ownership of the family grocery store in Waucoma. For years, Lucille was the heartbeat of McKay's Grocery store, managing its day-to-day operations with expertise and unflinching commitment.

She was not just a businesswoman but a surrogate mother to the local children who frequented the store, earning their affection and respect.

Lucille's impact on the community extended well beyond her professional endeavors. She was a cherished member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 66 years and a charter member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas for 60 years, contributing her time and talents to these organizations' missions.

She was an active member in the Jolly Old Timers Club, a local Waucoma group of retirees who supported one another and the community, especially through the local ball diamond, organizing ball tournaments for young and old alike.

Lucille also implemented the long-standing tradition of annual craft shows that helped recognize area talents and would provide income and a social event to the community. Today that tradition continues. Her vibrant activism and will-

Briefs

Fredericksburg residents to show MLK video Jan. 14

Martin Luther King Day is in mid-January and to celebrate the occasion the video of his "I Have a Dream Speech," will be shown, followed by a discussion of his life and legacy.

The event will take place Sunday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m., at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church, 111 S. Hamilton. All are welcome to the gathering, which is hosted by Joe Peraud, Gladys Christoph, Hugh and Carol Mackintosh, Robin Kime, Kara Johns and Jim Reid.

Snowshoe, cross country ski night set for Jan. 11

It's on the schedule, but, of course, depends on if the snow that is forecast for next week materializes. Chickasaw County Conservation has set a snowshoe and cross country ski night for Thursday, Jan. 11 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

RSVPs are required, plus it's a good idea to check to make sure the event will be held, the center's number is 641-394-4714.

Master Gardener series set to begin on Jan. 9

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Master Gardener program will again host the Home Gardening Webinar Series, beginning in January and ending in March. Sessions will take place every Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. Central time, ending March 12.

Designed for anyone who is interested in gardening or horticulture, the series aims to inspire and educate. Throughout the series, participants

Property Transfers

Stith Family Farm LLC to Cassidy J. Dietz; SW NE 34-94-14.

Leon R. Leach, Leon Leach, Robbie Jo Fye Leach, Robbie Jo Fye Leach and Robbie Jo Fye Leach to Leon R. Leach, Robbie Jo Fye Leach, Robbie Jo Fye Leach and Robbie Jo Fye Leach; PARCEL F IN W1/2 13-94-13.

Suzanne J. Baldwin TR and Suzanne J. Baldwin REV TR to Lindloff Properties LLC; COMM AT NE COR SE SW 19-94-14.

Randy Lee Miller TR and Alan Joel Copper Trust to Alan Joel Copper; PARCEL B NE NE 08-94-12.

James Eggerichs and Susan Eggerichs to Joshua A. Martin and Eva W. Martin ; L1 EX N197.3' W685.9' OF L1 & EX PARCEL D OF L1 NW 32-97-13.

DGOGNEWHAMPTONIA12142022 LLC to Realty Income Properties 31 LLC; PARCEL 2023-6 SE NE 07-95-12 Parcel 191007126471 Parcel 191007150001.

Carolynn Dean, Brian Dean, Wanda Dean, Melissa Schmidt and Robin Schmidt to Michael G. Carey and Candreaeh Carey; W1/2 NASHUA COLERS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 7 W1/2 NASHUA COLERS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 7 W1/2 NASHUA COLERS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 7 W1/2 NASHUA COLERS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 7 COMM NW COR L2 NASHUA COLERS FIRST ADDITION.

Nancy Stokes Milnes, Nancy Stokes Milnes and Nancy Milnes to Joanne Myrsiades; PARCEL 2023-28 SW NW 30-97-13.

Stith Family Farm LLC to Ryan Lee Zwanziger and Christie Lynn Zwanziger; W1/2 EX PARCELS 2019-5 & 2023-36 SE 27-94-14.

Deana Scapardine to Stacy L. Walch

and Charles L. Kline; FREDERICKSBURG NEWTHA ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 1 N15' FREDERICKSBURG NEWTHS ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 1 FREDERICKSBURH NEWTHS ADDITION Lot: 12 Block: 1 N15' FREDERICKSBURG NEWTHS ADDITION Lot: 11 Block: 1.

Robert Beckman and Kathleen Beckman to William E. Musgrave and Betty J. Musgrave; KRIENERS SIBDIV L2 N1/2 NE 02-95-12.

Steven E. Aegerter and Lisa A. Aegerter to Andrew Zweibohmer and Elizabeth Zweibohmer; FT BEG 2340'W SE COR SW SE 11-95-13.

Kenneth Jarosh and Colleen Jarosh to Neoma Balk, Gerald Balk and Sarah Balk; S1/2 SW 11-96-11.

Dean D. Hubka TR Shirley R. Hubka TR, Dean D. Hubka Trust and Shirley R. Hubka Trust to Ethan Lee Thronsdon; PARCEL 2023-27 IN S1/2 SW 23-97-11.

Donald G. Knutson to Jared L. Knutson; S5/8 EX W10R S16R & EX N22.5' S25AC SW SW 21-97-11.

Rollis R. Zupke and Diane K. Zupke to Rollis R. Zupke COTR, Diane K. Zupke COTR, UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST, Rollis R. Zupke Trust, INDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST, Diane K. Zupke Trust; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST L1 IN W1/2 SW 28-95-11 E1/2 SE 29-95-11 N3/4 OF E1/2 NE 32-95-11 W1/2 NW NW 33-95-11N1/2 SW 13-94-11 SE 14-94-11 SE SW 14-94-11 N400' E1106' NE NE 23-94-11.

Rachel A. Dunlap and Rachel A. Storie and Jordan R. Dunlap to Bryce R. Schwickerath and Sabrina L. Felts; NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 8 Block: 51 N66' OF E1/2 VACATED ALLEY W OF BLK 51 NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH).

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
December 26, 2023
The Board convened on Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbart, Suckow, Kuhn, Cervinske, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Jim Cook, Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley, Terry Johnson, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, EMA Director Jeff Bernatz, Custodian Dave Gorman, Joan Knoll, Kurt Knoll, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Chair of Board of Compensation Stephanie Mashek, Board of Compensation Michael Kennedy and Doreen Cook, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, EMS Brannon Anderson.
Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the agenda for December 26, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbart, seconded by Cervinske to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public comment: Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley made a statement that it would be cheaper and safer for the EMS crews to stay at the apartment verse renovating the EMS Building.

Motion by Breitbart, seconded by Cervinske to appoint Joan Knoll to the Board of Health for a three-year term. Roll call: Ayes; Breitbart, Cervinske, Suckow, Kuhn. Nay; Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbart to appoint Michael Pickar to the Conservation Board for a five-year term. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by

Suckow to appoint Steve Kuennen to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Breitbart to appoint Diane Murphy to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term. Roll

Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to appoint Brad Ellison to the Fredericksburg Benefited Fire District for a three-year term. Roll

Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.
Discussed the Magistrate Appointing Commission has one opening, Civil Service Commission has one opening and City of New Hampton Planning and Zoning Commission has one opening.

Discussed Compensation Board recommendations for salaries of elected officials for FY 2024-2025.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature to Conservation Reserve Program Contract #11018D which expires September 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature to Conservation Reserve Program Contract #12130D which expires September 30, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbart, seconded by Cervinske to acknowledge purchase of the Dock at Airport Lake from Schwig Outdoors for \$19,534.53 per purchase policy. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss updating the Chickasaw County Hazard Mitigation Plan and if the county would pay half. No action taken.

Discussed the EMS Building project bids and Aaron Thompson from the Design Connection will update building plans and get back to the board.

Motion by Breitbart, seconded by Kuhn to appoint Kevin Geerts and

Heather Jurgensen as additional Medical Examiner Investigators. Roll call. Aye; Breitbart, Kuhn. Nay; Suckow, Cerwinski, Hackman. Motion failed.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to appoint Kevin Geerts as additional Medical Examiner Investigator. Roll call. Aye; Cervinske, Suckow, Breitbart, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cervinske to approve Storage Agreement with Toys for Tots to store extra toys at the Heritage Center for up to one year. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed hiring freeze. Budget work session.

County Attorney, David Laudner

FY 24-25 Budget

Custodian, Dave Gorman

FY 24-25 Budgets for Community Services Building, Law Enforcement Building, Heritage Center, and LEMC (Law/Emergency Management Commission)

Treasurer, Matt Ysbrand

FY 24-25 Budget

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to add \$180,000.00 to the EMS budget as part of the Amendment for renovations.

Committee Assignments
Supervisor Kuhn, December 21, INRCOG Regional Transit, INRCOG Board meeting, INRCOG Executive meeting.

Motion by Cervinske, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:44 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

No. 23552

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ELECTRIC UTILITY - COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2023 5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday December 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu. Dahl was absent. City Clerk Karen Clemens, Tammy Robinson, Becky Babcock, Travis Schumacher and Mark Andera were also present.

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

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

Dahl arrived at 5:02 pm.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Babcock; That the minutes of the November 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Hendricks; That claims in the amount of \$806,266.06 be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Babcock; that the Finance Reports for November 2023, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

O'Donohoe arrived at 5:06 pm.

Board Chair Anderson presented a 3% raise for all Lt Plant staff, as recommended by General Manager Brian Quirk. Lt Plant employees, Travis Schumacher and Mark Andera, made a request to increase all employees' wages by the same dollar amount instead of a percentage. The Board agreed with the block increase of \$1.34 per hour for staff but increased Quirk's wages by 3%.

Increase
Current, Per Hour, Proposed, Annual Andera, Mark, \$42.64, \$1.34, \$43.98, \$91,353.60

Mai, Craig, \$42.64, \$1.34, \$43.98, \$91,353.60

Stika, Casey, \$42.64, \$1.34, \$43.98, \$91,353.60

Schumacher, Travis, \$44.77, \$1.34, \$46.11, \$95,908.80

Pickar, Ryan, \$35.20, \$1.34, \$36.54, \$75,420.80

Current, 3%, Proposed, Annual Quirk, Brian, \$4,263.15, \$127.89,

\$4,391.04, \$114,167.04

Moved by Babcock; seconded by Hendricks; that Resolution No # 1006 A RESOLUTION NAMING EMPLOYEES AND FIXING SALARIES FOR THE NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT FOR 2024, be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Dahl. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution – approved

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Dahl; that Resolution No # 1007 A RESOLUTION ALLOWING GENERAL MANAGER BRIAN QUIRK A \$1,500 BONUS IN 2024, BASED ON HIS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND HIS ANTICIPATED CONTINUED PARTICIPATION, be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Dahl. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution – approved

Tammy Robinson, Economic Development Director for the City of New Hampton met with the Board to request funds for grant purposes. Robinson oversees the Advisory Board which provides grants to new and existing local businesses who have requested assistance. Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that Resolution No # 1008 NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT \$20,000.00 OF SURPLUS FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Dahl. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution – approved

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; that the Light Plant contribute \$95,000 to the City of New Hampton as a contribution and payment in lieu of taxes, pending compliance with surplus transfer rules, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the proposed 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget be approved pending review by the Lt Plant Superintendent for Capital Improvements; and submitted to the City Clerk for incorporation into the total City Budget. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; that Resolution No # 1009 APPROVING PAY ESTIMATE #14 FOR THE ELECTRIC METER CUTOVER - PHASE 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,244.66 TO NEW HAMPTON ELECTRIC, INC., be approved. Ayes - Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Dahl. Nays – None. Absent – None.

Resolution – approved

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Babcock; that the meeting adjourn at 5:33 pm. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk GRANT ANDERSON, Board Chair

LIGHT PLANT DECEMBER 11, 2023 5:00 P.M.

NIMECA, Power Bill, CTS Improvement..... \$342,301.68

New Hampton Municipal Light Plant, Transfer \$ to Revolving Loan Fund (Res 985)\$53,994.00

Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Underground Storage Tank Registration \$150.00

Jose Lopez, Refund Final Account Balance \$67.20

Macie Njus, Refund Final Account Balance \$35.09

New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill \$96.34

Jendro Sanitation Services, Refuse \$90.00

Madison National Life Insurance, Term Life Insurance, AD&D, Supplemental..... \$98.88

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$145.25

Kara Speltz, Refund Final Account Balance \$109.03

PMMC Insurance, Underground Storage Tank Insurance \$968.00

Visa, Tools, Lighting, Print Cartidge, Connectors \$8,096.54

MercyOne New Hampton, Drug Screen \$30.00

UnityPoint Clinic, Drug Screen . \$42.00

US Cellular, iPad Service \$39.48

Black Hills Energy, Engine Fuel, Heat..... \$1,862.89

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills \$136.92

New Horizons- Chamber of Commerce, Payments on Utility Bills \$509.34

American Solutions for Business, Disconnect Notices \$242.63

USPS, First Class Presort Fee- Permit #1 \$155.00

AgVantage FS, Engine Fuel \$380.16

Reimbursement, Medical Reimbursement..... \$204.97

Bond Transfer, Monthly Transfer \$90,000.00

CarQuest of New Hampton, Mini Bulb. \$5.02

City Laundering Co., Industrial Laundering Services \$130.98

Continental Research Coporation, Buckets \$293.28

DGR, Distribution, SCADA, Stolz Projects \$20,821.00

Dick's Petroleum Company, Final Pay-

ment on Fuel Tanks..... \$182,700.16

FiveStar Cooperative, Gas, Diesel, Gloves \$610.15

Fletcher-Reinhardt Company, Secondary Current Transformer, Jumper..... \$2,293.87

Iowa One Call, One Calls \$45.90

Jendro Sanitation, Refuse..... \$90.00

MidAmerican Energy, December WS-4 Payment..... \$68,000.00

NAPA Auto Parts, Brake Pads, Soldering Gun, Fuel..... \$143.35

New Hampton Electric, Inc., Sealtite, Wire, Supplies \$1,150.40

New Hampton Industrial Corp. Dues..... \$750.00

NHMU, Phone Service \$ 132.20

NHMU, Joing Expense Reimbursement \$562.51

New Hampton, City of, Utility Bill \$87.04

NIMECA, Disability Insurance \$250.47

Nolte Excavating, Digg Hole, Place Rock for Fuel Tanks..... \$48,476.25

OMEGA, Hex Coupling, Hex Shaft \$216.14

Schueth Ace Hardware, Sander Belt, Filter, Tools, Hardware \$615.36

Viafield, Engine Fuel \$46,475.14

Wesco Receivables Corp. U-Guards, Transformer Supplies \$1,654.22

West Union Trenching, Boring at 20 W Spring \$7,955.00

Ziegler CAT, Engines 7 & 8 Repairs..... \$3,052.22

Total \$896,266.06

Less Transfers \$90,000.00

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED \$806,266.06

PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE NOVEMBER 13, 2023

AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance \$131.62

Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$780.61

Ameritas Life Insurance, Deferred Comp \$809.43

EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$5,096.40

EFTPS, FICA & Federal Taxes \$5,727.80

Iowa Dept of Revenue, State Withhold- ing Tax \$1,824.66

Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS \$7,314.62

Wellmark, Health & Dental Insurance \$9,403.26

Total Payroll, \$31,088.40

No. 23548

1/4/24

Week of Dec. 31 1948 (75 years ago)

• Monday will see some changes in the personnel of the court house, in the sheriff's office, Kenneth C. Daly of Alta Vista will replace George C. Murray. Felton Cleveland of Nashua has been appointed deputy sheriff by Mr. Daly.

Mrs. Ruth B. Mauer will take over the duties of auditor replacing Mrs. Naomi Cowles. Mrs. Mauer has appointed Gerald Sheehy as her deputy.

Mrs. Marilyn Upham of Fredericksburg will remain in the auditor's office.

The personnel in the other court house offices will remain the same.

• The parking meters in New Hampton have netted \$5599.00 up to Dec. 14. They were put in operation on June 10.

This is an approximate average of \$933.00 per month or an average of about \$215.37 per week. Half of the proceeds of the meters go to the company that installed them until they are paid for.

1973 (50 years ago)

• One of downtown New Hampton's older buildings - "Hansen Building"- in the

100 block of North Chestnut Avenue, was razed last week to make way for a modern parking lot. Security State Bank purchased the building from the late Henry F. Hansen.

The building was originally constructed by Henry Hansen's father, the late Peter F. Hansen. Peter Hansen erected the south part of the building in 1903 and it was first used as a saloon, owned and operated by Peter Hansen.

The north section was constructed five years later in 1908. During the last 70 years it had served the downtown area as the location for numerous businesses and the top story has been used as apartments.

In 1936, the post office occupied the south half and a hatchery, the north half.

Just prior to its demolition, the building was occupied by the New Hampton Laundromat and the Iowa State Liquor Store. The two lots will be developed into parking facilities to serve Security State Bank customers.

1998 (25 years ago)

• Iowa House Minority Floor Leader Dave Schrader (D-Marion) has appointed Representative Keith Weigel (D-Chickasaw) to the standing Commerce, Economic Development and Ways and Means Committee as well as the Health and Human Rights Budget Subcommittee.

Last month Weigel's colleagues elected him to the position of Assistant Minority Floor Leader.

Schrader said Weigel works well with both Democrats and Republicans and members of both parties respect his good judgement.

• A fast start and plenty of aggressive play gave the New Hampton varsity girls basketball team a 63-44 win over Waverly-Shell Rock.

The Chickasaws held quarter leads of 20-9, 32-25 and 48-33 before going on to win by nineteen points in the Northeast Iowa Conference game.

Kristin Volk was New Hampton's leader with twenty-six points, eleven rebounds and four steals.

2013 (10 years ago)

• A Fredericksburg volunteer who lost his life to cancer has been honored for his dedication for serving others.

Tod Palmer, a member of the Chickasaw County Rescue Squad and an EMT for Chickasaw Ambulance

Service, lost his battle with leukemia in February 2013. To honor Palmer's service, rescue squad members requested his name be added to the Iowa Emergency Medical Services Memorial Wall, located in a West Des Moines park. A dedication was held May 18 with Palmer's family and local rescue squad members in attendance.

• The No. 1 Sports Story Of The Year: The Chickasaw softball team, under the direction of coach Jack Seelhammer, advanced to the state tourney by beating eighth-ranked Iowa Falls-Alden.

New Hampton had just broken into the final rankings in the No. 14 spot. They continued to upset at state, with a wild win against third-ranked Mid-Prairie.

In the semifinal round, Clarke won that contest. In the third place contest the Chickasaws fell to Sergeant Bluff-Luton.

The NH girls won 18 of their final 22 games to finish with a 28-11 mark. They were runner-up to Waverly-Shell Rock in the Northeast Iowa Conference with a 14-4 record and gave the Go-Hawks their only NEIC loss of the season. With 26 home runs on the season, New Hampton was tied for fourth in Class 3A.

2018 (5 years ago)

• After more than three decades of ownership, Lynn and Linda Schwickerath are selling their business, Office World, to their son, Brad. The couple purchased the business as Ed's Office Machines in February 1986.

The business, which Lynn has run with the help of his family, sells office supplies, office furniture and custodial equipment.

Lynn also sells nightcrawlers and wax worms out of the back of the shop as Back Door Bait. Brad will take over the business on Jan. 2.

• Dave Steffen bowled a perfect 300 game and received \$100 checks from three area banks.

Steffen threw a Brooklyn strike in the 11th frame on lanes 9 and 10, just as former Bowlaway Lanes owner Adrian "Skeeter" Skoda had done in the past. Steffen feels like he's part of New Hampton bowling history.

The "bank checks" for perfect games have been a long-standing tradition at Bowlaway Lanes.

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Turkey Valley Area Calendar of Events

January 2024

Thursday, January 4, 2024
6:00 PM Basketball: Varsity vs. Riceville (Away)

Friday, January 5, 2024
4:00 PM Basketball: JV Girls/Boys vs. Kee High (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Girls/Boys vs. Kee High (Away)

Monday, January 8, 2024
School Board Meeting
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. Tripoli (Home)

Tuesday, January 9
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. Nashua-Plainfield (Home)
4:30 PM Basketball: JV vs. North Fayette Valley (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity Girls/Boys vs. North Fayette Valley (Away)

Thursday, January 11, 2024
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. South Winneshiek (Home)
6:00 PM Basketball: Boys Varsity vs. Tripoli (Away)

Friday, January 12, 2024
4:00 PM Basketball: JV vs. South Winneshiek (Home)
6:15 PM Basketball: Girls/Boys Varsity vs. South Winneshiek (Home)

Monday, January 15, 2024
No School
6:00 PM Basketball: Varsity vs. Wapsie Valley (Home)

Tuesday, January 16, 2024
4:00 PM Basketball: JV vs. Clayton Ridge (Home)
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Varsity vs. Clayton Ridge (Home)

Thursday, January 18, 2024
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. New Hampton (Home)

Friday, January 19, 2024
4:00 PM Basketball: JV vs. MFL MarMac (Home)
6:15 PM Basketball: Boys/Girls Varsity vs. MFL MarMac (Home)

Monday, January 22, 2024
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. Clayton Ridge (Away)
6:00 PM Basketball: Boys JV vs. Crestwood (Away)
6:00 PM Basketball: Girls JV vs. Crestwood (Home)
7:30 PM Basketball: Girls Varsity vs. Crestwood (Away)
7:30 PM Basketball: boys Varsity vs. Crestwood (Home)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. Kee High (Home)
4:30 PM Basketball: girls/boys JV vs. West Central (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: girls/boys Varsity vs. West Central (Away)

Thursday, January 25, 2024
6:00 PM Basketball: Varsity vs. Spring Grove Public Schools (Home)

Friday, January 26, 2024
4:15 PM Basketball: Boys 7th & 8th vs. West Central (Home)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
4:30 PM Basketball: Girls/Boys JV vs. Central Elkader IA (Away)
6:15 PM Basketball: Girls/Boys Varsity vs. Central Elkader IA (Away)

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started on Nov. 15 and ran through Dec. 23, raised more than \$18,500. That easily broke the record of a little more than \$16,000 that was raised during the 2022 campaign.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITY BOARD ROOM MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023 5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton. Board members present were Hendricks, Anderson, Babcock, Cantu, Dahl. Attorney Kirk O'Donohoe, City Clerk Karen Clemens and Becky Babcock were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:35 p.m.

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

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 13, 2023, be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock; seconded by Hendricks; that claims in the amount of \$50,050.50 be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hendricks, seconded by Cantu; that the Finance Reports for November, 2023, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Board Chair Anderson presented a 3% raise for Telecommunications staff, as recommended by General Manager Brian Quirk. Staff member, Becky Babcock, informed the Board of the savings the utility is experiencing as she assumes more responsibilities. After discussion, the Board agreed on a \$2.00 per hour increase for all staff.

EMPLOYEE, TITLE, 2023, INCREASE, 2024

Vance Cook, Tech Supervisor, \$38.43/hr, \$2.00, \$40.43

Eric Robinson, Lead Technician, \$31.76hr \$2.00, \$33.76

Becky Babcock Customer Service Rep, \$26.84/hr, \$2.00, \$28.64

Moved by Hendricks seconded by Babcock; that Resolution No # 62 A

Markham was effusive as she talked about Fareway and its store leaders for providing the Salvation Army and its bell ringers space to conduct the campaign.

“We’re so grateful for all they do and that’s really where it

starts,” she said. “We have to have a place that we can call home and they give us one for the weeks we’re ringing the bell.”

Markham said more than 115 area residents took shifts ringing the bell this year, and

she appreciated the number of businesses and organizations that also signed up for a day of bell-ringing.

“We filled all the shifts,” she said, “and that’s pretty impressive for a small county like ours. We’re ringing the bell from 8 to 7 pretty much every day, and when you start adding it up, that’s a lot of one-hour shifts to cover. I can’t thank the bell

Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARLYS ROSEANNE DIETZ, Deceased. Probate No. ESPR003179 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Darlys Roseanne Dietz, deceased, who died on or about October 20, 2023.

You are hereby notified that on December 22, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Darlys Roseanne Dietz, deceased, bearing the date of January 8, 2003, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Reed Dietz and Renea Hawbaker were appointed as 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 the surviving spouse and 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 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: December 27, 2023. Reed Dietz, Co-Executor 1185 270th St. Nashua, IA 50658 Renea Hawbaker, Co-Executor 1439 280th St. Nashua, IA 50658

Mary Rose Shelley Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C. 314 East 4th Street Waterloo, IA 50703

ATTORNEYS FOR EXECUTORS Date of Second Publication: 1/11/24

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MONICA R. MARVIN, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003170 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Monica R. Marvin, Deceased, who died on or about November 7, 2023: You are hereby notified that on Nov. 28, 2023, the undersigned were appointed executors of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated on 12-15-2023

Dennis Marvin, Executor of the Estate 307 E. Wilson St. Alta Vista, IA 50603

Darlene Winter, Executor of the Estate 1208 S. 25th Bethany, MO 64424

Linda E Kobliska, ICIS#: AT0004408

Attorney for the Administrator Kobliska Law Office 103 S White Ave. P.O. Box 5 Alta Vista, IA 50603

Date of second publication 1-4-2024

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw County IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Harlan A. Pose, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003173 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harlan A. Pose, Deceased, who died on or about November 10, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on December 6, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Harlan A. Pose, deceased, bearing date of August 17, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that John Pose 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 December 20, 2023.

John Pose, Executor of Estate 5532 13th Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55417

Michael K. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004194 Attorney for Executor

Kennedy & Kennedy 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406 New Hampton, IA 50659

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ringers enough for all their work.”

She said the “cool thing” about this year’s bell ringers was the fact that they included a number of children who tagged along with their parents for shifts.

“The kids really get into it,” Markham said, “and they have such big hearts, too. I mean how can you walk by a cute child and not donate, right?”

The “big” kettle at Fareway brought in most of the money to this year’s campaign, but Markham pointed out that members of the Fredericksburg Lions Club brought in \$318 while ringing the bell at their community’s Hometown Christmas celebration.

Meanwhile, the mini-kettles at Casey’s in New Hampton and Fredericksburg and Klunder’s Kafe in New Hampton brought in a combined \$391.

Markham also pointed out that the 2023 campaign ended with a bang as the Salvation

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LENORA AIKEY, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR003178 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lenora Aikey, Deceased, who died on or about November 30, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on December 21, 2023, the Last Will and Testament of Lenora Aikey, deceased, bearing date of March 28, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jennifer Marks has been 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 the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that 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: December 27, 2023. Beau D. Buchholz, ICIS#: AT0009650

Attorney for Executor Engelbrecht and Buchholz, PLLC 123 First Street SE P.O. Box 59 Waverly, IA 50677

Jennifer Marks 103 Lincoln Street Plainfield, IA 50666

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Legal Notice

Iowa Democratic Party Caucus Monday, January 15, 7:00pm

You must be in-line or signed-in by 7:00pm to participate

Chickasaw Democrats will meet at the following location(s):

Precincts 1-4, 7-9 New Hampton Elementary School - Cafeteria 206 W Main

Precinct 5 (Stapleton/Fredericksburg) Fredericksburg City Hall 151 W Main

Precinct 6 (Bradford) Nashua Plainfield Middle School – Commons 612 Greeley St.

The purpose of this year’s caucus is to:

1. Discuss and adopt proposed resolutions to be added to the county platform.

2. Elect Unbound Delegates and Alternates to the County Convention

3. Elect Precinct Committee Persons to the County Central Committee

The precinct caucus is a great way to get involved in grassroots activities with the Iowa Democratic Party.

All Iowa Democrats are encouraged to attend.

Please visit Iowademocrats.org or call the helpline (515) 216-3893 if you have a question and/or to request a Presidential Preference Ballot.

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NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #55

Located at: C Storage

625 S Linn Ave

New Hampton, IA 50659

And rented in the name of: Brody Naquin

Will be sold at public auction sale on: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items

MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$350 per unit.

If the tenant of the above storage unit pays rent due before the auction, the sale will be canceled without notice.

NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #149

Located at: C Storage

625 S Linn Ave

New Hampton, IA 50659

And rented in the name of: Sara Scobee

Will be sold at public auction sale on: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items

MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE \$400 per unit.

If the tenant of the above storage unit pays rent due before the auction, the sale will be canceled without notice.

Army collected more than \$900 on Friday, Dec. 22 and about \$800 on Saturday, Dec. 23, which was especially impressive considering that the final day of the campaign was a “shortened” one as bell ringers were on duty just from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“Fareway, the bell ringers, the people who donate, they all show what a caring community we live in,” she said.

And the Salvation Army will begin putting that money to use now that it’s 2024. In addition to providing for emergencies, the unit has used funds collected in the past to help struggling residents with things like rent and utility bills and has donated funds to area schools to support children who need clothing, school supplies, coats and gloves.

In fact, Markham said she’ll write her first two checks of the year this week to help New Hampton Elementary School and St. Joseph Community Schools to “catch up” on their past-due afternoon milk accounts.

“We’re ready to help people,” she said, “and thanks to everyone who donated, we can do so.”

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TRUST NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE BEVERLY M. BAILEY REVOCABLE TRUST:

To all persons regarding Beverly M. Bailey, deceased, who died on or about October 28, 2023. You are hereby notified that the trustees listed below are the trustees of the Beverly M. Bailey Revocable Trust dated on June 27, 2018. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Chickasaw County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must

mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated on December 29, 2023.

Steven K. Daniels #AT0001962, Attorney for Trustee

Daniels, Hines, Kalkhoff, Cook & Swanson, P.L.C. 1205 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

Anita Sullivan 2720 Durham Ave. Nashua, IA 50658

Kirk Bailey 2485 Packard Ave. Charles City, IA 5061

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Legal Notice

CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27, 2023 5:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in special session in Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton, Iowa on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Schwickerath called the meeting to order. Council members present were Denner, Fisher, McDonald and Porath. Speltz and Humpal were absent. Jessica and Derek Heying were also in attendance

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Porath; That the agenda be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Speltz and Humpal. Motion carried.

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Porath; That the Class C Retail Alcohol License for Kenny’s Tavern Application #191370, effective January 1, 2024, be approved. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Speltz and Humpal. Motion carried.

Moved by Denner, seconded by Fisher; that the meeting adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Ayes – Four. Nays – None. Absent – Speltz and Humpal. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk

ROBERT SCHWICKERATH Mayor

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City of New Hampton 2023 Wages

Employee Name	Salary
Anders, Mark	112,681.43
Anderson, Brannon	6,916.19
Anderson, Grant	600.00
Anderson, Kennadee	1,026.54
Anderson, Kyle	250.00
Arndorfer, Meridith	750.00
Babcock, Becky	55,744.81
Babcock, Janine	600.00
Baker, Kaylee	4,927.05
Baltes, Megan	29,306.85
Barker, Brady	2,034.50
Becker, Carrie	49,043.55
Bernatz, Jeff	51.00
Berst, Avery	760.14
Bierman, Jason	1,020.00
Bohlen, Brodie	10,516.70
Boyd, Abigail	1,500.00
Boyd, Connie	250.00
Boyer, Shelly	4,662.41
Brincks, Emma	2,543.88
Brincks, Michael	50,670.59
Brummond, Barbara	790.27
Bundy, Braxton	120.00
Busta, Delaney	2,004.12
Cain, Ryan	1,598.00
Camarillo, William	167.85
Cantu, Jeremiah	600.00
Carpenter, Cade	560.00
Casterton-Humpal, Mindy	1,500.00
Cook, Vance	79,816.00
Croell, Tasha	1,850.00
Dahl, Stephen	600.00
Dallman, Douglas	12,278.00
Denner, Joseph	1,500.00
Dennler, Nicholas	510.00
Douglas, Kenneth	12,172.04
Dungey, Sarah	250.00
Eagan, Douglas	70,914.54
Eggerichs, Kandice	486.67
Fisher, Katie	1,500.00
Flick, Kayla	26,645.47
Frahm, Brock	160.00
Gage, Hailey	1,695.85
Gebel, Andi	80.00
Geerts, Steve	1,241.00
Glaser, Kelsey	238.00
Gorman Clemens, Karen	75,310.03
Hackman, Cassie	371.00
Hackman, Kayne	245.00
Hackman, LilyAnn	675.00
Hackman, Maycen	2,633.02
Hackman, Tara	56,637.18

Hageman, Austin	62,891.73
Hanson, Timothy	3,346.00
Heeren, Jenna	419.90
Hendricks, Janette	600.00
Henningsen, Nicholas	36,168.00
Heying, Jerome	19,136.49
Heying, Larry	476.00
Horne, Valerie	10,074.69
Hughes, Michael	14,647.26
Hyer, Sydney	2,385.70
Ira, Kevin	16,157.77
Jeffrey, Anthony	986.00
Jones, Kipp	1,700.00
Junk, Kylee	1,066.00
Jurgensen, Nickolas	5,998.00
Kellogg, Shannon	38,234.28
Kime, Scott	2,745.00
Kirkland-Shea, Kinze	2,687.64
Klassen, William	1,658.04
Knight, Merrilyn	9,387.09
Knutson, Joel	204.00
Kolbet, Campbell	420.00
Kramer, Richard	24,624.08
Kuehn, Eric	62,676.71
Kuelner, Emmett	280.00
Laures, Perry	250.00
Lechtenberg, Courtney	52,690.59
Lechtenberg, Dustin	1,088.00
Leistikow, Carsyn	577.39
Lester, Capri	1,007.19
Mai, Casey	80,368.47
Mai, Craig	102,171.51
Maloy, Dylan	761.85
Marvin, Dennis	54,736.28
Mashek, Michael	919.38
McDonald, Cory	1,500.00
McGee, Chad	74,079.12
Meyerhoff, Xander	80.00
Moetsch, Mark	13,331.50
Monteith, Dawson	20.00
Monteith, Easton	1,626.80
Neville, Addison	20.00
Nosbisch, Zachary	18,223.28
Nystel, Michelle	7,519.20
Olson, Eric	420.00
Onken, Christopher	49,863.48
Onken, Marty	1,394.00
Orthan, Daniel	11,820.00
Owen, Ryne	1,500.00
Pederson, Christina	14,400.00
Pederson, Timothy	49,441.23
Perkins, Tierney	2,940.43
Pesek, Tara	252.00
Pethoud, Catherine	4,849.23

Pickar, Ryan	83,875.20
Pitz, Ashton	280.00
Porath, Kalista	1,500.00
Powers, Paul	2,632.00
Praska, Ethan	4,823.63
Quirk, Brian	112,277.95
Rahlf, Cory	1,827.00
Rausch, Reid	40.00
Raymond, Annie	2,400.12
Reicks, Anna	552.51
Reicks, Kinsey	2,391.60
Reicks, Luella	2,897.33
Rethamel, Brodie	2,139.00
Robinson, Eric	65,963.20
Robinson, Tammy	65,698.51
Rochford, Andrea	250.00
Scally, Paul	100,461.40
Schilling, Brian	1,513.00
Schmitt, Karen	15,227.58
Schuetz, Donald	816.00
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Schwickerath, Robert	7,800.00
Schwickerath, Tobias	7,972.00
Schwickerath, Tony	54,920.27
Sedivy, Tyler	935.00
Serie, Hunter	673.00
Shank, Timothy	952.00
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Shoemaker, Ava	2,430.60
Singewald, Josilyn	1,119.24
Smith, Camryn	2,657.28
Smith, Gabrielle	5,782.19
Speltz, Jason	1,500.00
Steine, Taylor	408.00
Stika, Casey	48,423.90
Stumme, Connor	1,497.03
Stumme, Paige	40.00
Sylvester, Nicholas	23,964.49
Tenge, Richard	2,431.00
Ugulum, Keziah	1,599.96
van der Meer, Jennifer	42,417.60
Vestel, Brooke	1,091.79
Vseteka, Avery	1,875.48
Weber, Halle	2,146.92
Weber, Maici	1,894.56
Webster, Michael	782.00
Weigel, Chloe	2,003.88
Wickman, Rebecca	3,011.88
Wood, Nicholas	1,088.00

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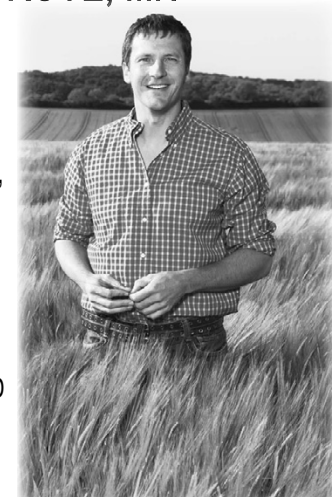
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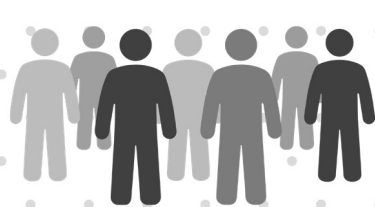
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Thomson expects some controversy on education

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to defund somebody else,” said Thomson, who is in the middle of his first House term and represents all of Floyd and Chickasaw counties and much of Bremer County. “This is a big problem. We’re going to have a fight about this.”

Currently, cities in Iowa can max out their basic levies at \$8.10 per \$1,000 valuation but other levies, including those that are approved by voters, can be added. New Hampton has voter-approved levies, for example, that provide 27.5 cents per \$1,000 valuation to both the library and the Carnegie.

Under HF 718, though, those levies will have to count toward the \$8.10 limit by 2029.

Murphy spoke out against the levy, pointing out that “it seems to be that the best kind of government is closest to the people ... I’m asking [you] to have this amended to empower us to tax ourselves.”

Thomson said he has no issue with the intent of HF 718, but he said he has plenty of issues with how it will be implemented.

“They want to be cutting the overall tax burden, and that’s fine. I think if you do the math — comparing Iowa to other jurisdictions — we are not getting our dollar’s worth on

government service. Our overall spending per person is too high.”

But he supports reversing some aspects of the bill Gov. Kim Reynolds signed into law in 2023.

“The people in Des Moines are saying we’re cutting your taxes, see? But what they’re doing is cutting somebody else’s budget and saying ‘you figure it out.’ Well, that’s not a very responsible way of doing it.”

New Hampton City Councilwoman Mindy Humpal told the first-term legislator that “we’re having a hard time understanding how people sitting in Des Moines have a better understanding about how the local citizens here want to spend their money.”

Thomson said he believes some of the issues with HF 718 show the divide not between political parties but the urban and rural parts of the state.

“The people in Des Moines who have the megaphones in the Legislature tend to be the urban and suburban representatives, from places like Grimes,” Thomson said. “Not that there is anything wrong with those places, they’re very nice, but we choose not to live there. The economics of running government and running a town are very different in Grimes than they are here.”



Bob Fenske/Tribune

State Rep. Charley Thomson opens a town hall meeting at the New Hampton Public Library that was held last Friday evening.

He promised that “I intend to make a nuisance of myself on that issue” when the Legislature convenes for its 2024 session on Monday, Jan. 8.

Among the other issues Thomson touched on Friday were education, his opposition to allowing Chinese interests to purchase ag land in Iowa and the issue of books being removed from school libraries in the state.

On education, he said he believes there’s going to “be a lot of money” moving to schools, but he added that he expects the education debate to be controversial over the next few months.

“It’s going to come with some reductions that people won’t like because there’s a sense that there’s been overspending in some areas,” Thomson

said. “One area in particular I can think of is school facilities and how PPEL is working that has encouraged in some places overbuilding and discarding perfectly fine facilities.”

He said he would remain vigilant when it comes to any bills that allowed Iowa farmland to be sold to China, pointing out that he led the charge to reverse a bill in 2023 that “they tried to sneak past us.”

Asked by Becker about the possibility of school librarians being jailed if they allow some books to get into the hands of students, Thomson said that the press has overplayed the issue.

“The press has seen a great opportunity to say that we’re banning books, which is absolutely not true,” he said. “We’re not banning anything, we’re

restricting the availability of obscene material to children without parental consent.”

And he returned to education late in the meeting, saying he has yet to see a bill that would dismantle Area Education Agencies in the state. He sounded a common theme when he said that he’s in favor of looking for “the fat” in all government spending, but he also said that AEAs also provide valuable services.

Thomson said one of his goals is to improve Iowa’s K-12 education system, one that he said several times have regressed in recent years.

“Now we have to do the heavy lifting of bringing Iowa’s public schools back to being the best in the country ... and that’s not one session worth of work. That will be going on for years.”

Former mayor now on council

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to Denner, Larsen and Speltz, included council members Katie Fisher, Mindy Humpal and Kalista Porath, all of whom are in the middle of terms they won during the 2021 election.

Geerts won a three-way race for the mayoral office as he beat incumbent Bobby Schwickerath and Melanie Schmitt in the municipal and school election that took place on Nov. 7. A life-long resident of New Hampton, Geerts served on the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors from 2013 to 2019 and also was the New Hampton Fire Department chief for more than 24 years.

Denner is beginning his third term as an at-large member of the City Council. First elected in 2015, he ran unopposed in both 2019 and 2023.

Larsen served as mayor from 2016 to 2019 but lost a re-election bid to Schwickerath in the 2019 election. She will be taking over the Ward 1 seat that has been held by Cory McDonald, who did not seek re-election.

Like Larsen, Speltz was elected as a write-in candidate. He was appointed to the Ward 3 council seat in the spring of 2022 after then-Councilman Bob Boos resigned the seat he had won in the 2019 election.

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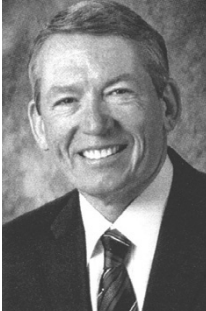
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Losing the guy who helped me stay sober long ago just aches

When you first come into AA, one of the things you hear often is the importance of finding a sponsor, finding someone "who has what you want" and for me, 27 years ago, that was Jim Crawford.

So when I saw the Caring Bridge post on the first morning of 2024, my heart broke. The night before, his daughters wrote, Jim had passed away. He was 74, but he was a young 74 until the cancer came knocking at the door in November.

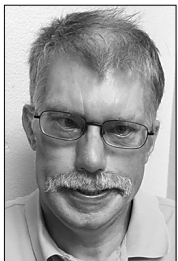
Jim, more than anyone else in my early sobriety, taught me the way to a better life. It may sound melodramatic, but without Crawford, there's no Josh, there's no Noah, there's no Abby, there's no me being the me I've been for the last 27 years.

In other words, blame him!

We were two completely different people; he was blue collar; I couldn't turn a screw the right way. But that is the beauty of recovery; people who would not normally mix help each other stay sober and have a good life.

And Jim had a really good life — especially when he put down the bottles and said no to the drugs.

I have a million Jim Crawford stories, starting with lying to



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his kids about his birthday.

In Mason City, where we met, they shoot off the Independence Day fireworks on July 3, which happened to be Jim's birthday. I guess the sentiment is that Mason City's fireworks can't compete with those that are shot off in Clear Lake on the actual holiday. They have a point. Fireworks in a football stadium are cool, but they're nothing compared with those shot over a lake.

Jim loved telling the story how he told his daughters Sarah and Annie that Mason City's July 3 fireworks were for his birthday, and I remember when Annie was

fresh out of high school asking her about it and her giving me this cool Crawford smile and saying, "Too soon, Bob, too soon." Thankfully, the Crawford girls spared their little brother, Samuel, from Jim's mischief.

But there are plenty of other stories I'll never forget.

There was the time he was helping build the wastewater treatment facility in Clear Lake and he gave us a "tour" of the you-know-what plant and told us how it worked. Put it this way, he saved a bundle that night, which was supposed to end with Jim buying the Dairy Queen, but when you find out how a you-know-what plant works, the appetite disappears for a few days.

There were the million times he'd pull a quote out of "the book I have next to my bed" and all 1,000,000 times, it was the exact quote that you needed to hear at the exact time.

There was the day he "changed the rules" on his sponsee. When he first became my sponsor, he told me to call him before I drank. Six times in the next year, I bought beer, called him and we poured it down the sink. The sixth time, he had had enough. "Listen, you stupid *&^%\$&*, I'm the sponsor and I can change the rules so from now on, call me before you buy and instead of wasting money on this \$%^&, you can take me out to lunch."

There was the night after he moved to St. Paul when we talked for two hours and I asked him what project his crew was working on in the Twin Cities? "I'm building the Gophers new football stadium." He kept saying it over and over, and I knew I had him. "Hey, isn't humility part of the program?" And he quickly shot back with, "Yeah, I got 400 or 500 friends helping me."

We didn't see each other often anymore, but when we did, it was like we had been talking every day instead of once every six months or a year.

I loved following his Facebook page, especially when he posted about his three granddaughters because Jim was the absolute best grandfather this world has ever known. He knew the most valuable gift he could give them was his time ... and the couch on "Frappy Fridays" when he and the granddaughters visited a local coffee shop. Seriously, the pride he had in those three girls — along with his own children — was a lesson for all of us who are dads and/or grandpas.

Today, though, I keep going back 27 years ago when I first met Jim in an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting room, and I knew he had what I wanted. He was comfortable in his own skin. He told me enough stories of his using days that I came to know he wasn't always like that, but somehow, through the grace of God and those damn meetings, he was when I met him. I wanted that, and I figured the best way to get it was to have him be my sponsor. And besides, watching him play Tetris or go on a political rant were nice bonuses (sorry for the inside jokes here).

He taught me a staple that has kept me sober all these years, and it flew in the face of everything we learned in treatment, where they told us over and over again that we had to do "it for ourselves."

Crawford taught me that was bullcrap, although as you can see from this column, his language was always on the colorful side.

"They're right ... for 355, 360 days a year, you'd better be doing it for yourself. But for God sakes, we're alcoholics," he told me. "There's going to be 5, 10 days a year that our answer is going to be to pick up the bottle and those days, you latch on to people that you're being sober for." Early on, it was my niece and nephew. And then I got married and Abby, thankfully, was part of the package. And then we had Josh and Noah.

So for 355, 360 days a year, I stay sober for me, but 5, 10 days a year, I do it for Abby, Josh and Noah. By God, it has worked for 27 years, 9 months and 9 days. And a carpenter named Jim Crawford taught me that lesson.

Seeing the post New Year's Day, it ... well, it hurt. With apologies to my mom and dad, this may be the worst ache I've ever felt. Jim Crawford meant that much to me. As I read the Caring Bridge, I had a good cry.

The ending is impeccable, and even though I'm supposed to be the writer, I can't come up with anything better so I'll conclude with this when it comes to my friend, Jim Crawford.

"He would be the first to say that he wasn't perfect, but we really think he was."



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

A trio of New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestlers — (from top) Aleah Eichenberger, Taelynn Bass and Zoey Dreckman — compete at the Osage Invitational that was held on Tuesday.

Eichenberger 'works' for second place

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back in the team standings — NH/TV finished 12th with 59 points — there were plenty of reasons to celebrate the first wrestling action of 2024.

Aleah Eichenberger led the way with a second-place finish at 170, where Raelen Manderfield took seventh. Taelynn Bass was fourth at 100, Sophie Glaser took sixth at 135 and Kelly Thronsdon finished eighth at 145.

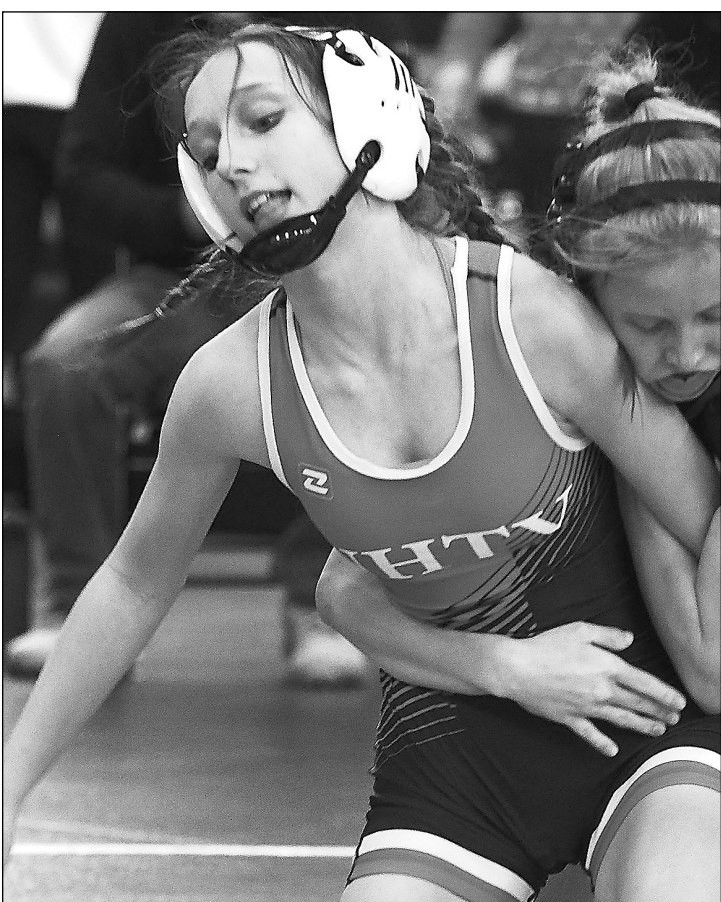
Start with Eichenberger, who breezed to the finals with a trio of falls before falling to Kalen Westerfield of Council Bluffs Lewis Central in the finals.

"I've had to work a lot all day. It didn't come easy," said Eichenberger, who trailed 5-2 in her semifinal match before coming up with a pin of Clear Lake's Kayma Bursleson in the final minute of the match.

"It's very impressive how well all us wrestled right off of break. Everyone was in the zone and their head was in the right place coming into this tournament."

Bass, meanwhile, had one of her best days on the mat, picking up three wins, including two by fall, to improve to 16-13.

"She's really setting herself up to possibly make a nice run at regionals as well," said Ciavarelli. "You get fourth place at this tournament, I don't see



why you can't get fourth place at regionals. That's just the way my brain works."

"That was probably one of the deepest brackets here I would say," said Ciavarelli. "She had the eight seed and she out-wrestled her seed, which I figured she could do."

Both Thronsdon and Manderfield lost their opening matches Tuesday, but roared back to place. Thronsdon came up with three straight pins to get into the seventh-place match, while Manderfield, scored four straight pins to close out the day with a seventh-place finish.



Rochford has no regrets about Iowa choice

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heptathlon, a two-day competition that includes seven events. The 100 meter hurdles, high jump, shot put and 200 are held on Day 1 while the long jump, javelin and 800 are held the following day.

Rochford, though, is excited for what's next, and she has absolutely zero regrets about

her decision to attend Iowa.

"It's different because it's track and field all year," she said, "and you know, sometimes I'll be at practice for four, five hours. But to be around so many great athletes, that's really cool. You hear it all the time, but when you go to college, everyone is really, really good. I have great teammates who push me, and I love that."

And she also loves being a "multi."

"I don't know if I'll do the pent every weekend, but I'm glad I'm a multi," she said. "For me, it would be boring to just do hurdles, or just do 400s or whatever. It works for some, but I love the variety I get when I go compete in a hep or a pentathlon. I wouldn't trade my decision for anything."

Trojan girls end 2023 with best game

Here's hoping momentum can last a couple of weeks.

Or at least that's the thought of Turkey Valley girls basketball coach Steve Hoffert, who ended their 2023 portion of the schedule with their best game of the season to date.

After dropping a 44-25 tilt to Central Elkader on Tuesday, Dec. 19, the Trojans rebounded three nights later with a 52-17 victory over Postville to improve their record to 3-6 overall and 3-5 in the Upper Iowa Conference.

"This was the most complete game we have played," Hoffert said. "We did a good job forcing tempo, creating turnovers and scoring off those turnovers."

The Trojans used a balance scoring attack to beat the Pirates as Mariah Thronsdon and Addison Steinlage each had 10 points while Annika Bodensteiner finished with nine points. Steinlage also grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds, dished out eight assists and made eight steals while Bodensteiner finished with eight rebounds and five steals.

Against Central Elkader, Hoffert said his team did a "good job defensively for the most part" but he added that a focus for Turkey Valley over Christmas break was to "identify shooters better."

Steinlage led the Trojans in the loss with nine points.

Turkey Valley returns to the court tonight (Thursday) when it travels to Riceville to face the 10-0 Wildcats before heading to Lansing on Friday for a UIC game against Kee.

Trojan boys give Postville battle in final game of 2023

It wasn't the way the Turkey Valley boys basketball team wanted to end 2023, but the Trojans showed that they could be a team to be reckoned with down the stretch in the Upper Iowa Conference.

After rolling to a 59-27 victory over Central Elkader on Dec. 19, Turkey Valley wrapped up its pre-Christmas schedule with a trip to Postville, where for three quarters, the Trojans gave the 8-3 Pirates all they could handle.

But Postville used a 24-8 fourth quarter run to gain a 66-48 victory.

"It was a tough way to end the year. We got healthy last few games and guys wanted this game going to break," coach John Izer said. "We fought hard and took our first lead in the fourth quarter, but we couldn't get it to grow."

Turkey Valley was led by Caleb Kurtenbach, who hit 5-of-11 3-pointers on his way to scoring 21 points while both J.D. Kruse and Russell Nieman had seven points.

Against Central Elkader, Turkey Valley blew the game open with a 23-3 third quarter.

Oliver Schmitt led the Trojans with 18 points and eight rebounds while Kurtenbach added 12 points and three assists. Kruse finished with nine points and six rebounds while Logan Busta had seven rebounds and six assists.

The final week split left the Trojans at 4-4 overall and 3-4 in the UIC, but Izer said he was proud of the way his Trojans responded to an injury bug that left them without experienced players like Schmitt and Kurtenbach.

"We weht into the season worried about depth and because of injuries had to press some young kids earlier than I wanted to," the Turkey Valley coach said. "Cale Langreck and Jordan Kriener got thrown in early and handled it just fine for not having any idea they'd see varsity action this year. Lots of season left, some of the adversity with our health we dealt with should help us going forward."



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Girls, with one exception, take the spotlight in year in sports

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University of Iowa freshman said, "and I just hoped it was enough. When they said the distance, I don't know if I've ever felt quite like that. I love New Hampton, I loved being a Chickasaw and to win a state title for my school on my last jump, that was huge."

There were plenty of other great moments throughout the year that was.

Coach Eric Olson's girls golf team rolled through another banner year, one that included a gutty NEIC championship that saw the Chickasaws face their stiffest challenge since it began its conference dominance in 2015. New Hampton's final margin was a mere three strokes over second-place Waverly-Shell Rock.

"We didn't make it pretty, and we didn't make it easy on ourselves," Olson said, "but hey, eight straight. We got 'er done."

Three weeks later, the Chickasaws, led by Lauren Nuss' sixth-place finish, battled their way to a third-place finish at the state meet, marking the fifth time they had earned a top-three finish at the meet with the best teams in the state.

And while the boys in the area had some outstanding moments in 2023, the lone male to crack our top-six list was New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Braden McShane, who wrestled his way to a third-place finish in a loaded 220-pound field at the Class 2A state tournament.

Despite giving up to 20 pounds against his opponents, McShane rolled into the semifinals before falling to eventual state champion Nick Reinicke of Dike-New Hartford, but he showed his mettle by coming back to win both his consolation matches and record a third-place finish.

And the best news of all for NH/TV coach Matt Paulus? McShane's back this year.

"He lost a heartbreaker in the semis," Paulus said. "He will be back with a vengeance next year."

The Chickasaw volleyball team for a second straight year won both the NEIC regular season and tournament titles, and although their season ended in heartbreak with a regional final loss at home to Dubuque Whalert, the



Among the sports highlights in 2023 were (clockwise) the strong run made by New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestler Braden McShane, a powerhouse season delivered by the New Hampton volleyball team, the first-ever sanctioned girls state wrestling season and another state title for the New Hampton dance team.



2023 season once again showed that, more than anyone, the Chickasaws have the best program in the NEIC.

A month after the volleyball season came to a close the New Hampton Dance Team won its five-team prop

division to claim a state championship for the fourth consecutive season. New Hampton won a hip-hop title in 2020 and has now won back-to-back-to-back prop state titles.

And rounding out our list was

the first-ever sanctioned season of girls wrestling, one that showed just how popular the sport is becoming. And New Hampton/Turkey Valley ended the "debut season" in style as the Chickasaws sent three girls —



Kiera Myers, Ali Russler and Aleah Eichenberger to the state meet, where Russler brought home a third-place medal at 145 pounds.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

New Hampton 9th boys basketball at South Winneshiek, 4:45 p.m.

Turkey Valley boys basketball at Riceville, JV at 6 p.m., varsity to follow

New Hampton girls basketball vs. Clarksville, JV at 6:15, varsity at 7 p.m.

NH/TV girls, JV and varsity boys wrestling at Crestwood, 6:15 p.m.

FRIDAY

Turkey Valley basketball at Kee High, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

NH/TV girls wrestling at Denver tournament, 10 a.m.

NH/TV JV wrestling at Central Elkader tourney, 10 a.m.

NH/TV varsity wrestling at Maquoketa Valley tourney, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton bowling at Oelwein, 4 p.m.

Turkey Valley basketball at North Fayette Valley, girls JV at 4:30 p.m., boys JV at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

NH/TV girls wrestling vs. A-P, Central Elkader, North Butler, Oelwein, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

Turkey Valley boys basketball at Tripoli, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

NH/TV girls, JV and varsity boys wrestling vs. Waukon, 6:15 p.m. (Senior parent night)

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

Turkey Valley basketball vs. South Winneshiek, girls JV at 4 p.m., boys JV at 5:15, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton basketball vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, girls JV at 4:15 p.m., boys JV at 5, varsity girls at 6:15 and varsity boys at 7:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

NH/TV JV and varsity boys wrestling at Doc Carr Duals, New Hampton, 10 a.m.

New Hampton boys basketball vs. MFL at Upper Iowa University, 2 p.m.



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Hide A Way	45	36	0
Butch's I	40	41	5
Dak's Tap II	40	41	5
Big Willie's	39	42	6
Dak's Tap I	39	42	6
Schucky's	39	42	6
The Office	38	43	7
Bowlaway	35	37	10

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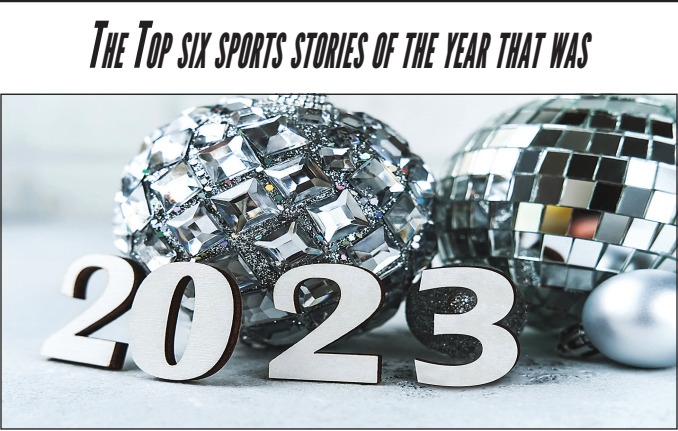


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Girls lead the way in 2023

Rochford's long jump state title, Chickasaw girls golf team's excellence tops our list of top sports stories

By Bob Fenske
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There's winning a state title and then there's winning a state title like this. Carlee Rochford stood on the Drake Relays long jump runway knowing she had just one leap into the sand remaining in her storied career.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
New Hampton's Carlee Rochford (above) is all smiles on the medal stand after winning the long jump at the Class 2A state tournament while the Chickasaws' Lauren Nuss (below) pars a hole at the state golf meet.

And with thoughts of her late grandfather, Jerry Rochford, she came up with the most clutch long jump in the history New Hampton High School — leaping 17 feet, 10 inches to claim gold at the Class 2A state track and field meet.

"I've worked really hard for this," she said on a gorgeous sunny day in Des Moines. "This was me and my grandpa's event, so I knew he was watching over me today — taking that jump with me." It put the wraps on a stellar prep career in which Rochford seemed to have an all-access pass to Drake Stadium for both the famed Drake Relays and the Class 2A state meet. Three days after claiming the long jump title, she walked across the stage at New Hampton High School and received her diploma.

But she won't soon be forgotten, and that jump represents the top sports story we covered at the Tribune in 2023, a year in which the Chickasaw girls shined.

While Rochford's state title was our top story, New Hampton's girls dominated the top-six list we compiled. The New Hampton girls golf team's runs to an eighth-straight Northeast Iowa championship and a third-place finish at the state meet was second on our list, The Chickasaws' powerful volleyball team's "double NEIC championship" was fourth, the New Hampton Dance Team's state championship was fifth and the start of a new era — sanctioned girls wrestling — was sixth.

But it was Rochford who took top honors, and months later, she talked about that jump as if it were yesterday.

"I knew when I took off it was good, really good," she

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Photo courtesy of Andrea Rochford
Former New Hampton track standout Carlee Rochford clears the bar in the high jump at the University of Iowa's Jimmy Grant Alumni Invitational, where she made her collegiate debut with the Hawkeyes in the pentathlon.

A PRETTY DANG GOOD START

FORMER NEW HAMPTON STAR OVERCOMES NERVES, MAKES HER WAY ON IOWA TOP-10 LIST IN COLLEGE DEBUT

By Bob Fenske
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Carlee Rochford is the first to admit that the butterflies were floating and the nerves were tingling last month as she made her way to the Hawkeye Indoor Track Facility.

"I'm not going to lie, I was nervous," the 2023 New Hampton High School graduate said. "It was my first meet in college, and all I can say is that I'm glad it's over. The next time won't be quite so nerve-wracking."

Not that the 2023 Jimmy Grant Alumni Invitational was a bad thing for the former Chickasaw star; in fact, nothing could be further from the truth as Rochford placed second in the pentathlon, scoring 3,571 points.

It took all of one meet for Rochford to work her way on to a top-10 Iowa women's track and field list as her point total in the event that includes the 60-meter hurdles, the high jump, the shot put, the long jump and the 800-meter run. Her Jimmy Grant point total placed her ninth on the all-time pentathlon list.

"It was kind of a weird day because I missed some high jumps I never miss," she



Carlee Rochford poses with her parents — Andrea and Joel — during a break at her first Iowa women's indoor track and field meet.

said during an interview over Christmas break. "I felt like I jumped a million times that day. It seemed like I had third jumps [at heights] all the time,

but, like I said, I was just really nervous."

Still, her times and distances were excellent as she ran the hurdles in 9.18 seconds, high

jumped 5-5.75, threw the shot 36-9, long jumped 17-8.25 and survived the 800 in a time of 2:37.32.

"Still not my favorite race," she said with a laugh, "but I know I have to get better at it."

She won the pentathlon long jump and set a personal record in the shot put, although she laughed when asked about her throw.

"My coaches looked at me, my dad looked at me, everyone looked at me with that 'what-was-that' look," she said. "The form was awful, and really awful doesn't begin to describe how bad it was."

But she survived, even thrived, despite the nerves. Teammate Annie Wirth won the meet with 3,835 points, which put her third on the all-time Iowa list, while another Iowa freshman, Isabelle Woody finished third with 3,164 points.

Rochford headed back to Iowa City this week, and the rest of the year is going to be, in a word, hectic for the Iowa freshman.

The indoor season runs through early March and then the Hawkeyes head outdoors, where Rochford and her "multi" teammates will compete in the

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
New Hampton/Turkey Valley's Sophie Glaser picks up back points during the Chickasaws' return to the mat on Tuesday, when they competed at the Osage Invitational.

NH/TV picks up five medals at Osage tourney

Eichenberger makes finals; Chickasaw coach happy with team's performance after long layoff

By Bob Fenske
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Of the Tribune

It has been a while since the New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls wrestling team had taken the mat when they traveled to Osage to compete in a 21-team tournament on Tuesday.

For the record, it had been 21 days since any of the Chickasaws had wrestled an opponent, but NH/TV shook off the rust quickly as coach Caleb Ciavarelli's girls brought home five medals from a tournament that featured an outstanding field.

"We almost forgot what a match felt like is what it looked like," said Ciavarelli. "After that I really felt like we showed what we've

been working on throughout break. We're gonna stay busy and I think that's only going to help our progression to the final run here towards regionals."

Cedar Falls won the tournament with 201 points, just five better than Southeast Polk, and while the Chickasaws were far

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