



Photos courtesy Jennifer Monteith

Middle School students shine at Spring Concert
Members of the grades 5-6 Keynotes Choir (left) sing a song while Jaxson Venem and Anthony Rocha play their trumpets with the Sixth Grade Band during New Hampton Middle School's Spring Concert that was held Monday evening.



Emira Dzaferi (left) plays the saxophone with the 7-8 Band, members of the 7-8 Choir (above) sing a song and 7-8 Band percussionist Jersey Roethler (right) plays a cajon made by high school band director Justin Adam and his father.





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THE ‘EARLY BIRD’ MAY NOT GET THE WORM BUT DOES GET A PRETTY COOL PHOTO



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Those who were up before the sun rose on Tuesday morning were treated to a beautiful full moon that hung low in the southwestern sky, and Tribune Editor Bob Fenske stopped alongside Highway 18 to capture this shot about five miles west of New Hampton.

Football field improvements come with plenty of ‘heroes’

FIELD: FROM 1

Ground Care began moving dirt — Larsen estimated 90 truck-loads were hauled off the field — and then Mother Nature cost the project almost a week of work time with rainy weather.

But on May 4, Larsen and Rosonke went to work on installing the irrigation system, which is controlled by a panel in the stadium's utility room, and on May 9, they put down the HD Sports 2.0 Kentucky Bluegrass Blend seed.

“We ran into a few small hurdles, but nothing catastrophic,” Larsen said. “Obviously, when you’re doing dirt work, you’re going to come across stuff underground that you didn’t know what was there. Like, where I wanted to the electrical, we kind of had to have a Plan B for that. ... That’s every job.”

Still, he pointed out that late in March, when he met with school officials and coaches to go over the plan, he said he hoped his completion date would be May 6.

“So we were only three days behind, which I felt really good about,” Larsen said. “If you told me that we’re going to lose two days at the beginning and then we lost that entire week [of rain], if you would have told me that I would have still been within three days, I would have been thrilled.”

Last week’s gorgeous weather certainly helped, and those working on the field worked under the lights to complete the project.

“It was a little hot during the day, I mean we all got sun-burned, but Mother Nature owed us one,” Larsen said with a laugh.

The project was funded by donations from not only Larsen



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Colin Larsen sets some timers for the New Hampton High School football stadium irrigation system on Tuesday afternoon.

but also from Rosonke, the Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club and an anonymous donor.

He said the work done by Rosonke was top notch.

“The guy’s an absolute wizard when it comes to dirt work,” Larsen said, “and we both up in 60-plus hours last week. We wanted to get it done and get it done right.”

The project’s manager, if you will, said he was beyond appreciative of the support he received from Superintendent Jay Jurens, Activities Director Cory McDonald and district’s coaches.

“Cory was awesome, Jay awesome at the superintendent level,” Larsen said. “The hard part we knew was there going to be some disruption regardless of how you do it. ... The peo-

ple that were affected the most was the soccer team. They had planned being up here [at the stadium] all year long, [but New Hampton boys soccer coach] Jeff Monteith was fantastic. He saw long term how this would affect us.”

Larsen was also effusive about the Booster Club’s commitment to making the re-graded and reseeded field with an irrigation system a reality.

“They’re so much more willing to give back, and projects like this are possible because of that,” he said. “They support our student-athletes, and the same thing goes for our Music Boosters. They can do things that the district just can’t, and it’s always why I’ve been such an advocate for the booster club.”

Now, patience is needed, for grass doesn’t grow overnight. So when will the playing surface begin to look like a football field or a soccer pitch?

“Hopefully by the end of the week, but here’s the kicker: If we see grass by the end of the week, it’s going to sit there and it’s not going to do a dang thing for about two weeks,” Larsen said. “You’re just going to see it where it’s going to look like little fuzz and it’s going to sit there and look like that for two weeks.”

But eventually the field will “take off.”

“You’re really going to see germination in about 28 days, because the temps right now are just perfect. It’s exciting, and New Hampton’s going to get a great field out of this.”

Engineer says bricks falling from downtown building is a ‘facade issue’

BUILDING: FROM 1

on the building, and on Tuesday, she said in an interview that the building’s owner brought an engineer to the city.

“The engineer has said the building is structurally sound,” Robinson said on Tuesday.

“Obviously, there was an issue, but

they’re working on getting the building repaired and hopefully, we can open up that city street soon.”

Robinson said that the building’s owner, Mark Vogt, Towncrest Pharmacy (which owns Bennett’s) and Brian Tank Masonry have been “phenomenal to work with and they got right to work on it.”

Tank has told city officials that, if the

weather cooperates, it will take him about five days to repair the building.

Once that process is completed, Chestnut Avenue and the sidewalk on its west side will reopen.

“What the engineer said is this was a facade problem,” Robinson said, “and the engineer emphasized it has nothing to do with the building’s integrity.”

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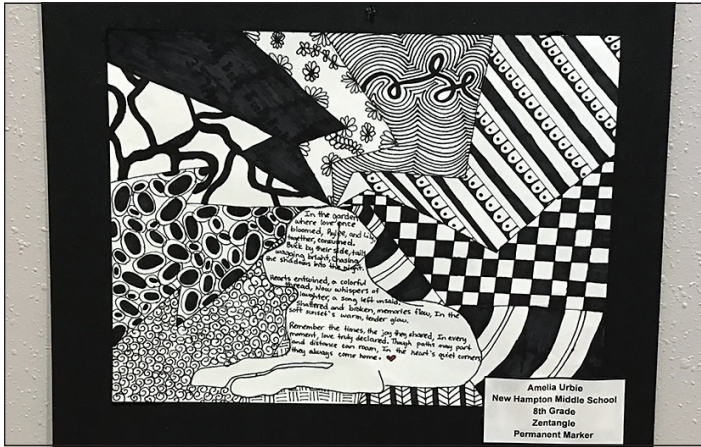
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Winners at Plum Creek

An art show on Saturday, May 10 at Plum Creek Art featured student art from New Hampton, Turkey Valley, and Sumner Fredericksburg schools. In the photo above, second-grader Bailey Busta took the top elementary prize with her ceramic sculpture “Bonita the Monkey” while Annie Raymond’s ceramic “Heart” won the high school division. Both are Turkey Valley students. New Hampton eighth-grader Amelia Uribe was the winner in the middle school age group with her permanent marker creation “Zentangle.”



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Larry Carlson shares some thoughts on his “Uncle Bill” during a ceremony in which a memorial bench in honor of Bill Meadows was dedicated on Saturday morning.

Bench dedication to honor a ‘really, really good man’

BENCH: FROM 1

touched by all this,” said his nephew, Larry Carlson, after the ceremony. “He really did love this town, he loved Iowa and he loved small farming communities. It’s been so long, but I will never forget the day when my mother told us what had happened. He was such a good man.”

Meadows grew up in the Seattle area and served his country in both World War II and the Korean War. In 1949, he moved to Iowa to work on the farm and lived with his aunt, Edna Voss, on a farm her grandfather owned.

He also became the Plainfield Police Department’s only officer, a job he took seriously in a town he loved immensely. Meadows became an integral part of the community — serving as scoutmaster, speaking to school classes, becoming involved in several organizations and purchasing Christmas gifts for kids from less-fortunate children.

In the early morning hours of Jan. 23, 1961, he received a call about a possible break-in at the Hartmann Parking Plant. When he walked into the front door on that frigid winter morning, he was shot to death, and his murder case remains unsolved.

But on Saturday in Plainfield, they remembered the good-natured man who would do anything for just about anyone.

Her was there for Deike back in 1955, when he suffered a serious eye injury and Meadows raced him to the hospital in his car, and on Saturday, the Plainfield resident remembered a man he still considers a hero.

“I know I’m going to get choked up,” Deike said, “because he was a friend to all. If you needed help, he was always there. He was a good friend to my parents, and they loved Bill. He was just a really, really good man.”

Saturday’s program had its share of humor, and much of it came from Deike.

He told the story of how Meadows, probably as a joke, turned his lights on while driving behind his mother.

“Instead of mom pulling over, she put it

Retired state trooper Wayne Soeder (above), who is 92, shares thoughts about the day Bill Meadows was shot and killed while Todd Becker (below) plays “Taps” from across the street from where the memorial bench is located.

to the floor,” Deike said. “She didn’t stop until she was in front of our house. Bill got out of his car, walked up to the car to mom, and before he could say a word, mom said, ‘Bill, if you give me a ticket, you’ll never see one of my coffeecakes again.’ Bill didn’t say a word. He just got back in his car and left. Later, my dad said Bill told him he laughed all the way home.”

And maybe that humor was needed, for even though it has been 64 years since he was shot and killed, the pain of that day remains.

Among those who spoke at Saturday’s ceremony were 92-year-old Wayne Soeder, who was a state trooper in 1961 and responded to that awful call that an officer was down.

“A good, good man,” he said, “and as long as I live I’ll never forget that day. It’s a terrible thing to lose a man like that.”

But that bench is perfectly placed for Bill Meadows to keep an eye on Plainfield’s Main Street, and on Saturday, the speakers from Plainfield Mayor Tom Geise to Strike to Deike to Soeder to Meadows’ nephew were appreciative of not only those who made the dream of a permanent memorial



Sheriff has concerns about oldest vehicles in fleet

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

[perception],” Carter said. “We’re laying all these people off and cutting things. In my opinion, it’s not going to be a good look. ... I understand that vehicles need to be replaced.”

His fellow supervisors understood Carter’s concern, but they also understood the needs of the county’s law enforcement department.

Shawver expressed concerns

about the two oldest vehicles - a 2018 and a 2019 Charger - in his fleet. The Tahoe would replace the 2018 vehicle that has 160,000 miles on it, and he told board members that the 2019 Charger has 125,000 miles and will be going in for a repair next week that he estimated would cost \$4,000.

He also pointed out that his office must be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and needs reliable vehicles to respond to calls.

“Phones need to be answered, things need to be dispatched out and staff needs to be out there,” he said. “When I have staff [off], I can’t just say, ‘Sorry, we’re closed today.’”

Hackman agreed.

“I think the public needs the sheriff’s department in an emergency situation,” Hackman said. “It just seems like we spend a lot of money on repairs with some of the older vehicles they have.”

Cerwinski said he understood the concerns Carter expressed.

“At the same time, when somebody calls the Sheriff’s Office, they want somebody to respond and we need vehicles,” he said. “To me the vehicle is no different than the gun or the vest or anything else - it’s all part of the tools they need to do their job.”

Supervisor Steve Breitbach

wanted to know if the county had the option of waiting to purchase a vehicle next month when supervisors would have an even better idea how much Shawver would have remaining in his budget.

“Based on history and experience, if I don’t give him an answer in the next week, then it’s probably going to be gone,” Shawver said. “There are a lot of agencies in the same boat. I wouldn’t bet on it, put it that way. I’m not a betting man, but I wouldn’t bet on it if I was.”

And supervisors appeared not to want to take that bet either as they approved the purchase 4-1, with Carter casting the lone vote against.



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Knowledge and insight

Life full of all kinds of teachers ... and let's not forget that 'love' is a teacher, too

“This is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight.”
– **Philippians 1:9**

The calendar has several days each month dedicated to certain groups for celebrating those included in the specific group being recognized.

This past week the celebrations included nurses and teachers. Nurses are in the group of health care workers considered to be essential in the country.

There are places that need more nurses to maintain the level of care but, with the verse dealing with knowledge, I'm thinking more about teachers.

Many people I know

have served as teachers, whether officially bearing the title or stepping less formally into the role.

Besides people, though, some of my teachers have been experiences and places. Life is full of all kinds of teachers ... and, thinking about the above verse, love can be a teacher too.

Paul, in this letter to the people of Philippi, prays for love to overflow with knowledge and full insight, calling attention to two words that connect with learning.

Knowledge includes facts, skills, and experiences that help us better understand something.

Insight, which Paul emphasizes by adding the word “full”, is the

deeper understanding that comes out of knowledge. It might arrive in a flash of inspiration or from intuition developed by some experience.

In seeking knowledge and insight, there are many possibilities when we center God's love as our teacher.

We are often reminded of God's love and grace as we read the scriptures.

The parables told by Jesus invite us to learn about recognizing the sacredness of some life experiences as we discover what it means to live faithfully.

We sing of God's love in our songs during worship.

We learn of God's amazing grace through



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the verses we read and study and hear at worship and also at other times in our lives.

Teachers give their knowledge to students to make sure that the distribution of facts and skills continues with the next generations. Thanks be to God.

Create in me
a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast
spirit within me.
Psalm 51:10

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The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
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If so, be diligent when selecting the right person for the job — because choosing the wrong one could lead to big financial problems.

You might find a close family member or friend to serve as caregiver — someone who is honest and trustworthy, with good judgment and strong money management skills. However, in many cases, people hiring caregivers just don't know how they'll perform until the caregivers have begun work. A dishonest caregiver could steal valuables or cash from the person they have been paid to assist or incept their mail to obtain credit card numbers and other sensitive information to commit identity theft.

So, if you enlist a caregiver and begin having doubts about them, you'll need to watch out for these warning signs of possible financial abuse:

- Efforts to prevent the individual receiving care from speaking to family members
- Inquiries into the location of estateplanning documents, such as a will
- Interest in brokerage and retirement accounts, possibly with the intent to change transfer-on-death designations
- Withholding financial or medical information from the family
- Missing jewelry or property
- Requests to be a joint holder on bank or brokerage accounts, sometimes followed by large cash withdrawals paid to the caregiver
- Request for legal authority, such as a financial power of attorney naming only the caregiver

This last item — the request for financial power of attorney, or POA — is particularly concerning because of the scope of duties covered by this type of authority. That's why it's so important that all family members understand what a financial POA can and cannot do.

A general financial POA provides the agent with the authority to act on behalf of an individual's finances, while a limited



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financial POA gives the agent the authority only for certain actions, such as paying bills, making withdrawals and opening or closing bank accounts. A general financial POA and a limited financial POA both can be durable, which means they take effect once executed, or springing, which is contingent on a specific event, such as a physical illness, mental incapacity or even a hospitalization.

Unfortunately, some POA agents have abused their responsibility by stealing money, making unauthorized transactions and even attempting to change the beneficiary designations on retirement accounts or insurance policies owned by the people for whom they provide care.

These beneficiary designations can even supersede the instructions left in a will or living trust — and they can't be changed by a financial POA.

If you suspect financial abuse by a caregiver, you can consider contacting your loved one's financial advisor or attorney, if you know who it is. While they can't share information with you, they can check for red flags and contact your loved one directly. You also can get help from your state government.

The National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA) provides a listing of offices in each state at napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area.

Finding a caregiver for a parent or other elderly relative can be emotionally difficult — but it doesn't have to be financially draining. Get to know the caregiver if you can and watch for any red flags, so you can take comfort in knowing that your loved one's finances are in good hands.

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



Bob Fenske/Tribune

A farmer gets some pre-planting field work done just north of Bassett on Sunday afternoon.

As promised, area farmers shift planting season into overdrive

By BOB FENSKE
editor@nhtrib.com

Area agronomists weren't kidding last week when they said the "planting numbers" were going to change dramatically in a week's time.

Put it this way, area growers shifted into high gear, thanks to a giant assist from Mother Nature.

In other words, a bogged-down planting season is no more, at least according to the Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report that is put out weekly by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The latest report that came out Monday showed farmers in the Northeast District that includes Chickasaw County had 6.3 days "suitable" for fieldwork, and area farmers took advantage of it.

According to the May 5 report, just 19 percent of corn and 17 percent of soybeans had been planted in Northeast Iowa. Those numbers jumped big time in the latest report that showed 56 percent of corn and 48 percent of soybeans have

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Wednesday	74	46	--
Thursday	74	42	--
Friday	76	47	--
Saturday	77	47	--
Sunday	83	49	--
Monday	85	56	--
Tuesday	82	62	T

Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy but chance of showers and thunderstorms; high 83, low 56.

Friday: Mostly sunny and windy and chance of pop-up showers; high 73, low 58.

Saturday: Mostly sunny and breezy with a high of 66 and low of 43.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 67 and a low of 47.

been planted.

And with good weather earlier this week, those percentages should continue to climb in the report that will come out this coming Monday.

have overwhelmingly elected Republicans in recent years.

Mike Bousselot, R-Ankeny, has launched an exploratory committee for the governor's race, and former state Rep. Brad Sherman entered the race in February.

While other Democrats may join the race for governor, Sand is considered a top contender to become the Democratic nominee. Though not competing against an incumbent could be favorable in the race, Sand and Democrats still must win over Iowa voters who

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State auditor announces candidacy for governor

By ROPIN OPSAHL
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Auditor Rob Sand, the only Democrat to currently hold statewide office in Iowa, announced his campaign for governor Monday.

Sand was widely expected to run for the position as a Democratic nominee, having raised more than \$8 million in the 2024 calendar year, according to the Des Moines Register. But Sand is facing a

different playing field for governor than predicted heading into the 2026 election cycle: Gov. Kim Reynolds announced she will not seek reelection in 2026, meaning Republicans are also facing an open primary in the gubernatorial race.

Several Republican elected officials, including Attorney General Brenna Bird, House Speaker Pat Grassley and U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra have said they are considering a campaign for governor. Iowa Sen.

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Marie and Chuck Riha

Riha 50th anniversary

What started out as an unexpected date on April 22, 1972, became this couple's legacy of a lifetime of special, fun-filled memories.

Chuck and Marie (Schmitt) Riha of Fort Atkinson will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 7, 2025, at the Waucoma Event Center with an evening of dancing and open house from 6 to 11 p.m. Hosting this special milestone will be their daughter, Nikki and husband, Zach Njus, of Polk City.

The Rihases were married on June 7, 1975, at St. Luke Catholic Church in St. Lucas, with Richard A. Bohr officiating. After a honeymoon to Florida, they then resided in the Ft. Atkinson area and continue to do so today.

The couple invites family and friends to dance the night away with music provided by the "New Trick" band. Your attendance will help celebrate this special occasion or you can send warm wishes to Box 163, Ft. Atkinson, IA 52144.



New Hampton library to hold 'stuffie' sleepover

Kids can bring their favorite stuffed animal to a special pajama storytime at the New Hampton Public Library on Tuesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m.

They will be able to tuck in their "stuffies," say good-night, then follow their overnight adventure on the library's Facebook page. For more info, call the library at 641-394-2184.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

THE CITY OF LAWLER IS NOW ACCEPTING BIDS FOR STORM SEWER REPAIR AND CULVERT REPAIR. BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 7:00 PM, JUNE 2, 2025 AT WHICH TIME BIDS WILL BE PUBLICLY OPENED.

THIS BID SHALL INCLUDE A QUOTE FOR A NEW STORM SEWER FURNISHED AND INSTALLED, THE ROAD AND DRIVEWAYS REPAIRED AND THE JOB COMPLETE. ALSO, QUOTE TO REPLACE A STREET CULVERT AND REPAIR CONCRETE STREET.

YOUR SEALED BID MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE ON OF BEFORE JUNE 2, 2025 AT 7:00 PM OR YOU MAY BRING YOUR BID TO THE MEETING AT THAT TIME. THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE OR REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE TECHNICALITIES, OR TO RE-ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, IF THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CITY WILL BE SERVED THEREBY. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JAY UHLENHAKE AT (563) 238-3614.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANA A. DIMEL, Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR003288

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Dana A. Dimel, Deceased, who died on or about December 3, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of April, 2025, the undersigned was appointed personal representative 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 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. Administration will be a small estate as provided by Chapter 635, The Code.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2025.

Julie Dimel
Personal Representative of estate
2110 Panora Ave.
New Hampton, IA 50659

Christopher F. O'Donohoe
ELWOOD, O'DONOHOE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP
Attorney for personal representative
101 North Locust Avenue,
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ACES/ COMPUTER PROS INC, SERVICE SUPPORT- SHERIFF 189.00
AHLERS & COONEY, P.C., HR SVC- MARCH/APRIL- GEN SVC, NON-DEPT 1,997.56
AIRGAS, INC., MEDICAL LAB SUPPLIES- EMS 138.80
ALLEN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH- HEARING TEST R LENSING SEC RD 42.00
ALLIANT ENERGY/IPL, ELECTRICITY - CONSERV., SEC RD. 205.94
ALLIED GLASS LLC, GLASS IN NORTH DOOR OF COURTHOUSE - GEN SVC 409.00
ALTA VISTA, CITY OF, AV SHOP UTILITIES SEC RD..... 79.99
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, WEAPONS REPAIR SUPPLIES- SHERIFF..... 462.99
ANGELL ELECTRIC INC..... ELECTRICAL/MAINT REPAIRS- SHERIFF/JAIL 82.30
BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT COMPANY/PARTS #86 & #87 - SEC.RD, HERITAGE..... 308.39
BRENNAN CONSTRUCTION CO INC, BROS-SWAP-C019(110)-SE-19 #7 PAYMENT SEC RD 825.00
BUTLER CO REC.....ELECTRICITY CONSERV., SEC. RD, 911 .. 960.84
BUTLER-BREMER MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO., PHONE/INTERNET - SEC. RD.BOS.AUD. GS.REC.TREAS.DP.911.ASSR 1,103.52
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOC INC, OUTSIDE ENGINEERING & INSPECTIONS SEC RD 5,535.25
CARD SERVICES, OFFICE EQUIPMENT & FURNITURE - EMA & 911..... 604.41
CBCS ..INSURANCE REFUND - EMS 877.56
CELLEBRITE INC, CELL PHONE INVESTIGATION SOFTWARE- SHERIFF..... 2,500.00
CHICKASAW CO SHERIFF, SERVING PAPERS REIMBURSEMENT- CLERK OF COURT..... 1,712.70
CINTAS CORPORATION #762, UNIFORMS / JANITORIAL SUPPLIES SEC RD..... 2,476.42
CLOUDCOVER USA, INC, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE - DATA PROCESSING 2,000.00
COLUMN SOFTWARE INC, NOTICE OF CHICKASAW CO MAGISTRATE APPOINTING- BOS \$6.32
CRAYNE, MATT REIMBURSEMENT - UNIFORMS- CONSERVATION

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES
May 5, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinski, Suckow and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Chickasaw County Pioneer Cemetery Commission Dale Liddle, Judy Liddle, Steve Kuennen, Donald Dowd, Wesley Cornwell, Ann Scroggins, Custodian Dave Gorman, Engineer Roman Lensing

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for May 5, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the minutes for April 28, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bills in the amount of \$813.89. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to approve claims in the amount of \$658,035.98. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman. Abstained: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to approve payroll check dated May 2, 2025. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Public comment: Auditor Shekleton shared that the Board of Supervisors received open enrollment forms and to have them back May 16. Supervisor Hackman shared he has signed EMS Director's contract and that we received Dispatcher Cassie Kilcher's paperwork

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinski to abate all the property tax at 311 Main Street, Nashua which is owned by the City of Nashua.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Chickasaw County Pioneer Cemetery Commission Dale and Judy Liddle presented the Board of Supervisors with the Proclamation for May being Cemetery Appreciation Month.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to Proclaim May as Cemetery Appreciation Month. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Opened sealed bids for Heritage Center Kitchen equipment: Bids for Vulcan Stove were Floyd Veterans \$50.00, bids for 8ft long stainless- steel table with garbage disposal and water sprayer which includes four drying racks were Scott Cerwinski \$50.00, Floyd Veterans \$50.00. No bids for 10 ft x 40 in hood. Bids for electric stove were Ohm \$300.00, Gonzalez \$20.00. Bids for stainless steel buffet were Chickasaw Veterans \$5.00, Ohm \$250.00. In addition to the equipment Chickasaw Veterans offered \$25.00 for two sheets of steel.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to donate the Vulcan Stove and 8 ft long stainless-steel table with garbage disposal and water sprayer which includes four drying racks to Floyd County Veterans Affairs. To donate two sheets of steel to the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs and to accept Lavonne Ohm's bid of \$300.00 for the electric stove and \$250.00 for the stainless-steel buffet warmer. And scrap the 10 ft x 40 in hood with parts to fire suppression system. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussed Courthouse air conditioner with Custodian Dave Gorman. It is working but August or September start thinking about a new one.

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to add more parking at the Heritage Center for about \$1,500.00.

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to move forward with paperwork for a volunteer to help with lawn care on county grounds.

Building updates by Custodian Dave Gorman.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Carter to approve a 3% raise in the Employment Contract with County Engineer for FY2026. Roll call: Ayes: Breitbach, Carter, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman. Motion Carried.

Motion by Cerwinski, seconded by Suckow to approve Permission to Enter Premises Agreement with John Eichenberger for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project LFM-FY26(03)-7X-19 and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve Permission to Enter Premises Agreement with Alice Barloon Trust for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project L-FY26(02)-73-19 and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Secondary updates by Engineer Roman Lensing.

Reviewed and discussed sending out Request for Professional for accounting and human resources.

Committee assignments

Supervisor Cerwinski, May 1, Heartland Insurance

Supervisor Hackman, May 5, CSS

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Carter to adjourn at 10:22 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

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City of Lawler

The Lawler City Council met in regular session on May 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Mayor Mark Muetherthies presided. Council members present: King, Wilson, Roberson and Croell

Council members absent: Scheidel

Others present: Isiah Corbin, Wyatt Blazek, Tom Berst and Frank Wilson

Motion made by Kin to approve the agenda. Second by Roberson.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Croell to approve the previous minutes with the change of Mayor pro- tem Dale King presided to Mayor Mark Muetherthies presided and approval of current bills.

Second by Roberson.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

VESTIS RUGS 276.86
JENDRO GARBAGE CONTRACT 3,365.71
STANTON ELECTRIC REPLACE POLE..... \$ 2,927.47
UPS 216.45
TEST AMERICA DRINKING WATER 161.57
EFTPS FED/FICA TAX 1,765.97
IPERS IPERS 1,335.55
BLACK HILLS ENERGY GAS UTILITY 311.3
MIENERGY ELECTRICITY 22,729.94
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NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE FY25-26 PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET 298.35
IWD 1ST QTR 2025 25.07
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC METER - CROELL 72.92
CHRIS LAUER CUT 4 TREES BLVD 6,325.00
DENNIS UNGS 50
GARY CUVELIER SNOW REMOVAL 110
VISA - J UHLENHAKE GAS ... 105.48
VISA - S BYRNE TECHNOLOGY 86.59
BEST SERVICES WELL HOUSE GENERATOR 428
HAWKEY INTERCONNECT 58.79
IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE SALES TAX MAR 2025 1,238.37
DEPOSIT REFUNDS REFUND DATE 05/06/2025 185.77
PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS 6,695.64
CLAIMS TOTAL 50,829.30
REVENUE.....GENERAL FUND 10,985.93..... 45572.34
SANITATION FUND 3,365.71 3085.67
ROAD USE TAX FUND 948.20 3994.53

WATER FUND 2,769.17 17676.86
SEWER FUND 4,588.36 6883.34
ELECTRIC FUND 27,986.16 25728.74
DEPOSITS - ELECTRIC FUND 185.77 194.13

LIBRARY

IPERS IPERS 303.09
CATHY HUMPAL 22.4
INGRAM BOOKS 174.92
CALMAR COURIER 55
FAMILY HANDYMAN 26.75
HAWKEYE INTERCONNECT 31.32
TRADITIONAL HOME 25
MID-AMERICA BOOK 95.8
GARDEN GATE 22.99
PAYROLL CHECKS TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS 1,509.04
CLAIMS TOTAL 2,266.31
GENERAL FUND 2,266.31

Isiah Corbin with the CDBG grant explained to the council Resolution No. 05062025-1-6 to be approved for the release the CDBG grant for the Water Well Project. Motion made by Roberson to pass Resolutions NO. 05062025-1-6. Second by Croell.

Ayes: Roberson, Croell, King and Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed.

Motion made by King to approve liquor license for the Brite Spot. Second by Croell.

Ayes: King, Croell, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed.

Motion made by Roberson to approve liquor license for Bucky's. Second by Wilson.

Ayes: King, Croell, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed.

Motion made by Wilson to approve liquor license for Irish Fest. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: King, Croell, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed.

Motion made by King to set Public Hearing for Iowa State Revolving Fund Environmental Information Document on June 2, 2025 at 7:10pm. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: King, Croell, Roberson and

Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed

Motion made by King to pass Ordinance No. 2025-2 WELL PROTECTION. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: King, Croell, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed.

Suzette explained to the council a budget amendment for FY24-25 is needed for the General Government Fund. Motion made by Roberson to set Public Hearing for Budget Amendment June 2, 2025 at 7:20pm. Second by King.

Ayes: King, Croell, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed.

Motion made by Croell to send letters to the list of property owners presented with nuisances. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: King, Croell, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed.

Mark went over the Chickasaw County EMS EOY report. He said Nashua would like to be part of the Chickasaw County EMS. Mark will talk with Joel Knutson about Nashua paying their share of cost like the other cities in Chickasaw County has.

Motion made by Croell to allow Wyatt Blazek chickens. Second by King.

Ayes: King, Croell, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None
Absent: Scheidel
Motion passed.

The city will be taking bids for replacing the storm sewer drain furnished and installed and replace a street culvert.

Next meeting will be June 2, 2025 at 7:00pm

Motion made by King to adjourn at 7:55pm. Second by Croell.

Ayes: King, Wilson, Roberson and Croell

Nays: None
Motion passed.
Suzette Byrne, City Clerk

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LS SUPPLY & RENTAL INC, BUILDING SUPPLIES - CONSERVATION 2,321.28
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NASHUA REPORTER, PUBLICATIONS, BOS MINUTES/CLAIMS/PH BUDGET 882.67
NEW HAMPTON AUTO BODY LLC, PARTS #224 SEC RD 22.40
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NEW HAMPTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, TELEPHONE/INTERNET - CA.SHERIFF.EMS.EMA 1,124.67
NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, APRIL BOS MINUTES/CLAIMS/BUDGET -PH 882.67
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NUSS TRUCK GROUP, PARTS #32 SEC RD 221.96
OVERHEAD DOOR CO OF WATERLOO INC, BUILDING REPAIRS PHOTO EYE SEC RD..... 329.00
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RILEY'S INC, TONER & SUPPLIES - DP.GS., SHERIFF.BOS.AUD. TREAS., NON-DEPT 1,526.86
SCHUCHHARDT, JOSH, UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENT- EMS 106.98
SCHUETH ACE HARDWARE, ELECTRIC SUPPLIES- CONSERVATION 97.48
SECTOR LLC, VEHICLE EQUIP UPGRADE INSTALL - SHERIFF..... 765.00
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, DATA PROCESSING SOFTWARE - EMA..... 200.00
SHIRLEY TROYNA, MILEAGE-ICUBE - REC..... 221.20
SKYLINE SALT SOLUTIONS, WINTER SALT CONTRACT SEC RD..... 5,229.28
STATE OF IOWA/STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER, MEDICAL EXAMINER FEES 2,042.00
TRI-STATE SHRED INC, PAPER SHREDDING- COURTHOUSE, SHERIFF 639.30
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Relay for Life sets the date for 2025 fundraiser

The Chickasaw County Relay for Life will hold its annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society on Sunday, Aug. 3 at Highland Park in Lawler.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and live music and food will be available.

The committee putting on the event will also be holding a four-person best-ball golf tournament on Friday, Aug. 1, at Jackson Heights Golf Course.

More information about the golf tournament and the Relay for Life will be forthcoming.

Carnegie has pair of programs on tap

The Carnegie Cultural Center in New Hampton has two upcoming events scheduled.

The museum will hold its button-making class on Thursday, May 22 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and on May 29, the program is "Create Your Own Charcuterie Board" from 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call the center at 641-394-2354.



Photo courtesy of Michelle Nysel

Turkey Valley seniors recognized for civic duty

As the 2024-25 school year draws to an end, Turkey Valley seniors learned recently that they had earned recognition from the Iowa Secretary of State's Office for performing an important civic duty — registering to vote.

The Carrie Chapman Catt Award is a voter registration initiative tailored for Iowa high schools.

Schools that achieve a voter registration rate of at least 90 percent among their eligible senior class earn the prestigious award that is named after the renowned Iowan leader of the women's suffrage movement. Schools reaching 50 percent and 70 percent registration also receive statewide recognition.

"This year's senior class has received this banner in recognition of registering 86 percent of the class of 2025," Turkey Valley social studies teacher Michelle Nysel said. "While we fell just short of our 90 percent goal, we are so proud of our seniors for taking this important step to becoming active and informed citizens."

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of May 11 1950 (75 years ago)

• The New Hampton Country Club has its first golf event of the season this Sunday, according to Ed Droste, pro at the club this year. It will be a nine-hole event that will start at 1:30 and be open to both men and ladies.

Entrants will be limited to three clubs, any three they choose, but they will be required to use the three clubs in the same rotation.

Everyone will be required to drive off the first tee with a putter and a prize will be given for longest drive.

Also prizes will be given for high and low score for ladies and high and low score for men, for closest to the pin on No. 5 with the drive and to those having the highest and lowest number of putts on the round.

Men will have to pay an entry fee of thirty-five cents to pay for prizes, but since it's Mother's Day, ladies will play free.

• Lois Willadsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Willadsen, has been chosen as Fae Stine's delegate to attend Girls State to be held in Grinnell in June. Janet Haberly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haberly, was selected as alternate.

1975 (50 years ago)

• The 89th annual commencement for the New Hampton Community High School will be held Sunday afternoon, May 18, at the high school gymnasium at 2:30 p.m. A total of 178 seniors are scheduled to receive their diplomas. The afternoon's

program will include music by Philip Batchelder and the invocation and benediction by Reverend Lon Schneider, pastor at the First Baptist Church.

E.A. Colbert, superintendent of schools, will give the introduction, Milton Krumm, high school principal, will introduce the class and diplomas will be presented by Charles Hansen, school board president. Speakers will be class members, Dean Johnson and Patricia Rochford.

• Mrs. Stewart (Jackie) Stone has accepted the position of bookkeeper with the New Hampton Newspapers and began her duties on May 12.

A 1973 Turkey Valley High School graduate, in her new post, Mrs. Stone succeeds Mrs. Arlene Upham, who will retire next month after five years with the newspapers.

2000 (25 years ago)

• Twenty one seniors performed in their last Coffee House on Sunday. Groups participating were Ninth Mixed Chorus, the Nu Hi Men, Women and Chorale groups, Main Street West and the 2000 Senior Ensemble.

All the singers joined at the end for the traditional finale song — "In This Very Room."

Ann Swenson received the National School Chorale Award. Awards were also presented to Jason Seltz for the Vocal Musicianship Award; Hannah Bergstrom and Todd Burrichter the Award of Merit. The Swing Choir outstanding member was Sarah Utterback.

2015 (10 years ago)

• The Chickasaw County Courthouse interior is about to get a facelift after the Board of Supervisors approved a bid for repainting of the corridors, stairways, lobbies on all three floors as well as the courtroom.

The company Smith Renovations LLC has been contracted to do the work. Head Custodian Dave Gorman said the company believes the building's interior has huge potential if painted properly like it once was.

• New Hampton's boys track team had it all under control in Oelwein as the Chickasaws claimed what is believed to be their first-ever NEIC team title with a gritty performance. The Chickasaws won nine of the 18 events.

New Hampton pulled away from runner-up Charles City late and finished the meet with 142 points, 18 more than the Comets.

2020 (5 years ago)

• Two local businesses donated funds to help the TRIBE Trail Committee. Heather Rausch's American Solutions for Business held a ChickasawStrong event that raised \$1,100 for the trail that will eventually connect Mikkelson Park and the city's west-side Industrial Park.

Brad Schwickerath's businesses, Rapid Printers and Office World donated \$1 for every package shipped via UPS through the stores in March, and although COVID-19 limited the number of packages, \$175 was still donated to the trail.

Briefs

DK WOOD Memorial golf tournament set for June 21 at Jackson Heights Golf Course

A four-person best shot golf tourney will be held as the 22nd annual Darron Kobiska — DK WOOD Memorial Scholarship tournament gets underway Saturday, June 21.

Located at Jackson Heights Golf Course in Jackson Junction, the event begins with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and is limited to the first 24 teams that sign up.

Pre-payment of \$140 per team, which includes flag events, is appreciated and checks may be written to Darron William Memorial Scholarship, and sent to 3249 County Road V64, Jackson Junction, IA 52171.

There will be a raffle and silent auction taking place, those not golfing are welcome to bid on items prior to 3 p.m.

Call 563-776-9181 to reserve team and golf cart rentals. Rentals will be \$30 per cart, plus tax, payable to Jackson Heights. Golfers must reserve carts when calling to register their teams.

Turkey Valley grad named speech teacher of year

A Turkey Valley alum and current Waverly-Shell Rock teacher was honored recently at a ceremony at her alma mater, UNI, with a prestigious state award.

Lisa Phyle, an English and Speech teacher, was awarded the 2025 Iowa High School Speech Teacher of the Year. The award is given by the National Federation of State High Schools and the Iowa High School Speech Association.

She is a Turkey Valley High School graduate, with a B.A. from UNI and a master's degree from Morningside College.

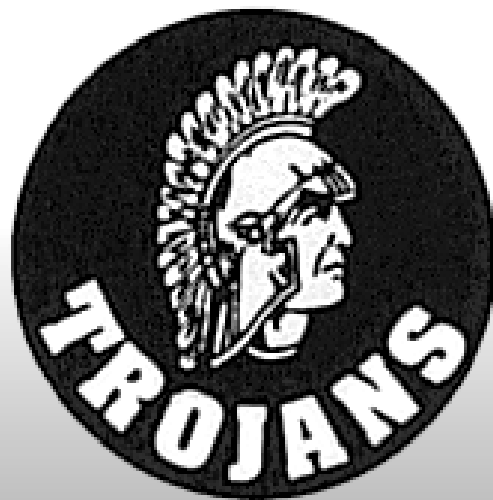
Lisa is married to Steve Phyle, formerly of Nashua. Her parents are Elaine Croatt and the late David Croatt. Lisa's in-laws are Mary Lou Phyle and the late John Phyle of Nashua.

Turkey Valley Graduates

Turkey Valley School District Commencement

Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m.

Turkey Valley High School Gymnasium



Class Motto:

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory"

- Dr. Suess

Class Flower: Red Rose



Emma Brincks



Andrew Brown



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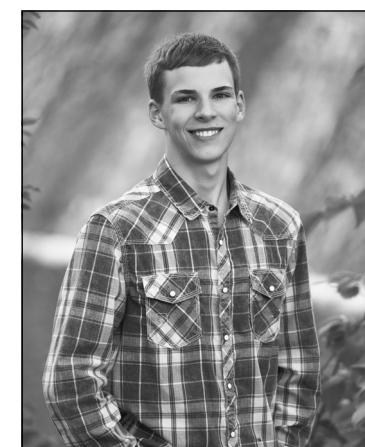
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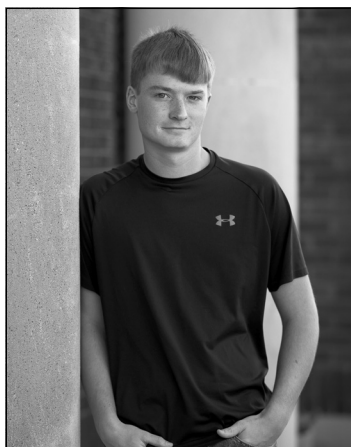
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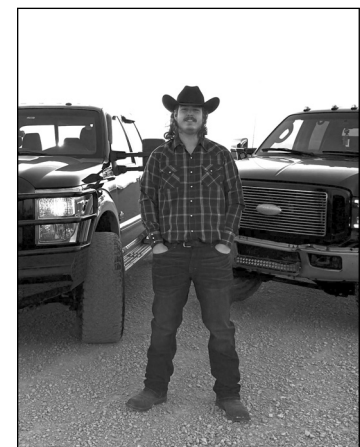
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ISU Extension set to host food preservation workshop May 28

Learn all the basics of water bath canning, making jam and dehydrating food at a Food Preservation Workshop on Wednesday, May 28 beginning at 5:15 p.m.

The workshop, offered at the Chickasaw Event Center in New Hampton, is part of the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Preserve the Taste of Summer program.

Jill Weber, a health and human sciences educator with ISU Extension and Outreach, will lead the workshop.

During the hands-on workshop, participants will:

- Learn the basics of water bath canning and dehydration
- Hear the most up-to-date recommendations
- Make and can jam
- Sample home dehydrated foods
- Take home and enjoy a jar of jam that they canned

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

The cost of this hands-on workshop is \$50.

Participants can register for the workshop at: <https://go.iastate.edu/08PXNJ>.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Chickasaw COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Kathryn A. O'Connor, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003293 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kathryn A. O'Connor, Deceased, who died on or about April 24, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 12, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Kathryn A. O'Connor, deceased, bearing date of August 11, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Patricia A. Weigel and Edward C. O'Connor have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated: May 12, 2025

Patricia A. Weigel, Executor
205 8th Avenue South
Clear Lake, IA 50428

Edward C. O'Connor, Executor
14 Black Oak Road
North Oaks MN 55127

Judith O'Donohoe,
ICIS#: AT0005849
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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of Ionia met in regular session Monday, May 5, 2025, at 7:00 pm in Ionia City Hall.

Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Crooks, Day, Geerts, Holthaus, Rausch present. Also present were Clerk Donna Geerts, Bob Havner, Linus Voves, Gale Wallace, Addie and Heather Hackman. Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Day to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Rausch to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2025, meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Geerts, seconded by Day to approve the claims. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Alliant Energy.....\$1434.95
Black Hills Energy.....\$ 218.72
Library Act.....\$7434.63
Payroll.....\$2692.88
Brian Sigler, mlg reimb.....\$ 562.50
941 deposit.....\$ 635.84
IPERS.....\$ 586.88
Jendro Sanitation, clean up day\$ 586.08
Jendro Sanitation, recycling.....\$ 617.02
New Hampton Tribune, min...\$ 137.62
Mick Gage Plb & Htg, jet storm sewer-Ionia St.....\$1075.00
John Deere Financial, supplies \$ 62.95
PMA Ins Co, w/c.....\$ 351.00
Babcock Services, concrete rep-city hall.....\$1950.00
Phillips Refrigeration, toilet @ park.....\$ 441.05
US Post Office, stamps.....\$ 29.20
Microbac Lab, water/wastewater tests.....\$ 256.75
Total.....\$19,073.07
Total Revenues.....\$53,032.47
Check not cleared.....\$574.00
RECEIVED, FUND.....
DISBURSED bank
\$ 31,615.45, General.....\$ 14,089.85
\$ 1,627.29, Road Use.....\$ 369.27
\$ 8,173.62, Water.....\$ 6,294.82
\$ 11,615.92, Sewer.....\$ 1,465.62
\$ 19.....\$ Savings Int

Motion by Crooks, seconded by Holthaus to approve the monthly financial report. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor gave wastewater and water report. Mayor will contact Snyder & Assoc, engineer firm, regarding infiltration.

Public comment: Gale Wallace will be doing yard work to help with drainage. Mayor will look at project/ditch by her property. Hackman asked about standing water/drainage at park.

Letter read from County Auditor stating EMS Dedicated Fund had a balance exceeding \$750,000 for 2 consecutive quarters calculated on January 15 and April 15, 2025. Since the amount in the Fund exceeded \$750,000 for two consecutive quarters the City's next quarterly payment due July 5, 2025 will be waived. Mayor shared 2024 EMS report from Joel.

Discussion on Ordinance Junk and Junk Vehicles- Chapter 51. Property

Legal Notice

RESOLUTION NO. 5-12-25-18
Notice of Destruction of Noxious Weeds

To All Property Owners in Chickasaw County, IA

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY

Passed and approved this 12th day of May, 2025

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors announces that the deadline for destruction of Noxious weeds is June 1st, 2024, so as to prevent the production of seed by all varieties of listed Noxious weeds. This includes weeds on farmlands, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, properties within city limits, and all lands within the limits of the County. Those persons not controlling their weeds in compliance with Iowa's Weed Law, Code of Iowa Chapter 317 Noxious Weeds, and Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship Administrative Rules Chapter 58 Noxious Weeds will be notified to use appropriate methods to eradicate or control the weed problem. Failure to do so can incur penalties including, but not limited to, daily fines for non-compliance, and the Weed Commissioner or Deputies entering upon the land to control the weed problem, with all costs, including fines and administrative costs, levied against the landowner. Iowa law provides these assessments can be attached to the real estate tax of the land for collection. Weed eradication/control will still be required to be implemented in all cases where penalties are assessed.

The following weeds have been declared Noxious:

Class A Noxious Weed for Eradication: Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri)

Palmer Amaranth must be eradicated. Each owner and each person in possession or control of any lands in Chickasaw County shall seek cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, which may include the department's farm service agency office for that county, the farm service agency's state office, or any other office or official designated by the department, if Palmer Amaranth (Amaranthus palmeri)is found on lands enrolled in the conservation reserve program as described in 7 C.F.R. pt. 1410

Class B Noxious Weeds for Control:

- a. Canada Thistle (Cirsium arvense)
- b. Teasel (Dipsacus spp.) biennial
- c. Leafy Spurge (Euphorbia esula)
- d. Bull Thistle (Cirsium vulgare)
- e. Multiflora Rose (Rosa multiflora)
- f. European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis)
- g. All other species of thistles belonging in the Genus of Carduus

Jacob Hackman, Chairman
Attest: Sheila Shekleton,
Chickasaw Co. Auditor

owners in violation of Ordinance was sent a letter. No request for hearing from property owners and junk/junk vehicles have not been removed from property. Clerk will send property owners a certified letter and letter will be posted at residence.

Discussion on Ordinance Chapter 51-Nuisance Abatement Ordinance and Chapter 52-Weeds, Grass, and Uncultivated Vegetation Ordinance. Property owner in violation of ordinances is working on cleanup. Mayor will talk with property owner.

Day made a motion, seconded by Holthaus to terminate seasonal part time snow plow operators, Mike Taylor and Chad Rausch, effective April 30, 2025 Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Day made a motion, seconded by Crooks, the adoption of RESOLUTION 25-3 SETTING THE SALARIES/WAGES FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF IONIA FOR THE FY 25/26.

Salaries are effective July 1, 2025

Jim Brummond, Maintenance.....\$17.00/hr
Mary Jo Parson, Custodian .130.00/mo
Donna Geerts, Clerk.....\$900.00/mo
Brian Sigler, Water / Wastewater Operator.....\$1000.00/mo
India May, Librarian.....\$18.00/hr

The roll call resulted as follows:

Ayes: Crooks, Day, Holthaus, Rausch, Nays: None. Abstained: Geerts. Motion carried. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted as hereinafter set out. This is a summary of Resolution 25-3. The full text of the resolution can be obtained from City Clerk.

Discussed clean up plans at 207 E Iowa Street. Property owners have not abated the nuisances as directed or requested a hearing. Clerk will send property owners certified letter and letter will be posted at residence.

Concession stand at ball park will need to be open on Tuesdays in June and July for Ionia ball and also NH Park & Rec have scheduled games in May. Gale Wallace volunteered to run the stand and any interested persons to work the stand should contact Clerk or Mayor. Day will plant tree at park donated by Kids Korner in memory of Tony Hoffman.

Mayor will review streets and see what areas need patching, also get a quote on asphalt for area at 100 E Union Street. Discussed streets that need maintenance.

Mick Gage Plbg & Htg jetted storm sewer on E Union Street.

Jendro will have a holiday May 26, 2025; therefore, trash will be picked up Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Moved by Crooks, seconded by Rausch that the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Randy Taylor, Mayor
Attest:
Donna Geerts, City Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
City of LAWLER				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The City of LAWLER will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 6/2/2025 07:20 PM		Contact: SUZETTE BYRNE		Phone: (563) 238-3614
Meeting Location: Lawler City Hall				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	192,125	0	192,125
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Tax	3	192,125	0	192,125
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	61,571	0	61,571
Licenses & Permits	7	2,840	0	2,840
Use of Money & Property	8	6,720	0	6,720
Intergovernmental	9	134,771	0	134,771
Charges for Service	10	5,665,845	0	5,665,845
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	13	1,000,000	0	1,000,000
Transfers In	14	5,028,848	0	5,028,848
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	12,092,720	0	12,092,720
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	78,900	0	78,900
Public Works	17	118,326	0	118,326
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	56,225	0	56,225
Community and Economic Development	20	10,050	0	10,050
General Government	21	69,590	4,000	73,590
Debt Service	22	122,334	0	122,334
Capital Projects	23	58,428	0	58,428
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	513,853	4,000	517,853
Business Type/Enterprise	25	5,508,266	0	5,508,266
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	6,022,119	4,000	6,026,119
Transfers Out	27	5,028,848	0	5,028,848
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	11,050,967	4,000	11,054,967
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	1,041,753	-4,000	1,037,753
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2024	30	430,839	0	430,839
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2025	31	1,472,592	-4,000	1,468,592
Explanation of Changes: Unexpected increase in the annual software invoice.				

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAWLER, IOWA, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER FOR WELL PROTECTION

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Lawler, Iowa: SECTION 1. NEW SECTION. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Lawler, Iowa, is amended by adding a new Chapter 93, entitled Well Protection, which is hereby adopted to read as follows:

CHAPTER 93
WELL PROTECTION
0.1. Definitions 93.03 Exception
0.2. Application 93.04 Nonconforming Uses
0.1. DEFINITIONS. The following terms are defined as used in this chapter:
1. “Aquifer” means a rock formation, group of rock formations, or part of a rock formation that contains enough saturated permeable materials to yield significant quantities of water.
2. “Contamination” means the presence of any harmful or deleterious substances in the water supply.
3. “Deep public well” means a public well located and constructed in such a manner that there is a continuous layer of low permeability soil or rock at least five feet thick located at least 25 feet below the normal ground surface and above the aquifer from which the water is drawn.
4. “Shallow public well” means a public well located and constructed in such a manner that there is not a continuous layer of low permeability soil or rock at least five feet thick located at least 25 feet below the normal ground surface and above the aquifer from which the water is drawn.
5. “Well” means a pit or hole sunk into the earth to reach a resource supply such as water.

0.2. APPLICATION. No structure or facility of the enumerated types set out in the following Table A shall be located within the distances set forth in said Table from public wells within the City.
0.3. EXCEPTION. Proscriptions set forth in Table A apply to all public water wells existing within the City except public water wells formerly abandoned for use by resolution of the Council.

0.4. NONCONFORMING USES. The use of structures or facilities existing as of the date of adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter may be continued even though such use may not conform to the regulations in this chapter; in other words, such uses may be located within the distances set forth. However, such structure or facility that is not in conformance with the terms of this chapter may not be enlarged, extended, reconstructed, or substituted subsequent to such date.

1Deep and shallow wells, as defined in 567—40.2(455B): A deep well is a well located and constructed in such a manner that there is a continuous layer of low permeability soil or rock at least 5 feet thick located at least 25 feet below the normal ground surface and above the aquifer from which water is to be drawn. A shallow well is a well located and constructed in such a manner that there is not a continuous layer of low permeability soil or rock (or equivalent retarding mechanism acceptable to the department) at least 5 feet thick, the top of which is located at least 25 feet below the normal ground surface and above the aquifer from which water is to be drawn.

2The separation distances are dependent upon two factors: the type of piping that is in the existing sewer or drain, as noted in the table, and that the piping was properly installed in accordance with the standards.

3Solid wastes are those derived from the treatment of water or wastewater. Certain types of solid wastes from water treatment processes may be land-applied within the separation distance on an individual, case-by-case basis.

4Private sewage disposal system is defined in 567—subrule 69.1(2). “Onsite treatment system” includes any wastewater treatment system not included in the definition of a private sewage disposal system that is utilizing onsite wastewater treatment technologies to treat domestic waste, such as those specified in 567—Chapter 69 (but excluding waste stabilization ponds). Open portions of treatment systems include subsurface absorption systems, mound systems, intermittent sand filters, constructed wetlands, open bottom media filters, and waste stabilization ponds. Closed portions of treatment systems include septic tanks, aerobic treatment units, fully contained media filters and impervious vault toilets. These separation distances also apply to septic systems that are not considered privately owned.

5The minimum separation distance for liquid fuel storage associated with standby power generators shall be 50 feet if secondary containment is provided. Secondary containment shall provide for a minimum of 110 percent of the liquid fuel storage capacity. Double-walled storage tanks shall not be considered as secondary containment. The separation distance for liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage shall be 15 feet.

6Electrical power transformers mounted on a single utility pole are exempt from the minimum separation distance requirements.

7Solid waste means garbage, refuse, rubbish, and other similar discarded solid or semisolid materials, including but not limited to such materials resulting from industrial, commercial, agricultural, and domestic activities.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the 5 day of May, 2025, and approved this 5 day of May, 2025.
Mayor: Mark Mueterthies
ATTEST: City Clerk Suzette Byrne
First Reading: May 5, 2025 Second Reading: Waived Third Reading: Waived
I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 2025-2 on the 15 day of May, 2025.
City Clerk Suzette Byrne

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TABLE A: SEPARATION DISTANCES		
SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION	REQUIRED MINIMUM LATERAL DISTANCE FROM WELL AS HORIZONTAL ON THE GROUND SURFACE, IN FEET	
	Deep Well ¹	Shallow Well ¹
WASTEWATER STRUCTURES:		
Point of Discharge to Ground Surface		
Sanitary and industrial discharges	400	400
Water treatment plant wastes	50	50
Well house floor drains	5	5
Sewers and Drains ²		
Sanitary and storm sewers, drains	0 – 25 feet: prohibited 25 – 75 feet if water main pipe 75 – 200 feet if sanitary sewer pipe	0 – 25 feet: prohibited 25 – 75 feet if water main pipe 75 – 200 feet if sanitary sewer main pipe
Sewer force mains	0 – 75 feet: prohibited 75 – 400 feet if water main pipe 400 – 1,000 feet if sanitary sewer main pipe	0 – 75 feet: prohibited 75 – 400 feet if water main pipe 400 – 1,000 feet if sanitary sewer main pipe
Water plant treatment process wastes that are treated onsite	0 – 5 feet: prohibited 5 – 50 feet if sanitary sewer pipe	0 – 5 feet: prohibited 5 – 50 feet if sanitary sewer main pipe
Water plant wastes to sanitary sewer	0 – 25 feet: prohibited 25 – 75 feet if water main pipe 75 – 200 feet if sanitary sewer pipe	0 – 25 feet: prohibited 25 – 75 feet if water main pipe 75 – 200 feet if sanitary sewer main pipe
Well house floor drains to sewers	0 – 25 feet: prohibited 25 – 75 feet if water main pipe 75 – 200 feet if sanitary sewer pipe	0 – 25 feet: prohibited 25 – 75 feet if water main pipe 75 – 200 feet if sanitary sewer main pipe
Well house floor drains to surface	0 – 5 feet: prohibited 5 – 50 feet if sanitary sewer pipe	0 – 5 feet: prohibited 5 – 50 feet if sanitary sewer main pipe
Land Disposal of Treated Wastes		
Irrigation of wastewater	200	400
Land application of solid wastes ³	200	400
Other		
Private sewage disposal systems and onsite treatment systems – open portion of treatment system ⁴	200	400
Private sewage disposal systems and onsite treatment systems – closed portion of treatment system ⁵	100	200
Lagoons	400	1,000
Mechanical wastewater treatment plants	200	400

SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION	REQUIRED MINIMUM LATERAL DISTANCE FROM WELL AS HORIZONTAL ON THE GROUND SURFACE, IN FEET	
	Deep Well ¹	Shallow Well ¹
CHEMICALS:		
Chemical application to ground surface	100	200
Chemical & mineral storage above ground ⁶	100	200
Chemical & mineral storage on or under ground	200	400
Transmission pipelines (such as fertilizer, liquid petroleum, or anhydrous ammonia)	200	400
ANIMALS:		
Animal pasturage	50	50
Animal enclosure	200	400
Earthen silage storage trench or pit	100	200
Animal Wastes		
Land application of liquid or slurry	200	400
Land application of solids	200	400
Solids stockpile	200	400
Storage basin or lagoon	400	1,000
Storage tank	200	400
MISCELLANEOUS:		
Basements, pits, sumps	10	10
Cemeteries	200	200
Cisterns	50	100
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Railroads	100	200
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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s Hunter Kruse lines up his target in Fredericksburg last week Thursday. Kruse fired a perfect round of 100 earlier last week in Oelwein.

TV places first at weekend invite

Hunter Kruse knocks down 100 clays for perfect round

By KELLY TERPSTRA
sports@nhtrib.com

The Turkey Valley/Summer-Fredericksburg trapshooting squad is definitely making a statement this spring.

The Trojans continued to fire at will and knock down their targets on a consistent basis.

TV-SF won a triangular at Fredericksburg versus New Hampton and Charles City/ Nashua-Plainfield/RRMR last week Thursday with a score of 235.

Hunter Kruse, along with Ethan and Jonah Orvis all fired 48s to help TV-SF's winning cause.

Kruse started out the week with a bang as he recorded a perfect 100 round at the Fayette County Conservation Club last week Tuesday, May 6. Oelwein hosted the meet.

Ethan Orvis and Ty Moudry notched rounds of 95.

TV-SF continued to roll past its competition with a first-place total of 471 at the Cedar Falls/Waverly-Shell Rock Invite on Saturday.

Kruse (96), Traejin Keel (95),

Theresa Hanson (94), Ethan Orvis (93) and Lincoln Holtz (93) rounded out the Trojans' scoring.

“A lot of our star athletes are still here this year and have led us to another successful first half of the season so far! Despite the breeze yesterday, the weather has been perfect for about a week now and our scores are showing it,” said TV-SF head coach Amber Barloon after last week Thursday's win.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

TOP-THREE SQUADS

No team scores available.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Hunter Kruse (TVSF) 100, Ethan Orvis (TVSF) 95, Ty Moudry (TVSF) 95.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Hayley Burke (Oelwein) 97, Theresa Hanson (TVSF) 91, Alexis Elsbernd (TV) 90.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

Kruse 100, Orvis 95, Moudry 95, Parker Reicks 94, Jonah Orvis 93, Traejin Keel 92, Wade Petersen 92, Avery Franzen 89, Lincoln Holtz 89, Ely Suhr 88, Hunter Nelson 87, Tanner Morse 87, William Diers 86, Boden Toussaint 82, Tyce Rochford 80, Graham Schmitt 78, Carver Stange 74, Carter Weidemann 70, Caden Tiedt 66, Alex Buls 31.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

TOP-THREE SQUADS
TV-SF Red 235, Nashua-Plainfield 1 230, New Hampton 2 225.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Schwickerath (NH) 50, Kellogg (NH) 49, Lane Barlow (NP) 49.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Ali Blickenderfer (Charles City) 50, Eichenberger (NH) 47, Harper Humpal (NH) 47, Kinley Roths (Charles City) 47.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

TV-SF Red (235) - Elsbernd 45, Moudry 46, J. Orvis 48, E. Orvis 48, Kruse 48.

TV-SF Black (210) - Hanson 45, Franzen 42, Reicks 38, Weidemann 39, Schmitt 46.

TV-SF Orange (182) - Toussaint 45, Petersen 46, Holtz 45, Diers 46.

TV-SF Gold (158) - Morse 41, Suhr 15, Jadeyn Mueterthies 16, Rochford 42, Keel 44.

TV-SF Platinum (94) - Buls 18, Tiedt 33, Stange 43.

CEDAR FALLS 100 TARGET OPEN INVITE TOP-THREE SQUADS

TV-SF 1 471, Cresco Area Clay Crushers 469, CC/NP/RRMR 468.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Greysen Miller (Denver) 98, Hunter Boehmer (Charles City) 97, Jacob Fisher (Cedar Falls) 97.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Hayley Burke (Oelwein) 95, H. Humpal (NH) 94, Theresa Hanson (TVSF) 94.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

TV-SF1 (471) - Kruse 96, Keel 95, Hanson 94, E. Orvis 93, Holtz 93.

Trojans swing past Clayton Ridge

By KELLY TERPSTRA
sports@nhtrib.com

Turkey Valley turned back Clayton Ridge out on its home course of Jackson Heights last week Tuesday by a score of 222 to 250.

TV junior Annika Bodensteiner earned the medalist top spot with a 51, followed by sophomore Miyah Byrne's 53.

The Trojans also hosted a triangular versus Waukon and South Winn last week Thursday. The Warriors shot the lowest score among the three teams with a 439 and Waukon carded a 444.

Bodensteiner was again the low score for the Trojans with a 101. TV senior Morgan Vsetecka fired a 103.

Crestwood slipped past TV at home on Friday by a score of 186 to 228. Vsetecka carded TV's best score with a 53.

Turkey Valley competed in the Upper Iowa Conference meet at Guttenberg Golf & Country Club on Tuesday. The Trojans begin Class 1A regional play in Colesburg on Friday at the Lone Pine Country Club.

TURKEY VALLEY 222,



Becky Walz/Decorah Leader

TV's Morgan Vsetecka putts on Tuesday in Guttenberg.

CLAYTON RIDGE 250
Medalist - Annika Bodensteiner (TV) 51.

Turkey Valley scores - Bodensteiner 51, Miyah Byrne 53, Brooklyn Kuennen 59, Morgan Vsetecka 59, Karstyn Lukes 64.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORES
South Winneshiek 397, Turkey Valley 439, Waukon 444.

Medalist - Claire Becker (SW) 97. Turkey Valley scores - Bodensteiner 101, Vsetecka 103, Byrne 116, Lukes 119, Kuennen 123.

CRESTWOOD 186,

TURKEY VALLEY 228

Medalist - Kenzie Moellers (CR) 45.

Turkey Valley scores - Vsetecka 53, Byrne 55, Kuennen 57, Lukes 63.



Becky Walz/Decorah Leader

Turkey Valley’s Karstyn Lukes takes a chip shot on Tuesday at the Upper Iowa Conference meet held at Guttenberg Golf & Country Club.

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ELECTRIC UTILITY - COMMUNICATIONS BOARD ROOM
MONDAY APRIL 14, 2025
5:00 P.M.

The Board of Trustees of the New Hampton Municipal Light Plant met for a regular meeting on Monday April 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the board room at the Communications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton, IA.

Board members present were Anderson, Babcock, Berns, Cantu, Dahl. General Manager Brian Quirk and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:02 p.m.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the agenda be approved with the claims amount amended. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Berns, seconded by Dahl; that the minutes of the March10, 2025 regular meeting minutes be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Dahl, seconded by Babcock; that claims in the amount of \$ 338,518.56 as presented, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the Finance Reports for March, 2025, be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Attorney Kit O'Donohoe arrived at 5:21 pm.

General Manger Brian Quirk has requested a change to the life insurance benefit for full time staff members. Currently the benefit is not the same for all full time employees; Quirk is requesting each full time employee receive a \$10,000 life insurance benefit. Moved by Berns, seconded by Babcock; That RESOLUTION NO 1025 A RESOLUTION REGARDING LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR ALL FULL TIME EMPLOYEES, be approved. Ayes - Anderson, Babcock, Berns, Cantu, Dahl. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolu-

tion approved.

General Managers Report:

1. Staff is working on several community service projects with the trail and scoreboards at Mikkelsen Park.

2. Stack testing was completed on engine #8.

3. Quirk has been in contact with a contractor who will provide an estimated cost and timeline for the stalled repair of engine #7; Quirk is frustrated with the lack of repairs completed by Zeiglers and its staff.

4. Continued discussion regarding 17 West Main and the needed repairs to two outside walls, electrical repairs & upgrades.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Berns that the meeting adjourns at 5:34pm. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

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

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS
UTILITY BOARD ROOM
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025
5:15 P.M.

The members of the Telecommunications Board of Trustees met for a regular meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Telecommunications Office at 112 East Main Street, New Hampton. Board members present were Anderson, Babcock, Berns, Cantu, Dahl. General Manager Brian Quirk, Attorney Christopher O'Donohoe and City Clerk Karen Clemens were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Anderson at 5:36 p.m.

Moved by Cantu, seconded by Bab-

cock; that the agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 10, 2025, be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Berns, seconded by Dahl; that claims in the amount of \$66,805.53 be approved as amended. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the Finance Reports for March 2025 be approved. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion

carried.

General Manager Report:

1. Continue to work on new installs; continue to assist customers

2. Staff is hanging aerials;

3. Discussing opportunities for connections east of the New Hampton Corporate limits near Hwy 24.

Moved by Babcock, seconded by Cantu; that the meeting adjourn at 5:46 p.m. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

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

TELECOMMUNICATIONS APRIL 14, 2025 5:15 P.M.			
DFT5011	Bank Iowa	Deposit Tickets	\$ 88.52
DFT5017	US Cellular	iPad Service & Device Payment	\$ 65.87
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2857	New Hampton, City of	Utility Bill	\$ 719.55
2858	Butler Bremer Communications	Wholesale Voice	\$ 9,027.04
2859	NIMECA	Disability Insurance	\$ 86.59
2860	Waverly Utilities	Transport	\$ 899.95
2879	Visa	Phone Cord, First Aid Supplies	\$ 126.34
2880	Aureon	Ethernet Transport Service	\$ 2,685.00
2881	Cedar Falls Utilities	Wholesale Bandwidth	\$ 5,810.00
2882	Eide Bailly	Microsoft 365	\$ 79.72
2883	Fiserv CardConnect	Monthly Fees	\$ 1,310.49
2884	US Cellular	iPad Service & Device Payment	\$ 65.87
2885	Black Hills Energy	Gas Service	\$ 373.56
2886	Madison National Life Insurance	Term Life, AD&D, Supplemental	\$ 62.35
2887	Payroll Account	Salaries March 2025	\$ 22,157.87
2893	Reimbursement	Medical Reimbursement	\$ 419.20
2894	BIG Network	BTN	\$ 356.07
2895	Butler Bremer Communications	Voice & Internet	\$ 604.82
2896	Calix, Inc.	Cloud Support, Experience Management	\$ 1,360.64
2897	Cedar Falls Utilities	March 28E Agreement Costs	\$ 1,346.24
2898	Elwood, O'Donohoe, Bruan & White	Legal Services Dec 24 - Mar 25	\$ 610.00
2899	FanDuel Sports Network	Video Programming	\$ 313.60
2900	FARR Technologies	Network Monitoring, System Integrations	\$ 3,737.52
2901	Graybar	6 Port LC UPCs	\$ 411.34
2902	Innovative Systems	Monthly Fee, Bill Printing & Mailing	\$ 5,911.83
2903	Jendro	Refuse Pickup	\$ 96.30
2904	M.T.S., Inc.	Window Washing	\$ 34.24
2905	New Hampton Tribune	Progress Section	\$ 180.00
2906	New Hampton, City of	Utility Bill	\$ 583.06
2907	NIMECA	Disability Insurance	\$ 86.59
2908	Schueth Ace Hardware	Liquid Plumber	\$ 7.69
2909	Showtime Networks, Inc.	Showtime Package	\$ 8.51
2910	SmartSource Consulting	Broadband Consulting	\$ 607.50
		TOTAL TO BE APPROVED	\$ 66,805.53
PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE MARCH 10, 2025			
DFT	AFLAC	Supplemental Insurance	\$ 48.12
62044	Ameritas Variable Life Insurance	Deferred Comp	\$ 90.00
62107	Ameritas Variable Life Insurance	Deferred Comp	\$ 90.00
EFT	EFTPS	FICA & Federal Taxes	\$ 1,821.71
EFT	EFTPS	FICA & Federal Taxes	\$ 1,813.54
EFT	Iowa Dept of Revenue	State Withholding Tax	\$ 466.09
EFT	Treasurer, State of Iowa	IPERS	\$ 2,650.41
EFT	Wellmark	Health & Dental Insurance	\$ 3,014.35
		TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 9,994.22

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DFT5015	Iowa Dept of Revenue	Property Tax	\$ 119.56
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DFT5029	NIMECA	Monthly Power Bill, CTS Improvement	\$ 129,511.43
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62016	USPS	Postage for Utility Bills	\$ 196.29
62041	New Hampton, City of	Utility Bill	\$ 105.86
62042	NIMECA	Property Tax, Disability Insurance, APPA Dues	\$ 7,937.59
62066	Visa	Containers, Power Washer Supplies, Chair	\$ 782.24
62087	Rapid Printers	Utility Bill	\$ 220.96
62094	US Cellular	iPad Service	\$ 39.78
62099	Madison National Life Ins	Term Life, AD&D, Supplemental Life	\$ 105.00
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62101	Russell, Amy	Refund Final Account Balance	\$ 109.90
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62199	DGR	Distribution, Stolz, Control Upgrade Projects	\$ 11,582.00
62200	Elwood, O'Donohoe, Braun & White, LL	Legal Services	\$ 1,885.00
62201	Five Star Cooperative	Gas, Supplies	\$ 409.05
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62205	LS Supply & Rental	Back Shop Overhead Door Seals	\$ 535.00
62206	Mercy Medical Center - New Hampton	DOT Physical	\$ 217.00
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62208	NAPA Auto Parts	Light, Paint	\$ 80.63
62209	New Hampton Municipal Utility	Phone	\$ 137.39
62209	New Hampton Municipal Utility	Joint Expense Reimbursement	\$ 226.64
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62213	Rapid Printers / Office World	Ink Cartridges	\$ 107.50
62214	Riley's Inc.	Ink Cartridges	\$ 211.69
62215	Schueth Ace Hardware	Shovel, Level, Tape Measure, Step Stool	\$ 237.69
62216	Wesco Receivables Corp	Wire	\$ 4,196.43
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PAYROLL CHECKS WRITTEN SINCE MARCH 10, 2025			
EFT	AFLAC	Supplemental Insurance	\$ 131.62
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Turkey Valley secures two gold medals at league meet

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Bella Stika and her Turkey Valley Trojans were not to be denied in the distance medley at the Upper Iowa Conference league meet last week Thursday in Monona.

In the league get-together hosted by MFL MarMac TV ran to a blue-ribbon finish in that d-med, which was also anchored by Stika. Turkey Valley claimed the gold medal in a season PR of 1:57.15.

Stika, a sophomore, also out ran the field in the open 800 by winning that event in 2:29.43.

Turkey Valley mustered up 89 points and a fourth-place finish in the process. South Winneshiek sat atop the lead-

erboard in the team standings with 183, followed by North Fayette Valley's 130 and Kee High's third-place tally of 107.5.

Trojan sophomore Hazel Nieman ran a career PR in the open 400 with a second-place clip of 1:03.21. Alexis Gruenberg, just a freshman, also ran an all-time best in the 200 dash in 29.16, good for fifth place.

Rounding out top individual finishes for TV was sophomore Ellaney Bodensteiner's second-place finish in the discus (103-7). That was just inches away from her career-best toss of 104 feet.

TV's 4x400 relay (4:19.67) ran its best time of the spring with the foursome of Kendall Kuennen, Stika, Gruenberg and

Nieman.

The Trojans' sprint medley squad of Kuennen, Jenna Thronndson, Nieman and Stika ran to a silver medal in a time of 1:57.15.

The 4x100 relay of Kuennen, Brynlee Hayek, Emersyn Hoffert and Thronndson produced its second-best time in that event with a runner-up finish of 54.88.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE MEET TEAM SCORES

South Winneshiek 183, North Fayette Valley 130, Kee High 107.5, Turkey Valley 89, Central Elkader 62, Clayton Ridge 53, West Central 28.5, Postville 23, MFL MarMac 20.

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 dash - 11. Nora Chicken 15.02, 16. Raelen Manderfield 16.06. 200 dash - 5. Alexis Gruenberg 29.16, 15. Manderfield 32.2. 400 dash - 2. Hazel Nieman

1:03.21, 3. Gruenberg 1:06. 800 run - 1. Bella Stika 2:29.43, 10. Courtney Ball 3:26.04. 100 hurdles - 9. Jocelyn DeSloover 21.61, 10. Brynlee Hayek 22.44. 400 hurdles - 10. DeSloover 1:36.94. 4x100 - 2. Kendall Kuennen, Hayek, Emersyn Hoffert, Jenna Thronndson 54.88. 4x200 - 5. Hoffert, Addison Steinlage, Chicken, Manderfield 2:08.64. 4x400 - 2. Kuennen, Stika, Gruenberg, Nieman 4:19.67. 4x800 - 3. Steinlage, DeSloover, Ball, Hoffert 13:09.21. Sprint medley - 2. Kuennen, Thronndson, Nieman, Stika 1:57.15. Distance medley - 1. Nieman, Hayek, Kuennen, Stika 4:25.75. Shuttle hurdle - 3. Hayek, Thronndson, Gruenberg, DeSloover 1:21.22. Shot put - 6. Ellaney Bodensteiner 30-5, 10. Chicken 28-7. Discus - 2. Bodensteiner 103-7, 10. Thronndson 71-3.

2:26.03. 1,600 run - 5. Jayden Rausch 5:12.87, 13. John Forbes 6:59.25. 110 hurdles - 5. Caleb Kriener 19.71. 400 hurdles - 8. Kriener 1:07.91, 11. Levi Kruse 1:08.34. 4x100 - 3. Schmidt, Hugo Busta, Isaiah Wheeler, J.D. Kruse 47.66. 4x200 - 4. Wheeler, Busta, J.D. Kruse, Keyes 1:40.95. 4x400 - 1. Schmidt, Busta, Wheeler, J.D. Kruse 3:38.64. 4x800 - 2. Wheeler, J.D. Kruse, Schmidt, Busta 9:05.42. Sprint medley - 6. L. Kruse, Rausch, Reicks, Keyes 1:50.39. Distance medley - 7. Tucker Reicks, J. Forbes, Humpal, T. Forbes 5:21.51. Shuttle hurdle - 5. Wurzer, Tucker Tlusty, L. Kruse, Kriener 1:20.47. Long jump - 9. Dawson Humpal 11-7.25. Shot put - 14. Wurzer 28-4, 15. Fend 27-10. Discus - 7. T. Reicks 94-4.



Caleb Kriener

TURKEY VALLEY RESULTS

100 dash - 11. Cole Fencil 15.2, Tyler Forbes DQ. 200 dash - 7. Dairen Keyes 24.67, 14. Jacob Wurzer 27.19. 400 dash - 2. Kaden Schmidt 53.97. 800 run - 7. Dominick Reicks

New Hampton coming on strong as they come down to final few meets

NH TRAP: FROM 15

on really strong. He had a week there where he had two 50s in trap and a 48 in skeet. He's been staying really consistent through the end of the season," said Matthews. "We're hoping that continues on as we roll into the final few meets and state."

New Hampton's No. 2 squad placed third at that meet with a 225, followed by the Chickasaws' No. 3 squad, which was one shot back in third place at 224.

Kellogg again remained hot with a 49, as did Aleah Eichenberger and NH freshman Harper Humpal, who climbed into the top three on the girls' leaderboard with 47s.

NH's 467 on Saturday back down in Cedar Falls was good for fourth place.

Devon Snyder (95), Harper Humpal (94) and Kellogg (94) were several of New Hampton's best scores.

TUESDAY, MAY 6 TOP-THREE SQUADS

New Hampton 1 24 3, Waverly-Shell Rock 238, Cedar Valley Shotgunners 237.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Nolan Swehla (NH) 50, Malaki Zuke (Denver) 49, Gavin Nielsen (Cedar Valley) 49, Braden Harris (W-SR) 49, Wyatt Schwickerath (NH) 49.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Evelynn Erhardt (Cedar Valley) 47, Aleah Eichenberger (NH) 46, Delaina Bedard (Cedar Valley) 46, Karla Pickar (NH) 46.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

NH1 (243) - Swehla 50, Schwickerath 49, Jackson Kellogg 48, Chase Humpal 48, Aidan Eichenberger 48.

THURSDAY, MAY 8 TOP-THREE SQUADS

TV-SF Red 235, Nashua-Plainfield 1 230, New Hampton 2 225.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Schwickerath (NH) 50, Kellogg (NH) 49, Lane Barlow (NP) 49.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Ali Blickenderfer (Charles City) 50, Eichenberger

(NH) 47, Harper Humpal (NH) 47, Kinley Roths (Charles City) 47.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

NH2 (225) - Al. Eichenberger 47, Carter Dreckman 41, H. Humpal 47, Schwickerath 50, Jake Schwickerath 40.

NH3 (224) - Pickar 42, Emmett Kuehner 46, Jaylen Shekleton 43, C. Humpal 48, Swehla 45.

NH1 (219) - Kellogg 49, Vanessa Snyder 37, Devon Snyder 48, Danielle Ellingson 43, Carson Burke 42.

CEDAR FALLS 100 TARGET OPEN INVITE TOP-THREE SQUADS

TV-SF 1 471, Cresco Area Clay Crushers 469, CC/NP/RRMR 468.

TOP-THREE BOYS

Greysen Miller (Denver) 98, Hunter Boehmer (Charles City) 97, Jacob Fisher (Cedar Falls) 97.

TOP-THREE GIRLS

Hayley Burke (Oelwein) 95, H. Humpal (NH) 94, Theresa Hanson (TVSF) 94.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

NH1 (467) - D. Snyder 95, H. Humpal 94, Kellogg 94, W. Schwickerath 92, Burke 92.

Turkey Valley boys record a number of personal bests

TV BOYS GOLF: FROM 15

Busta was on-point with a 41 (medalist runner-up), followed by Blong's 43. TV senior Calen Franzen and junior Wyatt Maklenburg each accumulated rounds of 45. Each of those nine-hole rounds were personal bests for those aforementioned Trojans.

The Trojans were without their ace, Nicholas Bernhard, due to the large group band ensemble in Decorah.

Back on Tuesday, May 6, TV outplayed Clayton Ridge at home to come away with a

22-stroke victory – 170 to 192.

Bernhard fired an even-par 36 to secure the top spot on the leaderboard.

"The greens at Jackson Heights are speeding up and that is probably one of the contributing factors to the fine round of even par 36 shot by Nicholas. Nicholas says he likes fast greens and that is the first time he has shot a 36 with all pars," said the TV head coach.

Blong and Busta each entered the clubhouse with respective rounds of 44.

TV competed on Wednesday at the Class 1A sectional at

South Winn Golf & Country Club in Calmar. Team and individual qualifiers advance on to Highland Golf Course in Mason City on Monday, May 19 for the district meet.

TURKEY VALLEY 170, CLAYTON RIDGE 192

Medalist - Nicholas Bernhard (TV) 36.

Turkey Valley scores - Bernhard 36, Brady Blong 44, Logan Busta 44, Colton Kurtenbach 46, Calen Franzen 57.

THURSDAY, MAY 8 TRIANGULAR TEAM SCORES

Waukon 317, South Winneshiek 319, Turkey Valley 337. Medalist - Dylan Stegan (W) 73. Turkey Valley scores -

40-37-Bernhard 77, Blong 35-42-77, Busta 45-46-91, Wyatt Maklenburg 49-48-97, Franzen 58-49-107, Kurtenbach 55-55-110.

CRESTWOOD 168, TURKEY VALLEY 174

Medalist - Dane Curtin (CR) 40. Turkey Valley scores - Busta 41, Blong 43, Franzen 45, Maklenburg 45, Kurtenbach 50, Caleb Kriener 58.

UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE TEAM SCORES

South Winneshiek 318, MFL MarMac 324, North Fayette Valley 330, Central Elkader 331, Turkey Valley 342, Clayton Ridge 358, West Central 374, Postville 412.

Medalist - Bernhard (TV) 72.

Turkey Valley scores - Bernhard 72, Busta 81, Blong 88, Franzen 101, Kurtenbach 107, Maklenburg 115.

Chickasaw girls to open soccer playoffs with road game against North Fayette Valley

GIRLS SOCCER: FROM 15

goals on the season, while Uglum has notched four goals this spring.

Dungeo has netted 16 goals in 2025 and received praise from her head coach.

"Tegan's a promising player. She exudes a natural sense of danger whenever she takes possession of the ball. She is distinguished by her exceptional passing accuracy and powerful shots on goal," Talib added.

New Hampton plays at Charles City tonight (Thursday) and entertains Clayton Ridge (9-1-2) at home this Friday.

The Chickasaws' postseason opponent is North Fayette Valley (6-3-3). New Hampton travels to Ron Wymer Field in West Union to square off against the TigerHawks in a Class 1A, Region 1 opening round match.



Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton senior Jackie Pickar moves the ball upfield on Friday.

Chickasaw coach says team better than scoreboard has showed

Boys Soccer: FROM 15

Still, despite falling to 1-11, New Hampton's coach saw a lot that he liked on Friday. Start with the fact that the Chickasaws dug themselves out of a 2-0 deficit to tie the game at halftime on two Kevyn Torres goals. Torres was at it again early in the second half, finding the back of the net two more times to give New Hampton that 4-2 lead.

"They answered and came back," he said. "Even in the beginning when we were down two, we had some good opportunities. They battled back. They didn't get their heads

down."

Torres continually carved the Bulldogs' defense up during New Hampton's run to the lead. "He played really well," Monteith said. "That's probably the best game I've seen him play. He distributed the ball well and was finishing well."

The loss to MFL came on Senior Night, when New Hampton honored Xander Meyerhoff and Jarrin Robinson following the game, and Monteith had high praise for both.

Start with Meyerhoff, the energetic forward and midfielder.

"Since his freshman year, he's

Chickasaw senior rallies to earn all-NEIC honors

NH BOYS GOLF: FROM 15

up-and-down day at times as freshman Drew Kipp (86) and senior Gabe Macon (88) rounded out New Hampton's scorers.

"If you think about it, Adam and Charlie are the only guys who had played in a conference tournament before," New Hampton coach Brad Shatek said, "and I know some of our guys wanted to play better but maybe they just felt it a little more today with it being conference."

Ewert certainly wanted to play better on the front nine, but he struggled to a 45 before finally finding his game. He roared back with a 37 on the second nine to finish in a tie for ninth during his final tournament as a Chickasaw on his home course.

"I struggled a little bit on that first nine, but I reeled it back in," Ewert said. "I just had to make a little tweak here and there and then that's the difference between a 45 and a 37. I feel like I could have very well be in the top five, but it is what it is and I was able to put it together and find something out there."

Ewert, though, didn't head to the course Monday morning in a nostalgic mindset; in fact, it wasn't until he was interviewed after the meet that he said he realized he had played his final competitive high school round.

"I didn't really have that mindset, but now that you say that, yeah," said Ewert, who has played varsity golf for four years. "Being with those other guys for like three years and then having the whole scene

change, it's been a little different, but I'm still having fun playing with the guys."

And hopefully that fun is continuing. New Hampton played at the Class 1A sectional Wednesday after this edition of the Tribune went to press, and Shatek said on Monday that no matter what happened at the sectional, he's proud of his 2025 Chickasaws.

"Gabe's playing his first year of varsity golf, we have three freshmen [Kipp, Evan Geerts and Lane Flattum] and sure, at times it's been a little bit of a roller coaster," he said, "but these guys have hung in there, they've kept learning and I'd love to see them get a chance to keep playing."

Kriener, meanwhile, said he, too, is still learning. Take Monday, for example.

"I didn't make any mistakes besides getting too nervous, well that and the choices I made with clubs and controlling my heartbeat," he said. "Besides from that I probably would have shot close to par. I'll work on it, that much I'll tell you."

TEAM SCORES

Decorah 305, Charles City 319, Waukon 327, New Hampton 333, Crestwood 342.

ALL-CONFERENCE INDIVIDUALS

Jacob Stevens (D) 72, Tommy Sexton (D) 73, Dylan Stegen (W) 73, Riley Perez (CC) 75, Carson Gallup (CC) 76, Charlie Kriener (NH) 77, Jackson Pipho (D) 78, Trevor Peffer (W) 81, Adam Ewert (NH) 82, Nick Williams (CC) 82, Carter Dily (D) 82, Luka Drtina (C) 82, Jackson Naber (D) 84, Owen Korsmo (C) 85, Jace Pedretti (C) 85.

NEW HAMPTON SCORES

Kriener 37-40 – 77, Ewert 45-37 – 82, Drew Kipp 42-44 – 86, Gabe Macon 44-44 – 88, Lane Flattum (NH) 48-46 – 94, Evan Geerts 46-54 – 100.

New Hampton boys finish as runner-up at quadrangular that wraps up regular season

The New Hampton boys golf team ended the regular season last week on a relative high note as the Chickasaws finished second in a quadrangular played at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club.

Waukon won the Tuesday quad with a 157, 10 shots better than New Hampton, which bested Tripoli and Don Bosco in the team standings.

The 167 tied New Hampton's previous second-best round of the season and only trailed the 152 the Chickasaws fired against Waverly-Shell Rock on May 1.

Senior Adam Ewert and sophomore Charlie Kriener led the Chickasaws as Ewert finished with a 40 while Kriener was one shot back with a 43. Freshmen Drew Kipp and Evan Geerts both shot 43s to round out the New Hampton scorers.

MAY 6 QUADRANGULAR TEAM SCORES

Waukon 157, New Hampton 167, Tripoli 174, Don Bosco 178. Medalist: Logan Boldt (T) 36. New Hampton scores – Adam Ewert 40, Charlie Kriener 41, Evan Geerts 43, Drew Kipp 43, Gabe Macon 47, Lane Flattum 50. New Hampton JV scores – Riley Scheidel 45, Brayden Rosonke 51, Kody Kleen 54, Chase Gebel 59, Caleb Utley 61, Billy Klassen 61.

ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS AND TROJANS

THURSDAY

New Hampton trapshooting at Turkey Valley, 4 p.m. New Hampton coed track at Class 2A state qualifying meet, Crestwood, 4 p.m. Turkey Valley coed track at Class 1A state qualifying meet, Edgewood-Colesburg, 4 p.m. New Hampton soccer at Charles City, girls at 5 p.m., boys at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton girls golf at 2A regional first round at New Hampton Golf & Country Club, 10 a.m. Turkey Valley girls golf at 1A regional first round, Edgewood Colesburg, 10 a.m. New Hampton trapshooting vs. South Winneshiek at Turkey Valley range, 4 p.m. New Hampton soccer vs. Clayton Ridge, boys at 4:30 p.m., girls at 6:15 p.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton boys golf, if qualified, at district meet, Fox Ridge Golf Course, Dike, 10 a.m. Turkey Valley boys golf, if qualified, at district meet, Highland Park Golf Course, Mason City, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton trapshooting vs. South Winn, 4 p.m. New Hampton baseball at Starmont, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m. New Hampton boys soccer at substate, TBD

WEDNESDAY

New Hampton girls golf, if qualified, at regional final, Forest City, 10 a.m. Turkey Valley girls golf, if qualified, at regional final, Midland, 10 a.m. New Hampton baseball vs. Clayton Ridge, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m. New Hampton girls soccer, Class 1A regional at North Fayette Valley, 7 p.m.



Bob Fenske/Tribune
Jarrin Robinson and his mother, LeAnn, are greeted by New Hampton coaches during the Senior Night program.

Chickasaw freshman shines at final NEIC

NH BOYS TRACK: FROM 18

while New Hampton scored 51 points.

Twenty of those points came from freshman Carson Laures' events as he won the Chickasaws' only title with a win in the 400 hurdles, took second in the high jump, claimed third in the 110 high hurdles and anchored the distance medley relay team to a fourth-place finish.

"Carson has been one of our hardest workers without fail this year," Jenkins said. "No matter how hard we work in practice or what we challenge him with at meets, he doesn't moan, groan, or complain; he just goes out and does what we need him to do.

"He has continually had challenges placed in front of him throughout the season and has risen to the occasion every time; that's something you don't see in many kids, especially freshmen."

Without Dylon Schmitt, who went home with an illness on Thursday, and Dylan Maloy, who was injured in his first race of the night, New Hampton ran only a couple of relays at "full strength."

"When we lose one or two of the legs in those relays, it's hard to pull guys from other events just so those original ones can compete," Jenkins said. "So ... it just becomes a 'next man in' scenario, and I'm happy with the guys who stepped up to help. We need those kinds of teammates when those situations pop up."

And there were other positives. New Hampton scored points in 14 events, senior Beau Serie finished third in the

400 hurdles, sophomore Cade Carpenter was third in the 400 and Braden Manson scored points in both the 3,200 and 1,500.

Jenkins, though, all along has said that the Class 2A state qualifying meet, which will be run at Cresco today (Thursday), is the more important meet.

It also happens to be loaded with a number of fast teams.

"Our goals on Thursday will be to get as many events to state as possible, and to also have season bests in as many different events as possible," he said. "If we accomplish those two things, I'll be very happy because it means the kids gave a total effort."

NORTHEAST IOWA CONFERENCE TEAM SCORES

Decorah 144, Crestwood 84, Waukon 61, New Hampton 51, Charles City 50.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

(x-denotes additional competitors)

100 – 8. Jay Pickar 12.32, 9. Austyn Kleppe 12.33, x-Kale Venem 12.98.

200 – 7. Kinnick Wisner 24.60, x-Jacob McDonald 27.04.

400 – 3. Cade Carpenter 54.59, x-Asher Jirak 1:01.45.

800 – 7. Colin Shatek 2:16.70, 9. Kamdyn Trower 2:23.50, x-Trenton Horner 2:29.28.

1,600 – 5. Braden Manson 5:15.22, 7. Riley Berns 5:35.95.

3,200 – 4. Manson 11:12.49.

100 hurdles – 3. Carson Laures 16.32.

400 hurdles – 1. Laures 57.86, 3. Beau Serie 59.54.

4x100 – 3. Pickar, Kleppe, Wisner, Ethan Carter 46.64.

4x200 – 3. Pickar, Kleppe, Edgar Rodriguez, Wisner 1:38.22.

4x400 – 5. Rodriguez, Carpenter, Dieterich, Kyle Rausch 3:50.13.

4x800 – 3. Trower, Berns, Horner, Shatek 9:58.05.

Sprint medley – 3. Wisner, Carter, Serie, Rodriguez 1:43.27; x-Ashton Pitz, Jace Schipper, Cargin Robinson,



Jeremy Troendle/Waukon Standard
New Hampton's Edgar Rodriguez sprints to the finish line as he anchors the Chickasaws' sprint medley relay at last week's Northeast Iowa Conference meet.

Will Dieterich 1:50.74.

Distance medley – 4. Dylan Maloy, Serie, Carter, Laures 3:55.80.

Shuttle hurdle – 4. Will Dieterich, C. Robinson, Rausch, Elliott Eiler 1:16.50.

High jump – 2. Laures 6-0, 7. Rausch 5-4.

Long jump – 5. Carter 17-10.7.5, 9. Pickar 15-8.25, x-Schipper 16-11, x-Dieterich 16-4.

Shot put – 5. Kleppe 42-6, 10.

McDonald 33-7, x-Francisco Valdez 28-7, x-LJ Robinson 27-3.

Discus – 9. Roy Barron 110-8, 10. Aiden Zeien 102-6, x-Carpenter 100-4, x-Jaxon Kuehn 86-0.

EXHIBITION RACES

4x100 – 3. Dakota Martzahn, Pitz, Venem, Eiler 49.37.

4x200 – 3. Martzahn, C. Robinson, Rausch, Eiler 1:42.23.

New Hampton girls golfers are in 'good place' as regional begins

NH GIRLS GOLF: FROM 18

I didn't play my worst," said Geerts. "Ten's a big year and to be the last year with this conference, it's exciting and special."

Chickasaw seniors Maycen Hackman (92, tied for fifth) and Brenna Flattum (97, seventh) were NH's other all-league performers.

"All of them did good. We had five girls all-conference and Camryn (Smith) missed by essentially one stroke," said Olson. "That's awesome."

New Hampton won its home invite last week Thursday over defending state champ Sumner-Fredericksburg – 335 to 367.

The Cougars' three-time defending state champ – S-F senior Chloe Bolte – shot a one-over par 73 to snare medalist honors.

Lauren Nuss was medalist runner-up with a 74 and Kirsten Nuss placed third with a 77.

New Hampton concluded the dual portion of its conference season last week Monday at Waukon, which capped an amazing 42-match win streak in the NEIC dating back to that same date of 2016.

"This past season we've had a lot of memories – a lot of them have happened in that Suburban over there," smiled Lauren Nuss. "There's definitely a lot of memories left to be had and I think it's going to be a

really fun postseason if we just keep playing how we've been playing."

Olson agreed.

"We're in a good place. We got a lot of confidence," said Olson. "It's just onward and go. They're a great group. They do everything I ask them to do. We're ready to go."

NEW HAMPTON INVITATIONAL TEAM SCORES

New Hampton 335, Sumner-Fredericksburg 367, Waverly-Shell Rock 374, Crestwood 376, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 389, Denver 399.

Medalist - Chloe Bolte (SF) 39-37.3.

New Hampton scores - Lauren Nuss 38-36-74, Kirsten Nuss 38-39-77, Alivia Geerts 51-41-92, Maycen Hackman 51-54-105, Brenna Flattum 47-45-92, Camryn Smith 56-51-107.

JV scores - Drey O'Brien 58-56-114.

NEIC CONFERENCE MEET TEAM SCORES

New Hampton 346, Crestwood 381, Charles City 429, Waukon 438, Decorah 447.

ALL-CONFERENCE GOLFERS

Lauren Nuss (NH) 82, Ainsley Teeling (C) 82, Kirsten Nuss (NH) 83, Alivia Geerts (NH) 89, Maycen Hackman (NH) 92, Kenzie Moellers (C) 92, Brenna Flattum (NH) 97, Kinleigh Bahe (CC) 101, Peyton Ullom (C) 101, Alyssa Connelly (W) 102, Isabel Crawford (CC) 104, Olivia Brynsaas (D) 105, Addison Moellers (C) 106, Kieman Ruppert (C) 106, Lulu Bellrichard (D) 106.

NEW HAMPTON SCORES

L. Nuss 38-44-82, K. Nuss 40-43-83, Geerts 44-45-89, Hackman 42-50-92, Flattum 49-48-97, Smith 59-50-109.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Kirsten Nuss powers her shot on to the green at the NEIC meet held in Charles City on Monday.

New Hampton coach is proud of team's response after injury

NH GIRLS TRACK: FROM 16

"Kinslee was Kinslee through and through," Laures said, "and as much as she was hurting, all she was thinking about were her teammates. I know I've talked a lot about her, but she really is the ultimate teammate and will do anything for our team."

And then after the meet was delayed for 30 minutes so that an ambulance could arrive and take Rings to the hospital, the Chickasaws went out and won the next two races on the track as Taylor Ries put in a dominating performance in the 400 hurdles before Sophie Glaser, Rings' classmate, won a thrilling three-way battle in the 1,500.

"They came together and they really responded," Laures said. "Taylor obviously was the favorite in the hurdles, but Sophie certainly was not, but she's a lot like Kinslee in that no one's going to outwork her and she ran a beautiful race."

Earlier in the meet, Glaser had taken second in the 3,000 with a season-best time, but in the 1,500, she would not be denied as she covered the three and three-quarters laps in a career-best 5:17.06 to edge Waukon's Reagan Benzing and Crestwood's Laney Peter.

"You could see it in Sophie's face the whole race that she wasn't going to settle for second," Laures said. "That determination, that grit, that girl has both."

The wins by Ries and Glaser came after New Hampton got a win from its distance medley relay team of Madi Shawver, Aleigha Cahoy, Capri Lester and Ries and helped the Chickasaws to a third-place finish. Decorah, as expected, dominated the meet as the Vikings piled up 168 points to win their 20th straight NEIC title. Crestwood was second with 80, and the Chickasaws edged host Waukon 64-60 to finish in the middle of the five-team pack.

"I'm proud of our girls, all of them," Laures said. "We knew Decorah was uncatchable, and then to go what we went through with Kinslee, I just felt our girls really came together and responded so well. We don't have a lot of girls out, but

the girls we do, they work hard, they stay together. As a coach, that's really what matters."

And now New Hampton heads to its biggest meet of the year, the Class 2A state qualifying meet that will begin at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) in Cresco.

Rings' injury means Laures and her assistant, Brian Schmitt, have their work cut out for them as they prepare the qualifier lineup.

"It's always a challenge because you're not only trying to put your people in the right events but you're also trying to figure out what other teams are doing," Laures said. "Kinslee has been such a big part of our relays, so that makes it tougher ... but we're going to work on it and the goal is always the same – qualifying as many as we can."

NORTHEAST IOWA CONFERENCE TEAM SCORES

Decorah 168, Crestwood 80, New Hampton 64, Waukon 60, Charles City 20.

NEW HAMPTON RESULT (x-denotes additional competitors)

100 – 8. Kinsley Hackman 13.98, 9. Zoey Kellogg 14.28, x-Ava Leichtman 14.54.

200 – 3. Aleigha Cahoy 28.41, 4. Madi Shawver 29.17.

400 – 4. Jersey Pemble 1:05.53, 6. Natalie Nosbisch 1:07.30, x-Rylie Vsetecka 1:09.90.

1,500 – 1. Sophie Glaser 5:17.06, 9. Juanita Cardona 5:46.28.

3,000 – 2. Glaser 11:49.00, 8. Gretta Kuehner 13:24.58.

100 hurdles – 4. Kadence Rings 17.71, 8. Bailee Tenge 19.05, x-Sydney Laures 18.94.

400 hurdles – 1. Taylor Ries 1:06.98, 5. Ella Knutson 1:16.44.

4x100 – 5. Leichtman, Ka. Rings, Tenge, Kellogg 55.58.

4x200 – 3. Hackman, Shawver, Kellogg, Cahoy 1:53.30.

4x400 – 3. Hackman, Capri Lester, Nosbisch, Ries 4:17.87.

4x800 – 3. Kinslee Rings, Pemble, Cardona, Adrianna Kinley 10:37.82.

Sprint medley – 2. Shawver, Hackman, Cahoy, Ries 1:54.89.

Distance medley – 1. Shawver, Cahoy, Lester, Ries 4:30.49.

Shuttle hurdle – 3. Ka. Rings, Laures, Knutson, Tenge 1:14.59.

High jump – 5. Kinley 4-4.

Long jump – 6. Tenge 13-5.

Shot put – 7. Ki. Rings 32-1, 10. Braelyn Rosonke 30-6.5.

Discus – 9. Rosonke 83-3.

EXHIBITION RACES

4x100 – 4. Knutson, Ka. Rings, Tenge, Kellogg 58.59.

4x200 – 4. Leichtman, Knutson, Brooklyn McShane, Vsetecka 2:04.66.

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CITY COUNCIL. COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY MAY 5, 2025 7:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Geerts. Council members present were Schwickerath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal, Larsen. Porath was absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney Todd Prichard, Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, Eric Kuehn, Joe Leibold, Nick Leibold, Kelvin Leibold, Jordyn Fye, Ryan Gurwell of A & R Land Services, two NHHS students and Bob Fenske.

1. Approve meeting agenda

2. Approve Regular City Council Minutes of April 21, 2025.

3. Approve City Claims of \$80,732.75

4. Cemetery Board Meeting of April 18, 2025

5. Airport Minutes of April 14, 2025

6. Police Department Memo Regarding Sergeant Position

7. Fireworks Agreement with J&M Displays for Heartland Days June 13, 2025

8. Mobile Vendors for Heartland Days – Sugar Bowl LLC, Titanium Lunchbox

9. Street Closure Application – NH Farmers Market on 4th Thursday each month.

10. Cigarette Permit Applications: Casey's Marketing Co, Fareway Stores, Inc.

11. Agreement: Lucky Wife Wine Slushies 5/23/25 Fundraiser in Mikkelson Park

Moved by Schwickerath, seconded by Speltz; that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Motion carried.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING ON PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – WWTP LAND ACQUISITION

Mayor Geerts announced now is the time and place fixed for the public hearing on the proposed Public Improvement Project – Wastewater Treatment Plant Land Acquisition. The City of New Hampton, Iowa will consider giving final approval to fund the site-specific design, the selection of the proposed route and/or site location for this public improvement, and to authorize the completion of this public improvement. The City of New Hampton proposes to, but has not yet given final approval, to open negotiations to acquire the property, easement(s), or other rights in real property necessary to construct this public improvement, or to institute condemnation proceedings, if necessary, to do so.

The Council investigated and found that the time and the place of the hearing had in accordance with the law and as directed by the City Council been published in the New Hampton Tribune on the 24th day of April 2025 in New Hampton, Chickasaw County.

Mayor Geerts asked for oral comments. Landowners Joe Leibold, Nick Leibold and Kelvin Leibold shared their concerns with the proposed project and the impact it will have on their farmland.

Mayor Geerts asked for written comments. There were none.

Ryan Gurwell of A&R Land Services shared the next steps in the land acquisition process, specifically the necessary appraisals and easements. Moved by Humpal, seconded by Denner; that Resolution No. 6728 A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON PROPOSED TO, BUT HAS NOT YET GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL, TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS TO ACQUIRE THE PROPERTY, EASEMENT(S), OR OTHER RIGHT IN REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT, OR TO INSTITUTE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING, IF NECESSARY TO DO SO, be approved. Ayes – Schwickerath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal, Larsen. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Resolution approved.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Geerts announced now is

the time and place fixed for the public hearing on the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget Amendment. The Council investigated and found that the time and the place of the hearing had in accordance with the law and as directed by the City Council been published in the New Hampton Tribune on the 24th day of April 2025 in New Hampton, Chickasaw County.

Mayor Geerts asked for oral comments. City Clerk Karen Clemens explained the amendment. Mayor Geerts asked for written comments. There were none. Mayor Geerts declared the hearing closed. Moved by Speltz, seconded by Larsen That Resolution No. 6729 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT, be approved. Ayes – Schwickerath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal, Larsen. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Resolution approved.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN ORDINANCE CHANGE

Mayor Geerts announced now is the time and place fixed for the public hearing on the New Hampton City Code ordinance change deleting the following: City Code 75.08

States: HOURS OF OPERATION No ATV, UTV, or snowmobile shall be operated in the

City between sunset and sunrise except for emergency situations or for loading and unloading from a transport trailer.

The Council investigated and found that the time and the place of the hearing had in accordance with the law and as directed by the City Council been published in the New Hampton Tribune on the 1st day of May 2025 in New Hampton, Chickasaw County. Mayor Geerts asked for oral comments. There were none. Mayor Geerts asked for written comments. There were none. Mayor Geerts declared the hearing closed.

The Council discussed additional issues regarding the use of UTVs and ATVs, specifically regarding the age of the driver. Iowa state law requires drivers are 18 years of age to drive UTVs and ATV's, however, the Iowa state law for snowmobiles allow 16 year old drivers. Additionally, Iowa state law allows UTVs and ATV to be driven 24 hours a day; the city does not need to include any reference to the times allowed.

The third reading for approving the ordinance AN ORDINANCE REVISING ATVS, UTVS AND SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS failed due to lack of a motion.

Council discussed the age requirements for these vehicles. Attorney Prichard recommended following Iowa State Code which requires the driver to be 18 years of age. Moved by Speltz, seconded by Larsen; To discuss amending the City Code of Section 75.08 at the next regular City Council to replace the existing code section with the following: A person operating a UTV or ATV in the New Hampton city limits shall have a valid driver's license and shall be at least 18 years of age and carry proof of financial liability coverage in accordance with Iowa Code Section 321.234A. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Motion carried

Bids were received for the sale of city owned property described as: A portion of land located south of the intersection of south Broadway avenue and west Garfield Street extending approximately 660' south and a 66' width.

Bids Amount

Jordan and Beth Fye..... \$2,000 +Surveying & Recording fees

Moved by Speltz, seconded by Schwickerath; That a Resolution No 6730 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID OF JORDYN AND BETH FYE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 PLUS SURVEYING AND RECORDING FEES FOR THE PURCHASE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY be approved. Ayes – Schwickerath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal, Larsen. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Resolution approved.

Staff has prepared proposed water and sewer rate increases, effective July 1, 2025, for the upgrades to aging infrastructure. Moved by Larsen, seconded by Speltz; That Resolution No. 6731 RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 19TH, 2025 AT 7:00 PM TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF NEW HAMPTON CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE WATER AND SEWER RATES TO \$12.00 PER 100 GALLONS PER DAY, BE APPROVED. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Motion carried.

NANCE AMENDING SEWER AND WATER RATES AND INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FEES, be approved. Ayes – Schwickerath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal, Larsen. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Resolution approved.

Staff member Eric Kuehn successfully passed the Grade 4 Wastewater Certification testing. As of result of this, PWD Mai is recommending Kuehn's salary be increased to \$80,000 effective May 5, 2025. Council members requested a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the wage increase request.

Chief Conrad Rosendahl requested to purchase 4 car cameras for the police department vehicles. The current cameras are unreliable and not effective for investigative purposes. Rosendahl will pay for these using funds from the police departments FY2025 budget. Moved by Humpal, seconded by Larsen That Resolution No. 6732 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CAR CAMERAS FROM AXON ENTERPRISES INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,032.80 be approved. Ayes – Schwickerath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal, Larsen. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Resolution approved.

PWD Mai shared the information from the Water Committee meeting held prior to the council meeting at 6:00 pm. Resident and business owner, Jonas Schwickerath, is requesting an increase of water flow and pressure for his expanding business. Mai is working with Schwickerath to provide better water flow and possibly offer other businesses on North Linn the opportunity for city water. Mai is considering looping the water mains from Sara Lee Drive and Canty Ave to North Linn. Committee members encouraged Schwickerath to begin the engineering process to determine cost estimates.

The decorative bricks on Main Street sidewalks are deteriorating in several locations. In December 2020 the City paid \$10,759.00 to have the new concrete poured and stamped near Kwik Star and NHMU. Moved by Larsen, seconded by Speltz; To direct city staff to provide the council quotes on the costs of coloring, stamping or regular concrete for the Main Street sidewalks. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Motion carried.

Brian Tank is the contractor repairing the collapsed brick wall at 1 West Main Street. Tank will start the repairs this week.

Moved by Schwickerath, seconded by Larsen; that the meeting adjourn at 8:48 pm. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Porath. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS, CMC City Clerk

STEVE GEERTS, Mayor

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 7:00 P.M.

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USPS, Postage for Utility Bills ..227.60

John Deere Financial, Supplies (Street Water Fire Sewer).....342.19

Total Written 569.79

CITY - TO BE WRITTEN

20/20 FX, Computer Repairs (Police) ... 75.00

A & R Land Services, Inc, ROW Services for WWTP Project425.00

Alex Air Apparatus 2, LLC, Cleaner, Gaskets, NFPA Rescue Carabineer (Fire)1,321.37

Anderson, Kyle, Mileage to Class (415.7 x .7) & Lunch (WA)299.55

Blazek Corporation, Water Main Repair on Walnut Ave (Water)1,205.00

BMC Aggregates LC, Roadstone (Water Street)1,690.57

Calhoun Burns Associates, Annual Bridge Inspection (Street) ..1,225.00

Chickasaw County Auditor, Share of Hotel/ Motel Tax Revenue 1,095.80

Chickasaw Co Treasurer, 53.36 Tons of Salt @ \$98/Ton (Street)5,229.28

City Laundering Co, Uniforms (WA SR ST) Mats, Misc (ST SR)489.42

Croell Inc, Water Main Repair on Walnut Ave (Water)797.50

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New Hampton enjoys stellar week on the range

Chickasaws shoot season-high 243;
Schwickerath, Swehla score perfect 50s

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Wyatt Schwickerath continued his torrid shooting pace this spring and this time around Nolan Swehla joined the perfect party.

Swehla, a junior New Hampton trap-shooter, fired his first 50 of the year in singles trap competition at the Denver-Janesville Invite in Cedar Falls last week Tuesday that saw his Chickasaws come up with a season-high 243 to reel in first-place honors.

“Towards the end of the season we usually get up into the low 240s, so it’s a really good place to be getting ready to come in to the end of the season and the state tournament,” said NH head coach Jay Matthews.

Matthews said this is actually Swehla’s second 50 fired during the year, but the first perfect round of 50 came in skeet.

NH seniors Aleah Eichenberger and Karla Pickar each placed in the top three in girls competition with identical rounds of 46.

Schwickerath missed just one clay target en route to a 49. Jackson Kellogg, Chase Humpal and Aidan Eichenberger all fired rounds of 48 to help post that season-best score of 243 down in Black Hawk County.

Schwickerath notched his third perfect 50 round on Thursday at home versus Turkey Valley/Sumner-Fredericksburg and Charles City/Nashua-Plainfield/RRMR.

“Since that Cresco Invite, Wyatt’s come

SEE NH TRAP, 13



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Danielle Ellingson and Carson Burke get off shots during a home meet last week at the Fredericksburg Sportmen’s Club.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton goalkeeper Easton Monteith makes a save during Friday’s game against MFL MarMac.

Fatigue costs New Hampton boys dearly in soccer loss to Bulldogs

MFL MarMac scores four goals late to beat Chickasaws 6-4

By BOB FENSKE
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This one stung, no doubt about it.

After surviving a tough and at times unlucky start, the New Hampton boys soccer team scored four unanswered goals — all off the foot of Kevyn Torres — to take a 4-2 lead into the game’s final 10 minutes against MFL MarMac last Friday.

And then the proverbial bottom fell out as the Chickasaws suffered a key injury and the Bulldogs took advantage with their own four-goal run to hand New Hampton a 6-4 loss.

For New Hampton coach Jeff Monteith, whose team would fall to Mason City 8-0 on Monday, the key moment in the game may have come when sophomore middle defender

Israel Ortiz went down with an injury. That’s when New Hampton’s lack of depth cost the Chickasaws dearly.

“I guarantee you we were a little tired the last 10 minutes,” Monteith said, “and when we lost Izzy in the mid there on that play, that hurts because it takes one of our good mid-defenders out. He’s normally that one who steps in the middle and we were letting them getting runs through the middle then.”

Instead, MFL attacked the middle, and three of its four closing goals came after the Bulldogs exploited the Chickasaws’ middle to get easy shots off against New Hampton goalkeeper Easton Monteith, who finished the night with 20 saves.

SEE BOYS SOCCER, 13

Turkey Valley sophomore wins UIC medalist honors

Bernhard fires 72; Busta’s 81 good for all-UIC team

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Turkey Valley has obviously experienced some home cookin’ as of late as Nick Bernhard’s Trojans have hosted the last four golf meets they’ve competed in at Jackson Heights Golf Course.

The most recent home date was on Monday as TV hosted the Upper Iowa Conference meet and finished fifth with an 18-hole round of 342. South Winneshiek was crowned league champ with a 318.

TV sophomore Nicholas Bernhard achieved the No. 1 spot on the leaderboard as he was tabbed overall medalist at the conference get-together with an even par 72.

Trojan junior Logan Busta was also tabbed all-conference as he fired an 81, good for seventh place.

Turkey Valley hosted a triangular at home on Thursday, May 8 and saw Waukon and South Winneshiek come to town. Waukon won the meet with a 317, South Winn carded a 319 and TV wound up with a 337.

Bernhard again made some noise out on the links with a 77, which tied him with fellow TV sophomore Brady Blong and South Winn’s Braiden Todd for third place. Blong’s stellar round to match his teammate Bernhard was a career low. Blong shot the low nine-hole total with a 35, which was one-under par.

“Nicholas had a little bunker trouble but managed to scramble to tie Blong,” said Nick Bernhard.

TV took on Crestwood at home this past Friday and saw the Cadets outscore the Trojans, 168 to 174.

SEE TV BOYS GOLF, 13



Becky Walz/Decorah Leader

Turkey Valley’s Nicholas Bernhard chips the ball on to the green during the UIC meet played at Jackson Heights on Monday.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton’s Adam Ewert (above) keeps an eye on his tee shot while teammate Charlie Kriener putts for a par during Monday’s NEIC tournament.



Chickasaw pair earns all-conference golf honors

New Hampton’s Kriener finishes sixth, Ewert bounces back after tough opening nine to tie for ninth at final NEIC

By BOB FENSKE
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Don’t get us wrong, Charlie Kriener had a pretty solid freshman season in 2024, but if anyone on the New Hampton boys golf team has had a breakout season this spring, it’s Kriener.

His strong sophomore season continued Monday as Kriener fired a 77 to earn a sixth-place finish in the individual standings at the Northeast Iowa Conference tournament that was held at the New Hampton Country Club.

After the walk around the course to an all-conference showing, Kriener was asked how he went from a solid golfer to one of New Hampton’s best in just a year’s time.

“Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of hours of practice. Not only practicing, but getting more serious about working out, I’d say is the thing,” he said. “Practicing when it’s cold out, practicing when it’s warm out. I think the big thing though is focusing on the worst parts of your game even though, let’s be honest, people don’t want to

focus on the worst parts of their game because it’s frustrating. But you have to do it to be good.”

Kriener was one of two Chickasaws to earn all-NEIC honors in the conference’s last tournament. Joining him in the top 15 was senior Adam Ewert, who finished with an 82, as New Hampton finished fourth in the five-team event. Decorah shot a 305 to win the team title by 14 strokes over runner-up Charles City.

For the host Chickasaws it was an

SEE NH BOYS GOLF, 13



New Hampton senior Lauren Nuss hits an iron shot to the green at Cedar Ridge Golf Course during the NEIC tournament Monday, and after claiming their 10th straight league title, the Chickasaws pose for their traditional "selfie."

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

END OF AN ELECTRIFYING ERA

SENIOR NUSS TIES FOR MEDALIST HONORS AS CHICKASAWS CLOSE OUT NEIC WITH 10TH STRAIGHT TITLE

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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It's the end of the road for the NEIC, but for the New Hampton girls golf team – a new path begins.

Eric Olson's No. 1 ranked Chickasaws – 38-0 on the season – won the final Northeast Iowa Conference girls golf meet on Monday at Cedar Ridge Golf Course in Charles City.

The top dog in Class 2A won its 10th-consecutive league crown dating back to 2016 and NH did it like they have all spring long – in dominant fashion.

New Hampton shot a 346 to claim first place on the leaderboard – 35 strokes better than league runner-up Crestwood's 381.

"The last one ever. That part's sad, but we just wanted to finish it. It's always a goal. It wasn't a goal when I first started. The goal was just to not get last," said Olson, in his 15th year as NH girls head coach. "Once we won it, we didn't want to give it up."

The Chickasaws cruised to the league championship on the hottest day of the year so far as temps reached into the mid-80s on a course that's long with plenty of trees to navigate around.

This wasn't New Hampton's best 18-hole round of the year – they broke the school record with a 325 earlier this year. But they'll take it as the regional opener on Friday at home looms and kickstarts the Chickasaws' quest to secure their second state title in the last six seasons.

"It never gets old. It's always a new group. You just keep plugging away," said Olson about the NEIC title. "The tradition continues. I'm just really proud of them."

New Hampton senior Lauren Nuss



shared medalist honors with friend Ainsley Teeling of Crestwood, a sophomore that fired identical rounds of 41 to finish with an 82.

Nuss, also paired up with Teeling, carded a 38 on the front nine and fired a 44 on the back, to win her second NEIC individual title. She beat Waverly-Shell Rock's Brenna Bodenstener by a stroke – 92 to 93 – back when she was a freshman in 2022. The Chickasaws actually tied those Go-Hawks – who are no longer in the league – with identical rounds of 406. New Hampton won the tiebreaker to keep its conference win streak alive.

"It's definitely sad. I'm leaving. For the

girls behind us it's going to be moving to a different conference," said Nuss, who will play golf at the University of Northern Iowa. "I also think it's cool my senior year we get to end the conference with a bang and make it 10."

Nuss' little sister – Chickasaw freshman Kirsten Nuss – was medalist runner-up with an 83.

New Hampton had five Chickasaws named all-conference in the two Nuss standouts, along with junior Alivia Geerts, who placed fourth overall with an 89.

"It was hot out. I didn't play my best, but

SEE NH GIRLS GOLF, 14

New Hampton girls respond after injury, take third at NEIC

After teammate goes down in the 800, Ries, Glaser come up with wins in next two events

By BOB FENSKE
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Even a couple of days after the Northeast Iowa Conference track meet ended, New Hampton coach Jeanette Lares was still fighting a losing battle with her emotions.

As she talked on Saturday about what transpired in Waukon on Thursday, the veteran coach still was trying to come to terms with the horrific injury suffered by one of her team's stars, sophomore Kinslee Rings, during the 800-meter run.

Rings went down with two broken bones in her leg during the second lap of the race, and as difficult as it was for Lares, she said what happened next – both with Rings and her teammates – will remain with her for as long as she coaches track and field.

SEE NH GIRLS TRACK, 14



Jeremy Troendle/Waukon Standard
New Hampton's Sophie Glaser crosses the finish line in the 3,000 meter run at the NEIC meet in Waukon last week.

Shorthanded Chickasaw boys take fourth at NEIC

New Hampton freshman wins 400 hurdles

By BOB FENSKE
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Without a doubt, the New Hampton boys track team is deeper this year than it was last spring.

Injuries and illnesses in 2024 meant that the Chickasaws almost had to scratch out of relays, and when the two "I's" hit New Hampton last week at the Northeast Iowa Conference meet, the Chickasaws competed in every relay and basically fielded a full lineup.

Still, coach Scott Jenkins can be forgiven for wondering

"what if?"

"Injuries and illness didn't help us the other night as they affected five of our relays," he said about the NEIC meet in which the Chickasaws finished fourth in the five-team standing. "While we do have more boys out this year – which I'm very grateful for – our margin for being competitive is very thin."

Decorah won the final NEIC meet with 144 points, 60 more than second-place Crestwood. Waukon was third with 61

SEE NH BOYS TRACK, 14

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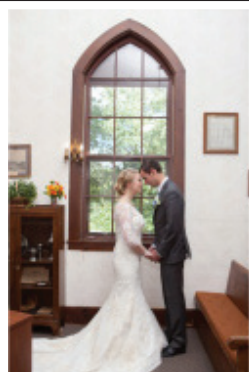
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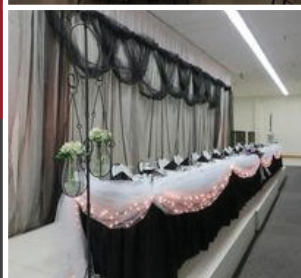
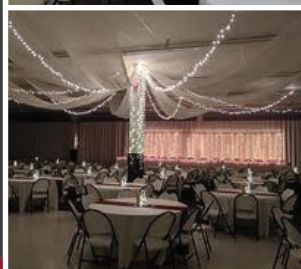
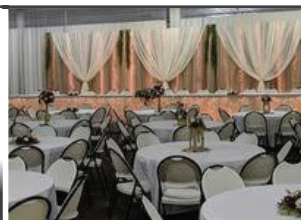
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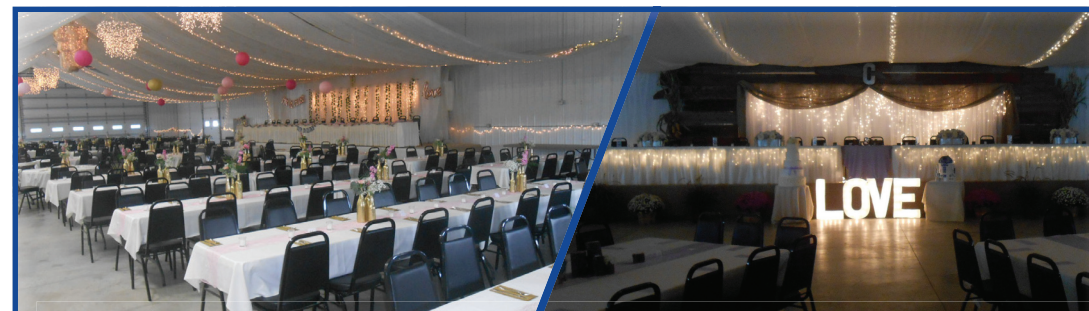
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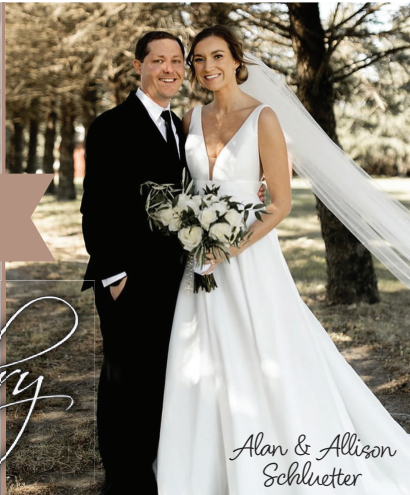
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Gibran Aispuro

The son of Martha Aispuro and Hilario Aispuro, Gibran participated in the play, wrestling and soccer while a NHHS student, also working at Fareway and New Hampton Nursing and Rehab. He plans to continue his education at the University of Iowa to pursue nursing.



New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center

Eddie Arnold

Eddie is the son of Carol Arnold and Pat Arnold. His activities included band and cross country for three years; he also worked at Kwik Star and the Five Star Coop. After graduation his plans are to get his CDL and become a diesel technician.



Security State Bank

Colton Ashley

Colton's parents are Melissa and Daniel Ashley. In high school he was in baseball, 4-H, FBLA, Lettermen and National Honor Society, also working as a bank teller at Security State Bank and retail associate at Five Star Cooperative. After graduation he plans to attend the University of Iowa to study finance.



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Kaiden Baldwin

Kaiden is the son of Dorie Halbfass and Todd Baldwin and was active in wrestling while also working at Subway, Milkhouse Candles and Casey's. After his time at New Hampton, he plans on going into the workforce.



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Re'Anna Barron

The daughter of Troyetta and Roy Barron, Re'Anna was involved in FCCLA and worked at The Pub and Kensington Place. Plans call for her to attend a university in Illinois after graduation.



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Irelynn Bodensteiner

Irelynn is the daughter of Margo and Jim Bodensteiner. Her interests in high school were in band, choir, fall and spring plays, girls wrestling, the shotput and discus in track, with work experience at Milkhouse Candles. After school Irelynn plans on attending Ellsworth for her gen eds, then UNI or Drake for acting and drama for a career.



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Noemi Cardona

Noemi's parents are Edith Cardona and Miguel Cardona. Volunteering at clubs in Mexico and donating to a foundation for a group of high school students in Mexico kept her occupied while a NHHS student. In Mexico she worked in supermarkets, here she worked cleaning offices and at a restaurant. Her future plans are to work and study a career.



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Dylan Carter

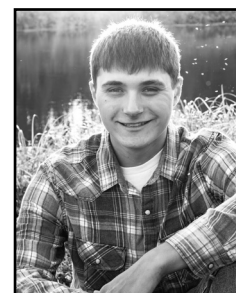
Dylan is the son of Autumn and Issac Carter, and in high school he was in student senate as a sophomore and in band all throughout high school. Work involved the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) at LEAP and working at the CWC. "I am going to the 4+ program in Council Bluffs for 2 years," he said, "and then I am thinking about going to college at UNI to be a high school band teacher."



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Alex Chevchuc

The son of Carla Rosenbaum, Alex worked at EH Electric while a student at New Hampton Community. After graduation he plans on working.



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Zoey Dreckman

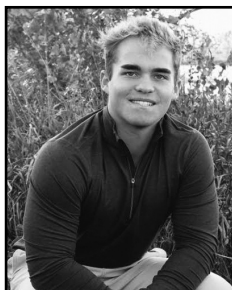
Zoey's parents are Rhonda and Ronald Dreckman and in high school she participated in cross country, bowling, yearbook, National Honor Society, jazz choir, individual speech and Letterettes. She also worked at Fareway and after graduation plans on attending NIACC in Mason City to do the nursing program while continuing her cross country career.



Bank Iowa

Jaxon Eckley

Jaxon is the son of Nicole Felper and Chase Eckley. He was active in baseball, football and Lettermens Club while in high school and worked at the CWC. His future plans are to attend the University of Iowa for the pre-dental program.



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Aleah Eichenberger

The daughter of Heather and Jeremy Eichenberger was in Interact, yearbook, prom and Sweetheart committees, student senate, Skills USA, National Honor Society, 4-H, Chickasaw Co. Council, FFA Officer & honor band, large group speech, concert & marching bands, Iowa Youth Tour, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track, strength & conditioning and trapshooting while working at Grober Dairy, Konen Const. and a CNA at NH Nursing & Rehab. She plans to attend NICC for an RN, transfer to U of Iowa to complete a Bachelor's in Nursing to become a nurse practitioner.



New Hampton Nursing & Rehab Center

Lily Eichenberger

Lily is the daughter of Kerrie Dennler and Phil Eichenberger. While a student at NHHS she worked at the preschool and after graduation her plans are to go to college for cosmetology.



Cedar Valley Property Solutions

Olivia Eichenberger

Olivia, the daughter of Melissa and Aaron Eichenberger, was in FFA, FBLA, Letterettes, soccer, softball, Interact, band, jazz band and NHS while working at Pub at the Pinicon, Poor Richards and Walk, Prichard, Bareseel & Murphy P.C. "After high school, I am attending the University of Iowa to pursue a degree in Political Science," she said. "After University, I plan to attend law school and continue on to be a Criminal Prosecutor for the state of Iowa."



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Elleri Eike

Elleri's parents are Jill and Dennis Eike and in high school Elleri was involved in large group speech, Esports, National Honor Society, choir, jazz choir, honor choir and Interact. She worked at Klunders, New Hampton Public Library and Gals and Pals: Petcare, with future plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to major in Applied Economic Analysis and go onto law school to become a Financial Legal Consultant.



Bank Iowa

Elliott Eiler

Elliott is the son of Beth and Chris Eiler. At NHHS he was in track and field, nerd squad, Esports, FFA and large group speech. Work experience came from pool concessions stand and swim aid, McDonalds crew and crew trainer. After graduation Elliott plans on attending college at Iowa State.



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Adam Ewert

The son of Jennifer and Paul Ewert, Adam was in football, basketball, golf, track and field, baseball, Lettermen's Club, student-athlete advisory council and Iowa Big North while working on the maintenance crew at New Hampton Golf and Country Club. His after-graduation plans are to attend Hawkeye Community College, then transfer to the University of Northern Iowa for teaching.



New Hampton Chiropractic

Elena Federspiel

Elena's parents are Rachel and Troy Federspiel; she participated in track and FCCLA in high school. After graduation Elena plans to work for a year, then attend college "later in life."



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Brenna Flattum

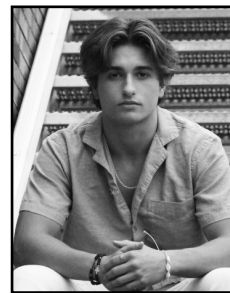
The daughter of Staci Vrzak and Darin Flattum, Brenna kept busy with golf, volleyball, student senate, homecoming committee, Interact Club, National Honor Society, yearbook, prom committee, Iowa Big North and North Iowa Blaze volleyball club. She worked as a CNA at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab, with future plans to attend the University of Iowa as a biology major on the pre-med track.



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Bryce Flugum

Parents of Bryce are Jill and Aaron Flugum. He kept active with football, track, basketball and boy scouts, while working at Andrew Robinson State Farm, as a Fareway meat clerk and bartender at the Pub at the Pinicon. Future plans for Bryce are to go to the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse to major in finance and marketing.



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Yarethzy Garcia-Camarillo

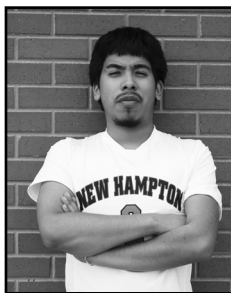
The daughter of Karla Camarillo-Espinoza and Efrain Feliciano Garcia, Yarethzy participated in soccer and Interact Club as a NHHS student while working at Klunder's Kafe and Little Sprouts. Her after-graduation plans are to go to a college for nursing.



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Manuel Guevara

Manuel, the son of Yuri Santoyo and Manuel Guevara, was a member of the Chickasaw soccer team in high school. He worked at Deb El Food Productions and Milk House Candle Factory and plans to go to school for pipe-line welding.



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Hayden Hackman

Hayden's parents are Heather and Chad Hackman and in high school her extracurricular activities were concert, jazz and marching bands, National Honor Society, varsity football managing, FFA and the National Society of High School Scholars. She was a dietary aide at Accura Healthcare (Formerly Linn Haven Nursing & Rehabilitation). She plans to attend the MercyOne School of Radiology in Mason City to become a registered radiologic technologist.



Rebel Diamonds

Kinsley Hackman

Kinsley's parents are Cassie and Jacob Hackman, and she was active in volleyball, volleyball manager, basketball, track and field, student senate, Interact, Letterettes, National Honor Society, C.L.A.S.S. and E.L.P. Kinsley worked at Klunder's Kafe and Floyd Co. Medical Center as a CNA, with plans to attend Wartburg College to major in biochemistry and pursue the Pre-Med track.



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Maycen Hackman

The daughter of Nichole Ackerson and Corey Hackman, Maycen's interests were golf, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, volleyball and wrestling manager, choir, Letterettes, National Honor Society, Interact and yearbook. Work activities were lifeguard, headguard, and working as assistant manager at the pool and bartending at the golf course. "I plan to attend the University of Northern Iowa and major in Sports Administration and Marketing," she said. "After college I want to market for a sports team but am open to working anywhere in sports."



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Mikael Havens

Mikael, the daughter of Christina Howell, participated in basketball, track and winter guard while a student at New Hampton High. After graduation she plans on attending the University of Northern Iowa to major in psychology.



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Olivia Hoy

The daughter of Michelle and Eric Hoy, Olivia's interests at NHHS included choir, track, volleyball, wrestling, large group speech, individual speech, interact, student senate, National Honor Society, musicals, sweetheart committee, prom committee, and Letterettes. She worked at Klunder's Kafe and Little Sprouts Daycare, with plans after graduation to attend Wartburg for Elementary Education.



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Alexandria Johnson

Alexandria's parents are Nicole Engelhart and Stephen Johnson and at NHHS she was involved in volleyball, softball, track and field, wrestling, musicals, jazz choir, Honor Choir, Student Senate, prom committee, Homecoming committee and National Honor Society. Alexandria also worked at Dairy Treat, Little Sprouts Day Care and The Pub at the Pinicon and plans to further her education by attending Capri College in July for Esthiology.



Community Insurance

Kaylee Johnson

Kaylee, the daughter of Nicole Engelhart and Stephen Johnson, participated in softball, volleyball, track, yearbook, Letterettes, choir, wrestling, student senate, National Honor Society, honor choir, large group speech and musical. Employment was at McDonald's, Dairy Treat, Konen Construction, Buckys, The Pub, SDL Detailing and Lawn Care, Stacyville Nursing home and Diner. Her future plans are to get her personal training and nutrition certificate.



Community Insurance

Cassidy Jones

Cassidy, the daughter of Mandy Gilbert, kept busy with student senate, FBLA, National Honor Society, prom committee, sweetheart committee, volleyball, yearbook and Interact, while working as a CNA at a nursing home and hospital. In the future she plans to attend Wartburg to major in biology, Allen for RN, then get her doctorate for nurse practitioner working in oncology.



Community Insurance

Jayden Jones

Jayden is the son of Jamie and Kipp Jones. While a student at New Hampton Jayden was active in FFA, was a volunteer firefighter with the New Hampton Fire Department and was a custodian at the school. His after graduation plans are to "continue volunteering as a firefighter with New Hampton Fire Department and go to college for auto mechanics."



Bank Iowa

Summer Kamps

Summer's host parents in America are MaryAnn Diesburg and James Diesburg. While attending New Hampton, the Switzerland student's activities were volleyball and soccer managing. She said of her future plans, "Back in Switzerland I will start my apprenticeship as a businesswoman at the company "Education First" and go to the business school in Zurich."



MercyOne

Kyson Kielman

Parents of Kyson are Megan Kielman and Colt Kielman. His activities in high school were football and wrestling, with a job at New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation as a CNA. After graduation Kyson plans on attending Hawkeye Community College for nursing.



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Kody Kleen

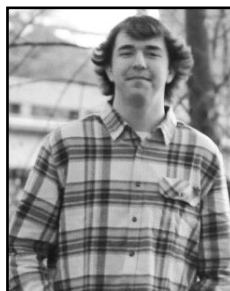
The son of Michele and Raymond Kleen, Kody participated in FCCLA, FBLA, bowling and golf while a student at NHHS. He also worked at Kwik Star, and after graduation plans on going to Iowa State to major in engineering.



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Tanner Knutson

Tanner is the son of Terri and Derick Knutson. While in high school he had jobs at Dak's Tap and Busti Lumber and after he graduates, he plans to get his CDL when he turns 18 and go into trucking from there.



Cedar Valley Property Solutions

Zak Larson

Zak, the son of Sarah and Kurt Larson, worked for Larson Construction while attending New Hampton High School, and he plans on continuing in the workforce after graduation.



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Gabe Macon

Gabe's parents are Tisha Macon and Jeff Macon. His extracurricular activities included baseball, golf, bowling and track and field, with work time spent at Pedal and Play Sports and Poor Richards. After NHHS Gabe plans on joining the Military.



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Landon Marr

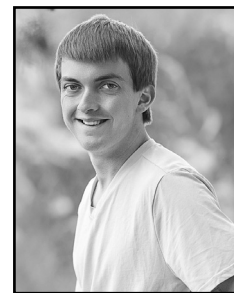
Landon, the son of the late Shari Marr and Scott Marr, was active in baseball and bowling, while working at Pedal and Play and Auto Value. His future plans call for him to attend Wartburg College for a degree in business finance.



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Xander Meyerhoff

Xander is the son of Joyce and Jason Meyerhoff and kept busy with band, choir, Lettermen, Interact, large group speech, cross country, wrestling, soccer and baseball. While at NHHS he worked at Casey's, and after graduation he plans to attend Hawkeye for his gen eds, then transfer to UNI to major in kinesiology.



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Mason Nelson

The son of Bobbi Tank and Chris Nelson, Mason was in wrestling and the Chickasaw also worked at Kwik Star and HyVee. In his future plans are "vehicle fabrication."



Bank Iowa

Natalie Nosbisch

Natalie, the daughter of Megan and Zach Nosbisch, was active in cross country, track and field, Interact, Letterettes, student senate, sweetheart dance committee and FFA, while working at rock picking, babysitting and Ace Hardware. Her after-grad plans are to attend Hawkeye for medical laboratory technology.



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Lauren Nuss

The daughter of Carolyn and Marty Nuss was in golf, cross country, volleyball, National Honor Society, Interact, student senate, Letterettes, yearbook, prom and sweetheart committees, concert, pep, jazz and marching bands, NEIC Honor Band, NuHi Chorale, Chamber Choir, and Iowa Big North. She babysat, tutored and was a pet-sitter and after graduation "I plan to attend the University of Northern Iowa to study biochemistry on the pre-pharmacy track and play golf!"



Bank Iowa

Carlos Ortiz-Lopez

Carlos is the son of Raquel Lopez and Carlos Ortiz. While a student at NHHS he was active in soccer and FFA and worked at Fareway and Milkhouse Candles. After his time at New Hampton High, Carlos plans on majoring in "something finance or accounting."



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Aurora Paladini

Staying with host parents MaryAnn and James Diesburg, Aurora was on the dance team, became a football and wrestling cheerleader and a soccer manager. "I have one year left of high school in Italy, so when I'm going back to Italy I'm going to finish high school and do my Italian graduation," she explained. "After high school I'm going to university to study tourism."



MercyOne

Beth Pickar

Beth's parents are Sarah and Mike Pickar and she was in FFA, volleyball, wrestling manager, track, student senate, fall and spring plays, Letterettes, musicals, National Honor Society, Future Business Leader of America, large group and individual speech, jazz, chamber, Nu Hi Choirs, Interact, sweetheart and prom committee, yearbook, FFA and NEIC Honor Choirs, working at Pickar Farms, Plant Peddle and as a crop scout for Rich Drilling. After graduation she will attend ISU to major in ag education and ag studies.



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Jackie Pickar

Jackie, the daughter of Barb and Matt Pickar was in volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, Letterettes, Interact, student senate, C.L.A.S.S., National Honor Society, Iowa Big North, homecoming, sweetheart and prom committees. She babysat as well and after high school plans to attend UNI to major in Kinesiology: Exercise Science, then eventually get her Doctorate of physical therapy.



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Karla Pickar

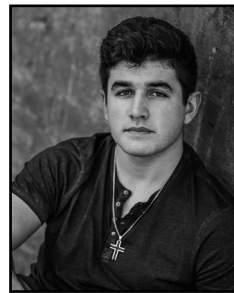
The daughter of Sarah and Mike Pickar was in pep, marching, jazz bands, football mgr., student senate, yearbook, FFA officer, Interact, wrestling cheer, sweetheart & prom committees, musical pit band, large group & individual speech, trap, Letterettes, fall & spring plays, Dorian & State FFA Honor Bands, RYLA, FBLA, musicals, National Honor Society, CLASS, MC for Homecoming, freshman retreat, Northern Festival of Bands, NSHSS, National Society, Student School Board & FCCLA. She worked at Zips and plans to attend UNI to major in art education.



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Jamison Porath

Jamison is the son of Kalista and Heath Porath and was involved in football, baseball, bowling and the Lettermens Club in high school. He was an intern at Counseling and Family Centered Services and an administrative assistant at Elwood O'Donohoe Braun and Whites Law Office. His future plans call for him to bowl at Wartburg College and earn a cyber security degree.



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Ethan Rapenske

Ethan, the son of Joyce Rapenske and Randy Rapenske, worked at Geerts Plumbing and Heating and Carpenter Bus and Auto Sales while a student at NHHS. After his graduation Ethan plans on going into the workforce.



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Reid Rausch

Reid's parents are Heather and Ryan Rausch. This Chickasaw was involved in football, basketball, baseball, track, National Honor Society, C.L.A.S.S., Iowa Big North, student senate and S.A.A.C. Reid was a pizza maker at Poor Richards and he plans on attending Wartburg College to major in exercise science and play football.



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Taylor Ries

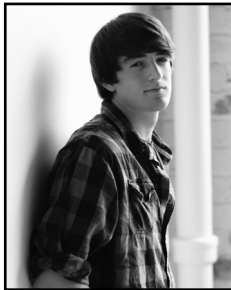
The daughter of Amy and Lonnie Ries, Taylor's interests were volleyball, basketball, track, Letterettes, sweetheart, yearbook and homecoming Committee, CYG, strength and conditioning, student senate, Interact, Iowa Big North, National Honor Society, prom committee, and C.L.A.S.S. while also babysitting. Her plans are to attend the University of Iowa to pursue a career in nursing.



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Jarrin Robinson

Jarrin is the son of LeAnn Robinson and the late Andrew Robinson. At New Hampton High School he was in cross country, wrestling, bowling, track, soccer, large group speech and choir, with employment at Kwik Star. His future plans are to attend UNI to receive a bachelors in biochemistry with a pre-med pathway.



TriMark Corporation

Caleb Rochford

Caleb's parents are Jackie and Dale Rochford. While a student, Caleb participated in football, basketball, lettermens and IBN, along with his work at CWC and painting for Rochford construction. Hawkeye's HVAC course is in Caleb's future, with an electrician apprenticeship.



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Braelyn Rosonke

Braelyn is the daughter of Marie Funk and Brian Rosonke. She was in volleyball (Senior Captain), basketball, track, club volleyball, NuHi Chorale, chamber choir, National Honor Society, yearbook editor junior and senior years, Interact Club, student senate, CYG, Letterettes, FFA, strength & conditioning, CLASS and Iowa BIG North. Braelyn worked at Fareway, Dak's Tap and was a CNA at NH Nursing and Rehab. After high school she plans on attending Cornell College to play volleyball and study medicine.



**New Hampon Nursing
& Rehab Center**

Braiden Schaufenbuel

Braiden, the son of Tori Haugebak and Jeremy Schaufenbuel, was active in track, wrestling and cross country while a Chickasaw. He worked at Poor Richards, with future plans to work at "H-repair."



Luana Savings Bank

Miale Schmitz

Miale's parents are Anna Schmitz and Tony Schmitz. As a student Miale participated in football cheer, iJAG, choir and Letterettes, with employment at Klunders and Casey's. After high school she plans to go to LaJames to become a cosmetologist.



On Track Signs

Michael Schmitz

Michael is the son of Anna Schmitz and Tony Schmitz and was involved in choir, yearbook and the Interact Club while at NHHS. He worked at McDonalds, Bucky's and The Pub at the Pinicon. After taking a "gap year" Michael plans on going to a two-year school for a business degree.



NAPA Auto Parts

Carrie Schwickerath

Carrie is the daughter of Janet and Tony Schwickerath. She is the president of the 4-H county council, a Little Wapsie Legends officer, youth development, livestock & auction committees through 4-H, an FFA officer & chapter president, student senate, class treasurer, yearbook, spring & fall plays, Core Interact, C.L.A.S.S., National Honor Society, Iowa Junior Red Angus Association Northeast district representative, Red Angus Association of America. She works at the NH Vet Clinic and plans to attend ISU to study animal science and veterinary medicine.



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Cinetta Schwickerath

The daughter of Emma and Bobby Schwickerath, Cinetta's interests in high school centered around football cheer, wrestling cheer and dance. Her future plans are to attend Hawkeye Community College and major in photography.



Miss Emma's Dance Co.

Cora Schwickerath

Cora's parents are Toni and Brad Schwickerath. She kept busy with basketball, softball, track, Interact, National Honor Society, Letterettes, C.L.A.S.S., student senate, prom committee, sweetheart committee, strength and conditioning, Iowa Big North. Cora also worked at The Blue Iris, Rapid Printers and Office World and babysitting. Her plans are to attend the University of Iowa and major in nursing.



Rapid Printers/Office World

Jake Schwickerath

The son of Toni and Brad Schwickerath, Jake was active in basketball, trapshooting, strength and conditioning and Lettermen's club, while working at Mic's Plumbing and Heating. Future plans are to attend Hawkeye Community College to receive an HVAC degree.



Rapid Printers/Office World

Noelle Schwickerath

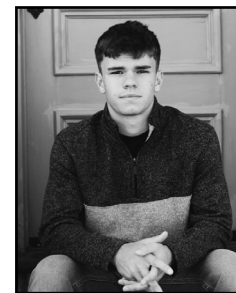
Noelle's parents are Julie and Nate Schwickerath. While a student at New Hampton High, Noelle was involved in FCCLA and worked at The Pub at the Pinicon, Kensington Nursing and Rehabilitation, Little Sprouts Daycare and Milkhouse Co. After graduation "I plan to continue with my position at the candle factory."



Rapid Printers/Office World

Tate Schwickerath

Tate, the son of LeNae and Adam Schwickerath, took part in football, wrestling, golf, baseball, Iowa Big North, Letterman's, Student Athletic Advisory Council, student body president and National Honor Society. His employment included park and rec official and a Poor Richard's cook. Post-graduation plans are to attend the University of Iowa to major in economics while on a pre-law track.



Vern Laures Auto Center Inc.

Beau Serie

The son of Caroline Laures and Doug Serie, Beau played football, was in track and Lettermen's in high school and worked at Larsen Lawn and Landscaping. After graduation he plans to attend Iowa State and major in finance.



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Devon Snyder

Devon is the son of Melissa Soltero and Joe Snyder and he was active in Skills USA, trapshooting and E-sports while a Chickasaw. Devon also worked at Fareway and plans on staying in the workforce after high school.



TriMark Corporation

Haley Soy Chuy

Haley, the daughter of Marta Chuy and Gilmer Soy, was in theatre, speech and basketball while she worked as a dietary aide at New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She plans on going to NICC to receive an AAS and a MSN in nursing and a BSN to start her path on becoming a midwife.



**Holthaus Family
Chiropractic Center**

Helen Soy Chuy

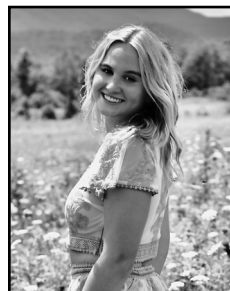
The daughter of Marta Chuy and Gilmer Soy, Helen was in theatre, speech, basketball and track while a NH student. She was a dietary aide at New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and plans on going to NICC to receive an AAS and a MSN in nursing and a BSN to start her path on becoming a midwife.



**Holthaus Family
Chiropractic Center**

Josie Speltz

Josie's parents are Kara and Nick Speltz, and while a Chickasaw Josie was in volleyball, basketball, track & field, Interact, yearbook, Letterettes, strength & conditioning, sweetheart and prom committees. For employment, she was a dietary aid at Linn Haven Nursing Home, babysitting and receptionist at Volare Med Spa. Future plans are to attend the University of Iowa and major in business, with an emphasis on sales. She plans to move away from Iowa after college, "somewhere warm."



**Boeding, Speltz & Wernimont
Family Dentistry**

Shelby Springer

Shelby is the daughter of Andrea and Alan Springer. In high school her interests included band, chamber choir, musicals, fall and spring plays and her job was working at Fareway. As of now she plans on taking a "gap year" but is undecided as to where she might attend college to become a mental health and addiction therapist.



Fareway Store

Emma Sweitzer

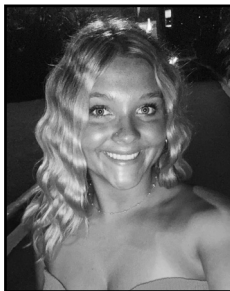
Emma, the daughter of Laurel and Tom Sweitzer, took part in volleyball, student senate, yearbook, sweetheart dance committee, homecoming committee and prom committee. Emma's employer was the Blue Iris and after high school she plans to attend UNI but is not 100 percent sure on her major yet.



**Chickasaw Mutural
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Autumn Tank

The daughter of Heather and Brian Tank, Autumn has participated in student senate, school volleyball, and club volleyball for Iowa One and Iowa Elite throughout high school. Since her junior year she's been employed at Ohrt's Smokehouse. "My plans after high school are to attend NICC to pursue a business administration degree and then transfer to a university to pursue my bachelor's degree in accounting," she said.



Rebel Diamonds

Kayla Teel

The daughter of Michelle Schneider and Keith Schneider, Kayla worked at daycare during her time at New Hampton, and plans on continuing to work at her job after graduation.



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Logan Thiele

Logan's parents are Lisa and Travis Thiele, and football was the major activity for Logan during high school. He worked for Kurt Larson during that time and plans are to go "straight to the workforce" after graduation.



Reicks View Farms

Adeda Usher

The daughter of Lydia Knox, Adeda participated in basketball, wrestling, football cheer and volleyball early in her high school career and was a CNA at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab. After-graduation plans are nursing school at NICC Fall of 2025, either become a licensed esthetician or an ER nurse afterwards.



Schueth Ace Hardware

Bryar Usher

Bryar is the son of Penny and Rob Usher; his activities included wrestling, football, Lettermen and IBN while working at Dak's Tap. His future plans are to attend UNI for construction management.



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Caleb Utley

The son of Jennifer and Tony Utley, Caleb's interests were baseball, football, wrestling, trapshooting, golf, Lettermens and FFA. He worked at Vision Crop Consulting and as an umpire, with his future to include attending Iowa State University to major in Agronomy.



Vision Crop Consulting

Adam Waddell

Adam, the son of Jennifer and Wade Waddell, participated in wrestling, soccer and FFA while at NHHS. Adam worked at Poor Richards and intends on working after graduation.



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Avery Weigel

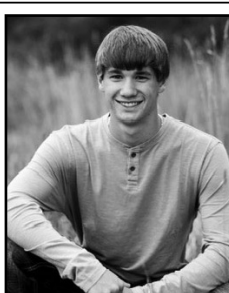
Avery is the son of Michelle Adams and Ryan Weigel. While attending New Hampton High, Avery worked at Geerts Plumbing and Heating and C&E Lawncare and after school he plans on continuing to work at Geerts while getting his CDL.



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Ryan Willadsen

Ryan is the son of Kristina Boos and Chris Willadsen. A member of the football, wrestling, track, basketball and baseball teams, the Chickasaw also worked at Rick's Tire and Auto, Klunder's Kafe and Milkhouse Candles. After his high school graduation, Ryan plans on continuing in the workforce.



Klunders Kafe

Tristin Willadsen

Tristin's parents are Kristina Boos and Chris Willadsen, and he was active in football, wrestling and track in high school while working at Omega and Klunders. His plans are to go to Hawkeye for a two-year welding program and then weld.



Klunders Kafe

Karissa Zack

Karissa is the daughter of Chantelle and Anthony Zack. At NHHS she was on the student senate, working at McDonald's and Kwik Star. She is currently undecided about her future after her time at New Hampton.



Rebel Diamonds

Calyb Zeien

The son of Joelle and Chad Zeien, Calyb was a band and choir member and ran on the Chickasaw cross country team. He worked at Casey's General Store and is planning on attending Hawkeye Community College, then transfer to a university to study economics and become a financial advisor.



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New Hampton High School musicians (above) perform the "Senior Song" at the Coffeehouse Concert late last month while New Hampton's homecoming queen candidates — (below, from left) Taylor Ries, Braelyn Rosonke, Kinsley Hackman, Emma Sweitzer and Cora Schwickerath — pose for a photo last fall.

Class of '25 did some extraordinary things

It was just another typical day of work for Ryan Willadsen at Klunder's Kafe.

He was in the kitchen, cooking up meal after meal, when he noticed the commotion enveloping the dining area at the landmark restaurant on New Hampton's west side located just off the Highway 63 bypass.

"This gentleman in the booth was choking on something," Willadsen said as he matter-of-factly recounted the story, "and the waitresses were kind of freaking out, which, you know makes sense. They had called the EMTs but it was going to take a couple of minutes.

"So I come out, I have longer arms, which I guess helps and I did the Heimlich. It dislodged or whatever, and then I went to the [basketball] banquet."

As Willadsen told the story, it was almost like it was no big deal, but in a way, I think that quite possibly lifesaving story sums up New Hampton's Class of 2025.

At the very least, the tale of that evening at Klunder's fits right in with the class' motto: "There's no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit."

This was a class that has had its ups and downs.

Take the sports Willadsen



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competed in as a senior. The Chickasaws' football team went 2-7. The New Hampton basketball team went 4-17. That's a lot more losses than wins, and some would wonder if all that time and effort was worth it.

Ryan Willadsen disagrees.

"I'm glad I did it. I learned a lot about myself, and as much as it sucked losing a lot, it was still fun being with my friends and teammates," he said. "You never get any of those memories back. If I hadn't done it, when I'm an old man, I know I would regret it."

He paused and laughed. "You know, old guy like you," he said.

I laughed, because let's face it, that's my kind of humor.

"Seriously, it was way worth it," Willadsen said. "We kept working hard, we stayed together, we got better."

That all matters, even the giving the old newspaper editor grief. Over the years, I've covered

members of the Class of 2025 in a variety of activities — from sports to music to plays to the big social events like homecoming and prom. I've literally watched them grow up.

My boys and I moved to New Hampton in December 2009, and the Class of 2025 entered kindergarten in the fall of 2012. I was there for that first day of school. I watched them perform at elementary school Christmas concerts. I officiated some of their games when they were in junior high. And I watched them grow into young men and women during high school.

And sometimes that last line really hits home. Last month, I was clerking a track meet when nature called and I dashed to the restroom. As I passed this guy, I saw he had a Southern Illinois sweatshirt on and made a quick note — hey, nature was really calling — to stop on my way back and

ask the man his Southern Illinois connection.

As I returned to the track, I saw that the man wearing the sweatshirt was Reid Rausch.

I felt like a fool; after all, I've known Reid forever, right? But in that moment, I realized that he wasn't a little kid anymore. Like the rest of his classmates, he was all "grown up."

One of the best parts of working for a small-town newspaper is that reporters like me get to know kids in a way big-city newspaper folk don't. The ups mean a little more and the downs ache a lot more for us. Yes, we're supposed to be unbiased and we try, but the fact is we see these kids a lot. They're more than just subjects for one in a long line of stories.

I tell people I remain in journalism because it gives me the opportunity to write about ordinary people who do extraordinary things. Sometimes, they're biggies

— like Ryan Willadsen saving a guy's life. Sometimes, they're not — like Caleb Utley taking to the soccer pitch so the Chickasaws could play a game last month.

True story. New Hampton was short on players, and Utley basically said, "Hey, I'll play." That's pretty cool — way cool really — even if his soccer career ended that same night when he suffered a concussion during the game.

I'm wandering, I know. Anyone who knows me knows I have a tendency to digress.

My point is the same one I make every year. I'm going to miss this class of seniors.

I'm going to miss the grief they give me — like the time last summer when I wore a Southern Illinois shirt to a New Hampton-Independence softball game.

Turns out, SIU's colors perfectly match Indee's. Taylor Ries walked by me, flashed a smile and said, "Nice choice of clothing, Bob."

Hey, I had it coming, and besides, that's my kind of humor.

I remember some of these senior girls when they were fifth-grade basketball players, and it seems like that was yesterday. It wasn't.

Like I said, they and their classmates grew up.

One journey ends on Sunday when they walk across the stage and receive their diplomas during the commencement ceremony and another begins.

But before the seniors depart good ol' New Hampton High one last time, I have a message for them: Thanks for letting me tag along for the ride. Forget the won-loss record, for you have done some extraordinary things.

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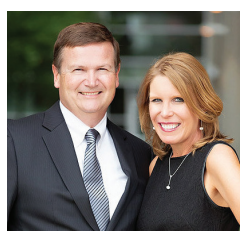


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