

Briefs

Easter Egg Hunt set for Saturday in New Hampton

The site is the same, but the date and the sponsor has changed for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in New Hampton. This year, the event will be held on the Saturday before Palm Sunday — instead of the traditional Saturday before Easter — and is being sponsored by Prairie Lakes Church. That means kids should have their Easter baskets ready this Saturday morning as the hunt will take place at Mikkelson Park, beginning at 10 a.m. In addition to the hunt, the Easter Bunny will be at the park and will be more than willing to take pictures with area children. As for the rest of the area, a slew of Easter Egg Hunts —

including the second annual Inclusive Easter Egg Hunt at Kindness Square — are set for Saturday, April 4, and the Tribune will have a complete listing of them in next week's newspaper.

Private well water quality program set for April 14

The Chickasaw County Extension office will host a no-cost, one-hour learning session for private well owners on April 14. The program will help attendees understand their well's water quality and connect them to resources to manage their well. The program will be taught by Catherine DeLong, Water Quality Program Manager for ISU Extension and Outreach. According to DeLong, "About 230,000 Iowans rely on private wells as their home's main

water source, yet many do not know they should be testing once a year and that Iowa has a unique funding source to help cover the cost of testing."

The program will take place on April 14 from 6 – 7:15 p.m. at the Chickasaw County Extension office located at 15 N. Broadway Ave. in New Hampton.

Pre-registration is requested; to RSVP contact the Chickasaw County Extension office by phone (641-394-2174) or email (atupper@iastate.edu).



Coffee Cup winners

A roll-off took place during week 24 of the Coffee Cup bowling league to determine the season champion, as Mid-Tech Services won the first half of the season and Dak's Tap won the second half.

The final winner was Mid-Tech's Kristy Kirkus (left) and Jeanne Roder, defeating the Dak's Tap team of Karen Denner and Diane Nehl in a roll-off.

Kirkus recorded both the high game (191) and the high series (536) during the roll-off.

Photo courtesy of Coffee Cup League Secretary Karen Schmitt

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH WENDT, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003292
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Elizabeth Wendt, Deceased, who died on or about February 20, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on October 8, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Wendt, deceased, bearing date of December 14, 1995, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Larry Wendt was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated October 16, 2025.

Larry Wendt, Executor of Estate
1779 Garden Ave.
Waverly, IA 50677

Bruce J. Toenjes, ICIS#: AT0007936
Attorney for Executor
Nelson & Toenjes PLLC
PO Box 230
Shell Rock, IA 50670

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Chickasaw County Engineer's Office is accepting Bidding Proposals for the supply/delivery of structural steel and Bidding Proposal for the supply/delivery of steel sheet piling for Bridge Replacement Projects L-FY27(01)--73-19 and L-FY27(02)--73-19.

Bidding proposals are available in the Engineer's Office (8 E Prospect, New Hampton, IA 50659).

Proposals are due in the Engineer's Office by Tuesday, April 14th, 2026 at 10:00 AM.

Matthew Ysbrand
Chickasaw County Treasurer

PROPERTY TAXES ARE DUE & PAYABLE

The second half payment for property taxes is due by March 31, 2026

You may also pay online at www.iowatreasurers.org. E-check payments are \$.25 (less than a stamp) and Mastercard, Visa and Discover credit cards are subject to a service delivery fee.

Matthew Ysbrand
Chickasaw County Treasurer

BURNING IN DITCHES - NOTICE

This notice is to remind residents that a Permit to Work in Right of Way is required when burning vegetation in roadside ditches.

Permits are available in the Chickasaw County Engineer's Office or online at chickasawcounty.iowa.gov.

Residents are required to take measures to prevent damage to signs, utility installations, tile, culverts, bridges and any other fixture within the Right of Way. Any damage caused will be repaired at the expense of those responsible for the burning of vegetation. Residents are also reminded that burning of garbage and/or piles of debris in the Right of Way is prohibited per Iowa Code Section 318.

Chickasaw County Engineer

Courthouse, 8 E. Prospect • P.O. Box 316, New Hampton, IA
Phone: 641-394-2321 • Fax: 641-394-5280
chickasawcounty.iowa.gov



Bucket Truck For Sale

We have a 2002 Ford 750 Chassis with a 55' Hi-Ranger boom with a 650 lbs capacity dual person basket. Truck has 22,000 miles, 5730 engine hours and 1225 PTO hours. Unit is excellent shape. Well maintained. Dielectrically test 5/21/25. Truck is available for inspection at 921 N Canty Ave, New Hampton, IA from 8am til 3pm. Mon-Fri. Please Call 641-394-3002 to make an appointment. There is a reserve of \$20,000 on this truck.

Please send sealed bids to
New Hampton Municipal Utilities
112 E Main St, New Hampton, IA 50659

Bids will be opened at our April 20th board meeting at 5pm.

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New Hampton School Board Proceedings March 16, 2026

Attendance
Voting Members
Nathaniel Schwickerath, Vice-President/District 1
Ryan Shawver, District 2
Jay Matthews, President/Director - District 2
Kayla Smith, At-Large
Non-Voting Members
Christy Roethler, SBO
Erik Smith, Superintendent
Call to Order
The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, March 16, 2026, in the High School FCS Room. President Matthews called

the meeting to order at 6:30pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Public Hearing for the 2026-2027 Start Date and Calendar
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Director N. Schwickerath moved a motion to close the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

Director Shawver seconded the motion. Ayes: J. Matthews, K. Smith, R. Shawver and N. Schwickerath
Close Public Hearing of the 2026-2027 Start Date and Calendar
Motion made by: Kayla Smith
Motion seconded by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar
Recommend approval of the 2026-2027 calendar.

Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Consent Agenda
Approve minutes of the February 16, 2026, regular session. Approve the February monthly financial report and the March 2026 bill listing. Approve the following recommendations: Carissa Abbott (Football Cheer Sponsor), Jamie Shatek (7th Grade Volleyball Coach), Paul Ewert (Volunteer Assistant Girls Golf Coach) and Johanna Peterson (High School Ag & FFA). All new hires are pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Approve the following resignations: Emma Schwickerath (Dance Team Coach) and Iris Sandoval (Custodian).

Motion made by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Motion seconded by: Kayla Smith
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Approve Minutes
Approve Monthly Financial Reports
Approve Bill Listing
Approve Personnel Recommendations
Receive Communications and Visitors
Student & Staff Achievement and Recognition
Administrative Reports
High School Report
Middle School Report
Elementary School Report
Activities Director Report
Student Board Members
Board Learning

Book Study
Old Business
New Business
Music Trip Approval
Music department trip in March 2027 to Orlando, FL.
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Kayla Smith
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Trapshooting Trip Approval
Approve the trapshooting team to attend the National Shoot in Ohio during July 2026.
Motion made by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Motion seconded by: Ryan Shawver
Voting:
Nathaniel Schwickerath - Yes
Ryan Shawver - Yes
Jay Matthews - Abstain
Kayla Smith - Yes
Consider 2025-2026 Calendar Adjustments
Mr. Smith recommends forgiving all current student snow days and teacher contract days.
Motion made by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Motion seconded by: Ryan Shawver
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Consider Purchase of 2 vehicles
Recommend the purchase of a 2024 Ford Transit 12-passenger van from Vern Laures in the amount of \$43,500 along with a 2026 Voyager from Stew Hanson in the amount of \$39,405. These purchases will come out of PPEL.

Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Kayla Smith
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Consider Purchase of School Bus
Jason and I recommend we accept the bid from School Bus Sales to purchase a 2027 Blue Bird 77-passenger bus in the amount of \$151,723 using PPEL Funds.
Motion made by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Motion seconded by: Ryan Shawver
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Consider Transfer of Funds
Recommend the transfer of \$72,000 from the Internal Service Fund to the General Fund.
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Facility Update
Approve Clinical Placement Agreements
Approve the student teacher placement agreements with Upper Iowa University and Morningside University.
Motion made by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Motion seconded by: Ryan Shawver
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Consider Roof Replace
Approve the intent to proceed with soliciting bids for roof section M that was presented

and including the approval of the proposal from Robert John Stensland Architects.
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Approve iPad Purchase
Recommend approval of the 5th grade iPad purchase in the amount of \$29,160 from Apple.
Motion made by: Kayla Smith
Motion seconded by: Ryan Shawver
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Approve Device Cases
Recommend approval of the cases for 5th and 9th grade students in the amount of \$4,860 from Riverside Technologies.
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Approve Firewall and Filter Update
Recommend approval of the Fortinet Fortigate 401F with 5 years of UTP at a cost of \$46,997.
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Kayla Smith
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Approve Wireless Network Update and Wireless Management
Recommend approval of the wireless access points (\$24,211.81) and wireless management (\$11,280.35).

Motion made by: Nathaniel Schwickerath
Motion seconded by: Ryan Shawver
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Activities Storage Shed Proposal
Recommend approval of the shed project as presented by Cory McDonald and Mr. Smith.
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Kayla Smith
Voting:
Unanimously Approved
Discussion Items
Next Regular Meeting:
The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m.
Tax Levy Update
Adjourn
Adjourn at 8:41 p.m.
Motion made by: Ryan Shawver
Motion seconded by: Kayla Smith
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

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Follett Content Solutions, LLC.....\$432.51
Follett Software, LLC.....\$274.74
Fritcher, Katie.....\$1,977.00
Geerts Plumbing & Heating.....\$1,354.96
Grafton School, Incorporated.....\$613.49
Hanson Tire Service.....\$429.00
Home Invasion Pest Control.....\$160.00
IFCSE Conference.....\$2,490.40
Iowa Department of Human Services.....\$1,559.74
Iowa Department of Revenue.....\$225.88
Iowa State University.....\$70.00
J & M Displays, Inc.....\$5,000.00
Jendro Sanitation Services Inc.....\$2,177.55
John Deere Financial.....\$86.12
Knutson, Theresa.....\$41.93
Kwik Star.....\$1,021.32
LS Supply & Rental.....\$1,142.44
Lunch Fund.....\$233.75
Madison National Life Insurance.....\$2,177.55
Mick Gage Plumbing.....\$236.25
Midwest Floors L.L.C.....\$114.34
MITKO Specialty Sales & Service.....\$19,966.50
Monteith, Jeff.....\$252.00
NAPA Auto Parts.....\$50.00
Nashua-Plainfield Comm School.....\$36,977.28
New Hampton Electric.....\$467.00
New Hampton Schools.....\$1,416.11
New Hampton Tribune.....\$665.49
New Horizons ETR Inc.....\$3,456.50
NHMU Fiber.....\$310.00
Northeast Iowa Community College Business and.....\$19,036.70
Office World.....\$10,984.18
Plumb Supply Company.....\$1,037.56
Principal Life Insurance Company.....\$380.70
Quadient Inc.....\$195.00
Relay Hub LLC.....\$209.76
Rieman Music, Inc.....\$137.20
School Bus Sales.....\$1,280.56
School Specialty, LLC.....\$353.80
Smith Ace Hardware.....\$654.80
Smith, Erik.....\$261.52
Superior Welding Supply.....\$130.25
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation.....\$570.33
Vern Laures Chev-Buick.....\$97.12
VISA.....\$2,373.97
Wagoner Bros. Repair.....\$1,936.59
Washington National Ins. Co.....\$652.40
West Music Company.....\$491.00
WEX BANK.....\$228.90
Windstream.....\$1,381.14
Fund Total.....\$170,050.58

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

City of: IONIA

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Ionia City Hall, 101 W Iowa Street, Ionia, Iowa 50645 Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 07:10 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets 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-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property 9.64607
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is 3.00375

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Phone Number (319) 239-0289 City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Donna Geerts

	Budget FY 2027	Re-estimated FY 2026	Actual FY 2025
Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	1 76,281	69,345	72,340
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2 0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3 76,281	69,345	72,340
Delinquent Property Taxes	4 0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5 0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6 35,031	35,118	34,397
Licenses & Permits	7 357	357	358
Use of Money and Property	8 2,000	6,600	24,783
Intergovernmental	9 52,691	53,557	253,454
Charges for Fees & Service	10 124,200	124,000	131,807
Special Assessments	11 0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12 0	50,000	16,762
Other Financing Sources	13 0	98,500	263,145
Transfers In	14 21,000	20,500	3,265
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15 311,560	457,977	800,311
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	16 25,171	13,228	10,342
Public Works	17 127,700	119,000	277,549
Health and Social Services	18 226	226	226
Culture and Recreation	19 52,000	50,000	68,514
Community and Economic Development	20 5,000	5,000	0
General Government	21 41,500	39,000	31,998
Debt Service	22 0	0	0
Capital Projects	23 0	0	0
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24 251,597	226,454	388,629
Business Type / Enterprises	25 147,514	139,917	527,497
Total ALL Expenditures	26 399,111	366,371	916,126
Transfers Out	27 21,000	20,500	3,265
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28 420,111	386,871	919,391
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29 -108,551	71,106	-119,080
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30 830,964	759,858	878,938
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31 722,413	830,964	759,858