

Cody Lee Cordes, 36

Cody Lee Cordes, age 36 of New Hampton, died Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

A Celebration of Life will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the Elks Lodge in Charles City.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday before the service.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton have been entrusted with Cody's arrangements.

Cody Lee Cordes, born on March 28, 1988, in New Hampton, passed away on April 3, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of love, devotion and cherished memories. Cody grew up alongside his three siblings.

Cody attended school in Nashua and graduated from Nashua High School in 2006.

Cody's life was profoundly enriched when he met the love of his life Kristina Keigley through his sister Kallie. Their connection blossomed over the years, culminating in marriage on Sept. 12, 2020, at the Elks Lodge in Charles City.

Together, they shared a deep bond and found joy in raising their four beautiful children. Cody was a devoted husband and father, with his family



Cody Cordes

occupying the central place in his heart. He treasured their Sunday adventures, long walks with his beloved wife, and the countless moments spent nurturing their children's growth and happiness.

Professionally, Cody found fulfillment at Precision in New Hampton, where he dedicated himself to his work and formed lasting friendships with his colleagues.

Outside of work, he indulged his passions for golfing, football, basketball and professional wrestling. A dedicated fan of the Las Vegas Raiders, Cody's enthusiasm for sports knew no bounds. Music was another cor-

nerstone of his life, with Cody always tuned in to his favorite artists across various genres.

Above all, Cody was a hands-on father, always ready to lend a helping hand and actively participate in his children's lives. Whether it was cheering them on at sporting events or engaging in playtime, his love and support knew no bounds.

Cody Lee Cordes will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His kindness, warmth, and unwavering love leave an indelible mark on those he leaves behind. Though he may be gone, his spirit will continue to inspire and his memory will be cherished eternally.

Cody is survived by his wife, Kristina Cordes of New Hampton; four children, Lexie, Emalyce, Aubrie and David; siblings, Sara (Donnell Henry) Cordes of North Liberty, Josh (Lynn) Cordes of Charles City, and Kallie (Matt) Loecher of Charles City; step-mother, Cynthia Cordes of Nashua; grandfather, Merle Fabor of North Carolina; and mother-in-law, Peg Smith of Ames.

He was preceded in death by his father Kendall Cordes; father-in-law Dave Keigley.



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K-9 unit gets nice donation from Cowboy Poetry

Every January the Lawler Lions Club hosts Cowboy Poetry and chooses an organization to donate all their proceeds to that benefit the most Chickasaw County residents. This year the money — which stays in Chickasaw County — went to the Chickasaw County K-9 Unit. Due to the businesses and to those that attended the Cowboy Poetry the Lions were able to donate \$18,000 to the Chickasaw County K-9 Unit. Accepting the check from the Lawler Lions Cowboy Poetry committee is Deputy and K-9 handler Stephen Johnson.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES April 1, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinske present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Cerwinske called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Terry Johnson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Arnel, Riverview Center Shiloh Green and Mindy Myers, Public Health Director Lisa Welter and Jenna Barnes, Information Technology Denny Unga, and Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for April 1, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from March 25, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the meeting minutes from March 27, 2024 with changes. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve Resolution 04-01-24-18 GASB 96 SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENTS POLICY CHICKASAW COUNTY General Policy Statement This policy is intended to implement the provisions of the Gov-

ernmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, "Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements", is effective beginning July 1, 2022. (FY2023). GASB 96 requires a government end user (government) to recognize a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use subscription asset. For counties reporting on the accrual basis of accounting, the cumulative effect, if any, may require a restatement of beginning net position, fund balance, or fund net position (as applicable). This means subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITA or subscription) in existence on June 30, 2022, will need to be reported as the beginning balance (July 1, 2022) for leases of FY2023. Effective Date This policy is retroactively effective to July 1, 2022. Adopted Date Passed and adopted this the 1st day of April, 2024. /ss/ Scott Cerwinske, Chairman, Aye: Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske. /ss/Attest: Sheila Shekleton Auditor. Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

No public comment.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to proclaim the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and authorize chair's signature.

Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and authorize chair's signature.

Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried. Secondary Roads Engineer Roman

Lensing gave department updates.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded Breitbach to approve Permission to Enter Premises for Chickasaw County Bridge Replacement Project M2024-02 with Troy and Rachel Federspiel and authorize Chairman's signature. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow approve Service Contract for Data Processing with 20/20 FX for FY 24-25 and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Budget work session Recessed: 10:40 A.M. Resumed: 10:58 A.M.

Motion by Hackman seconded by Kuhn to set the public hearing for April 15, 2024 at 9:10 AM, in the Boardroom, on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse for FY 24-25 proposed budget and direct auditor to publish Notice of Public Hearing in the New Hampton Tribune on April 4, 2024 and Nashua Reporter on April 5, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Committee Assignment Supervisor Hackman, March 27, CSS Supervisor Kuhn, March 26, EMA Supervisor Cerwinske, March 26, Landfill. March 28, Heartland Insurance

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 11:03 AM. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinske, Chairperson Board of Supervisors ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Marvin Dean Christensen, 70

Marvin Dean Christensen, age 70 of Fredericksburg, died Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

The funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2024, at St. John Lutheran Church in Frederika, with the Rev. Evan Meester presiding.

Interment followed at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Friends greeted the family from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

Marvin Dean Christensen was born Jan. 27, 1954, the son of Lyle and Essell (Reasland) (Christensen) Walther in Charles City.

He graduated from Nashua High School in 1972.

Marvin was united in marriage to Neena Kay Fisher in 1976. To this union a son, Travis Marvin Christensen, was born. They later divorced.

On Oct. 10, 1980, he was united to Kelly Marie Hewitt at the United Church of Christ in New Hampton. To this union, a son, Marvin William Christensen, was born.

Marvin worked for the Nashua Creamery while he was in high school. After graduation, he worked for Pester Derby



Marvin Christensen

gas station in New Hampton, Sara Lee in New Hampton and Oliver's in Charles City. In 1976, he started hauling canned milk for Vernon Lampe. In 1978, he bought his own bulk truck and route. He hauled milk for Farmers Butter and Dairy and then AMPI, for 14 years before selling to AMPI in 1992. He then took a job at AMPI and worked in the plant until mid-1995, when it closed. After the plant closed, he worked for area farmers. On Dec. 15, 1995, he had a stroke that affected his right side, and he was no longer able to work.

Marvin was a member of St John Lutheran Church, Frederika and had served on the church council.

He enjoyed any time he could spend with family, and his greatest treasures were his kids, spouses, and grandchildren. He loved helping with gardening when he could. He enjoyed bowling, playing cards with his friends and getting together with his family, siblings, nieces and nephews.

Living family members includes wife, Kelly; sons, Travis (Angie) Christensen, of Shell Rock, and Marvin (Ashley) Christensen, Tripoli; grandchildren, Isabell Christensen (Preston Thoren), New Hartford, Jake Christensen, Cedar Falls, and Meghan Christensen, Tripoli; brothers, Richard (Sandra) Christensen, Nashua, and Steve Christensen, Nashua; sister, Kim (Doug) Wadey, Clarksville; sister-in-law, Robbyn Hewitt, Sumner; and several nieces and nephews, great nieces and great nephews and cousins.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Lyle Christensen and Essell (Reasland) (Christensen) Walther; step-father Harold Walther; brother, Allen Christensen; paternal and maternal grandparents; mother-in-law, Joyce (Hewitt) Shaw; brother-in-law, Scott Hewitt; nephew, Nick (Nicholas) Christensen, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Welter

A nice honor for Board of Health

Chickasaw County Public Health Care and Homecare Services Administrator Lisa Welter, Chickasaw County Board of Health Chairwoman Toni Friedrich and Assistant Administrator Ann Knutson accept the Iowa Environmental Health Association's Local Board of Health of the Year Award. The board includes Friedrich, Cindy Shoemaker, Jeremy McGrath, Joan Knoll and Dr. Lucas Brinkman.

Administrator is proud of work Public Health does

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for a better group of people to work with." And she said Public Health has thrived because of its 15 employees, all of whom she says have embraced cross-training to create a more efficient department.

She pointed out that her staff currently includes seven registered nurses, four aides, Environmental Health Director Derek Lechtenberg and three office staffers.

Together, they provide services ranging from skilled nursing to home care to homemaking services to physical therapy to occupational therapy to speech therapy to medical social work.

While nursing staff provides everything from health assessments to IV therapy to injections to tube feedings, just to name several, she said her employees also provide homemaking services like cleaning and running errands for patients. They also provide respite care, which gives the primary caregiver an hour or two to be able to get out of the home and, as Welter puts it, "take a break."

"That's really important," she said, "because many of those primary caretakers are elderly and giving them a break is important to their health, too."

During March, Public Health provided services to 64 county residents in the form of 164 nursing visits, 190 aide visits and 201 homemaker visits.

"It ebbs and flows," she said, "and you never really know when you're going to get really busy. I know I'm biased, but we provide a really important service to the people here in Chickasaw County. I'm proud of the work that we do."

But, like she emphasized, it's an ever-changing world. She touched on talk in Des Moines that would "regionalize" Public Health, and Welter said while she has an open mind — "we can always improve," she said — she said that she believes something would be "lost" in regional concept.

"I have no idea how it's going to work out or if it's even going to go anywhere," she said, "but every county in Iowa has public health, and people trust it and appreciate it. I don't want that to go away."

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