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Receiving academic achievement awards at the New Hampton FFA Annual Meeting and Banquet are (above, from left) Kelly Thronson, Nolan Swehla, Jacob McDonald, Emmett Kuehner and Ella Knutson while Riley Scheidel joins her (below) parents as part of the event's senior recognition program.

FFA has made a difference for NHHS seniors

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Different year; same format. But that doesn't mean this year's annual meeting and banquet was a carbon copy of past years' events.

They never are in large part because of those seniors.

"It was kind of emotional, I am not going to lie," said Jennifer Eichenberger, who wrapped up her chapter presidency at the meeting. "For a lot of us, FFA was a big part of our high school years. I know for me it just made me the person I am today."

"I remember when I first started in FFA, it was hard to get a peep out of me and here I am today, I can get up in front of a gym full of people and talk. Just the confidence FFA has given me is amazing."

The FFA members also bade farewell to their advisor, and they presented Rachel Bauler, who has led the chapter for three years and who is leaving the dis-



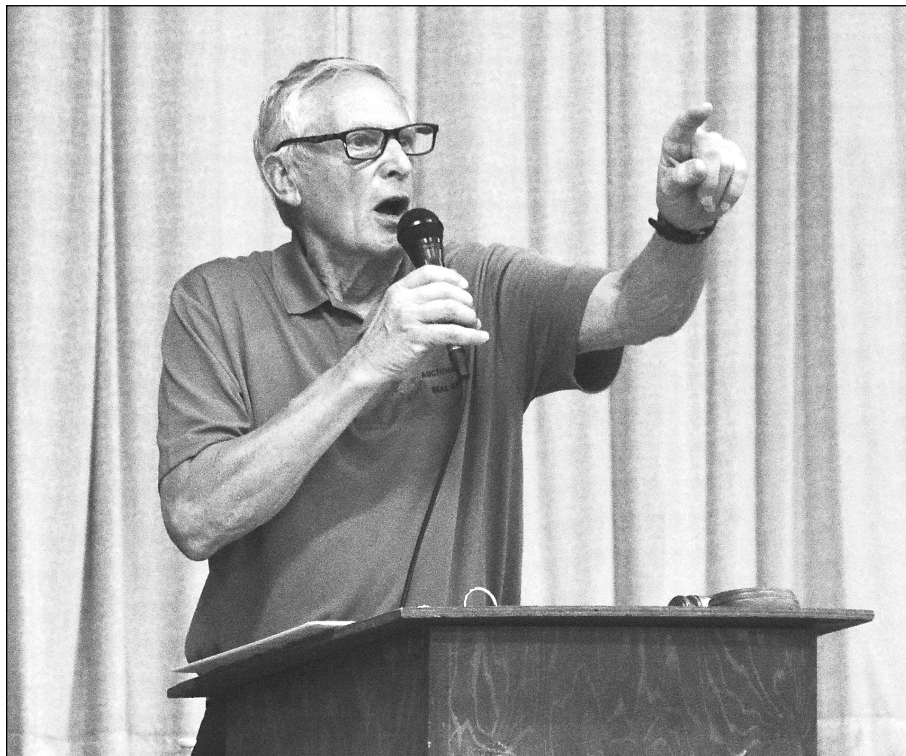
trict after this school year, with an honorary New Hampton FFA chapter degree.

For those seniors, though, it

was a bittersweet meeting. Just ask the outgoing president.

"Oh, I am ready to graduate," Eichenberger said with a

laugh, "and I think I'm not the only senior saying that. But we're going to miss FFA. It's been a big part of our lives."



New Hampton FFA Alumni President Quinten Reicks (left) talks about his organization's goal to support students while Ray Dietz (above) serves as the auctioneer during the final event of the evening.



FFA Advisor Rachel Bauler (left) thanks her chapter's seniors and parents during the banquet that was held March 21.

Engineer tells supervisors TIF important tool for county

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

the proposal six weeks after they accepted the low bid of \$1,633,304 from Mathy Construction of Onalaska, Wisconsin, to complete the repaving project.

Supervisors late last year purchased \$600,000 in capital loan notes to construct a new Engineer's Office building at the Secondary Roads Department's main shop in New Hampton, the first project to utilize TIF from the 66 turbines that are part of the Chickasaw County Wind Farm.

County Engineer Roman Lensing, later in Tuesday's meeting, said he hopes the new office building and the B22 project won't be the last TIF projects the county can complete.

He pointed out that there

is some talk in the Legislature that TIF may be eliminated, but Lensing said the county has projects that are needed and can be financed by TIF. He proposed several projects to supervisors — including work on County Road T76 in the northern part of the county, a project from Alta Vista to the county line and one that would take care of needs on both South and North Linn Avenue. The latter projects would be joint affairs between the county and the city.

"I'd hate to see TIF go away, because these roads, they need some work," he said.

Supervisors didn't make any decisions on future TIF projects but were open to continue discussing how TIF dollars could be used to improve county infrastructure.

Tribune donates funds to Legion Post 38

The American Legion Post 38 of New Hampton received a \$500 donation from Enterprise Media - New Hampton Tribune Newspaper.

Commander Brian Quirk accepted the check for the donation.

The American Legion Post 38 Officers are: Brian Quirk, Commander; Ron Pethoud, Adjutant, Paul Kruger, Finance; Clark Budweg, Sgt. at Arms; Don Dixon, Chaplain.

All of the fundraising proceeds go to

- Flag Fund for Memorial Day flags at the New Hampton cemeteries
- Honor Flight contributions
- Quilt of Valor contributions
- Retrieving Freedom contributions
- Community projects
- Local Veterans in need
- Military funerals.

Contributions to these causes can be made out to American Legion Post 38, c/o Brian Quirk, 1011 Sunset St., New Hampton, IA 50659 or can be dropped off at NHMU,



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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.

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