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## Absentee balloting is underway

Even though Election Day isn't until Nov. 8, voters start making their choices

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Technically, the 2022 general election is still more than two weeks away; after all, Election Day is not until Tuesday, Nov. 8.

But in another way, the so-called "off-year" election began this week as absentee balloting began on Wednesday, the same day the

Chickasaw County Auditor's Office mailed out hundreds of ballots to county residents who requested them.

"We're ready to go," Chickasaw County Elections Deputy Commissioner Laura Wickham said. "We have had some people call wondering where their ballots are, so just as a reminder, the law is we can't send them out until Oct. 19."

That's also the day that voters could

start early voting at the Auditor's Office in the courthouse.

Voters can cast ballots during the office's regular hours, which are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, as well as on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wickham added that voters need to be aware that this Monday is the deadline both to pre-register for the election and to request a ballot and to be mailed

to them.

She also reminded residents who want to cast ballots in person need to have a photo ID.

Under a state law that took effect last year, all absentee ballots must be delivered to the Auditor's Office before polls close at 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Polls on Nov. 8 will open at 7 a.m. This year's ballot includes a number

of contested county races, as well as state and federal races. And New Hampton voters will also weigh in on reallocating the city's local-option sales tax money to pay for ambulance service.

## Another week, another EMS director offer

Another candidate backs out, board makes an offer to third candidate to be part-time director

By BOB FENSKE

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors learned Monday that yet another candidate has turned down the EMS director position, so board members switched gears and made an offer to "Candidate 2" for a part-time position.

After meeting in an "exempt" session for more than two hours, board members reported to open session and approved offering the candidate a part-time position at 24 hours a week. The position would include an annual salary of \$35,000.

The exempt session came after Board Chairman Matt Kuhn announced earlier in the meeting that "Candidate 1" had "rescinded his acceptance of the position on Friday." Kuhn stressed that the candidate was not backing out of the position because of anything "involving the county."

Still, that made the county o-for-2 when it

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

## Championship smiles

New Hampton volleyball team had plenty to celebrate this past weekend when they became the first Chickasaw team to win the Northeast Iowa Conference tourney title.

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## PIED FOR A GOOD CAUSE

NEW HAMPTON ELEMENTARY SUPPORTS STUDENT INJURED IN DOG ATTACK

By BOB FENSKE

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The chant reverberated through the old auditorium at New Hampton Elementary School Tuesday morning.

"Pie in the face, pie in the face, pie in the face."

For the hundreds of New Hampton Elementary School students, this was the reason they were so excited to attend the morning assembly.

Sure, the skit put on by their fellow students, one that promoted the school's upcoming celebration of Red Ribbon Week was decent and all, but what the kids of New Hampton Elementary really wanted to see was pies in the faces of some of their teachers, paraprofessionals, staff members and even their principal.

They had earned it, after all, by raising \$1,051.56 to help the family

**SEE PIES, 2**



## It's the first of its kind in the area

Nashua cemetery installs columbarium

By BOB FENSKE

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A Nashua cemetery has become the first in Chickasaw County to install a columbarium; in fact, according to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home's Andy Hugeback, it is the only columbarium in not only the county but in all the counties that directly surround Chickasaw.

The Greenwood Cemetery Board purchased the more than

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Photo courtesy of Andy Hugeback

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## Perfect in district play

The Turkey Valley football team rolls to a big win to finish an undefeated district season

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## Enrollment's up, and so is eSports

School Board gets some good news on student count, approves new activity

By BOB FENSKE

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On a night when the New Hampton School Board received some good news on the district's enrollment, board members Monday night gave the go-ahead to an eSports program.

Board members covered a lot of ground in a relatively short amount of time during a meeting that was pushed up a half-hour because of the Class 3A regional volleyball match that New Hampton hosted.

**DISTRICT TRIES TO BE PROACTIVE WITH "SHORTAGES."**

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Maybe the best news of the night came on the last item on the agenda as Superintendent Jay Jurrens reported that the district's certified enrollment on Oct. 1 increased 7.7 students from a year ago.

That's important because

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## Excruciating loss

Chickasaws' rally comes up short in 35-28 loss to Clear Lake

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## Students show their kindness in fundraiser

### PIES: FROM 1

of Madi Hanson, the kindergarten student who was attacked by four dogs while attending a birthday party in Nashua over the Labor Day weekend.

"Pie in the face, pie in the face, pie in the face."

The fundraiser was the brainchild of teacher Theresa Knutson, who was seeking a way for students to show acts of kindness so she came up with the idea of having students and staff drop off change in buckets, and the winners of each grade level, as well as the "specials" teachers — art, physical education, etc. — received the honor of getting pied.

In four days, they raised more than a thousand bucks.

"You guys blew my plan out of the water," Knutson said. "I mean you really, really, really blew me away."

When the time came, New Hampton Elementary students gathered on stage, and the chant became a roar that we're pretty sure could be heard from one end of the city to the other.

"Pie in the face, pie in the face, pie in the face."

And then the deeds were done by students, including little Madi, who just smiled after she was done plastering the pie to her principal's face.

Was it fun?

"Yes," she answered with a huge smile. And the smile, if it was possible, grew a little bigger before she continued.

"And I love my school."



## Awarding quilts of comfort and healing

The Freedom Strippers, the local chapter of the Quilts of Valor, was at it again on Sunday as they awarded quilts to 22 area veterans during a ceremony that was held at the Nashua Fire Station.

A Quilt of Valor is awarded to a veteran or a person on active duty as a thank you, and volunteers say they hope the award will bring comfort and healing to veterans who have sacrificed so much as they serve their country.

Those who received quilts during Sunday's ceremony included:

- Army Lt. Col. Jeffery Pratt
- Army Maj. Joseph Pratt
- Marine Corps Pvt. 1st Class Jim Pratt
- Coast Guard Capt. Beverly Havlik
- Navy Master Chief Patrick Lumley
- Army National Guard Michael Kepple
- Air Force Staff Sgt. John Cook
- Army 1st Lt. Sid Harris Jr.
- Army Spec. 4th Class Roger Buchholz
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# Area legislative candidates square off at forum

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Four candidates for the Iowa state Legislature shared their views on a number of political topics during an open forum on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Charles City Senior Center.

Seeking to represent Senate District 29 there is a race between Republican Sandy Salmon, who has served in the Legislature in the House since 2021, and Democrat Jenn Wolff, an occupational therapist who long advocated for disabled and elderly care and has now entered politics to further that cause.

Vying for House District 58 in this election are two political newcomers. Charley Thomson, an area lawyer and businessman, is running as the Republican candidate.

His opponent is retired teacher Dené Lundberg, running as the Democratic candidate.

The four candidates came together in Charles City where forum moderator Toni Noah presented them with a series of pre-selected questions on a wide range of political topics.

Rather than a debate, each candidate was given one minute of uninterrupted time to express their thoughts before moving on to the next person.

Kicking things off with a major political hot topic, the first question asked the candidates their position on legislation concerning abortion and reproductive choice.

Sticking to their respective party philosophies, the Democratic candidates expressed their support for women to control their bodily autonomy while the Republicans advocated for legal protections of the newly conceived.

"I don't believe that the government should interfere or intervene in a woman's right to choose her health care," said Lundberg. "We need to take the government out of women's health care. It's a very private and oftentimes a very painful issue."

"In terms of legislation, I think we're in a rather unclear and uncertain spot," said Thomson. "When we look at what the legislation should be, our first stop has to be the Iowa Constitution.

## Columbarium installed at local cemetery

### COLUMBARIUM: FROM 1

8,000-pound columbarium in response to the increased use of cremation. The columbarium is 7 1/2 feet long, almost 3 feet wide and stands 6.5 feet tall.

And just what is a columbarium?

It is a structure for the reverential and usually public storage of funerary urns, holding cremated remains of the deceased.

"It's something you see everywhere in big cities," said Hugeback, who sold the monument to the Greenwood Cemetery Board. "With more and more cremations being done, it just makes sense."

The Greenwood columbarium has 48 "niches" and each can contain two urns. Each panel will list the names of the deceased, their dates of their births and deaths and the names of their children.

Greenwood Cemetery is offering each niche for a special introductory offer of \$1,200 through Jan. 1, and Hugeback said the positive for families is



Press photo by Travis Fischer

**Seated at the front table (from left) Iowa House and Senate candidates Jenn Wolff, Sandy Salmon, Dené Lundberg, and Charley Thomson answer questions from moderator Toni Noah (standing) during a forum at the Charles City Senior Center Thursday, Oct. 13.**

We're finally having a discussion about abortion that we should have had in 1974, which is 'what are the rights of the parties involved?' We need to look at what due process protections and equal protection protections there are for newly conceived life."

The next questions asked the candidates if they would like to see the state's budget surplus used to enhance funding of the public school system and their thoughts on the push for school choice.

**BOTH REPUBLICAN** candidates expressed their doubts that increased school funding would achieve the desired results, instead advocating for school choice, which would allow private schools to receive public funds as they take on public school students.

"I support the public schools, but I think we need to have some alternatives," said Thomson. "As far as taking the surplus toward it, I don't think it's a very smart move to say 'Let's just throw money at education.'"

"We have to think about the goal of what our money does," said Salmon. "This is where I think striking out with a school choice initiative would take us in a different direction and give us an opportunity to have families pick out what would be the best educational option for their child."

The Democratic candidates lamented the level of funding that public education has received in recent years and advocated for increases in funds for school resources and teacher compensation.

"They've been asked at 4% and it's been less than that for the last 10 years," said Wolff. "Schools are desperate."

"Our school system has gone from No. 1 in the country to No. 24. There's a correlation there."

"When we don't fund public schools at a level that are needed, we see them continuing to struggle to meet the demands of their students and community," said Lundberg. "I believe that the budget surplus should be used, in part, for public education."

**THE KEY TO** surviving inflation I think is increased productivity, which often means more efficiency in government," said Thomson. "If we become more efficient as a state government operation, the tax burden is lowered and productivity of Iowa industry and economy picks up."

Salmon reiterated policies that the state has already implemented, such as the recently passed flat tax legislation.

"We are lowering our tax rates to 3.9% over four years and exempting retirement income," said Salmon. "Tax

structure affects a great deal whether people move here or not and it affects whether a company moves here or not."

The Democrats were more wary about lowering taxes at the expense of services, particularly for businesses and high income residents.

"While tax cuts are great, and they sound great, they are also what funds our services and our services are being cut," said Wolff, who was particularly concerned about expensive budget items like education and Medicaid. "If we don't have enough money to fund these services, how are we going to entice people to stay in Iowa?"

"Services to Iowans are essential and, like many others, we're struggling to make ends meet every single day," said Lundberg. "We need to lower taxes for working families instead of giving more handouts and tax breaks to large corporations, reducing our state income."

**HALFWAY THROUGH** the forum, the four candidates finally found themselves all on the same page with a question about the use of eminent domain for the construction of carbon dioxide pipelines.

Whether concerned about the use of eminent domain for private profit, the environmental impact, or the eco-

nomic viability in general, all four candidates declared their opposition to using eminent domain for the pipeline.

Moving back behind party lines, the next question asked the candidates what they thought of how the state has been financially managed over the last decade.

"I have had concerns with the taxation of middle class Iowans and the lack of taxation for those making large amounts of money in our country," said Lundberg, who attributed much of the current budget boon to federal COVID funds.

"I think we've done very well in the state management of the budget but I think we can do better. I think we can always do better," said Thomson, who suggested occasional "zero based budgeting," where the budget starts at zero and every dollar spent must be justified. "I think it's a very healthy exercise and we haven't done it in a while."

Thomson also raised concerns about economic development in Iowa, particularly at the lowest levels.

**"I DO BELIEVE** that, up until the most recent tax cuts, that some of the taxation things have been good for the state," said Wolff. "I think the most recent one, the flat tax of 3.9, is good for some of Iowans. It's not good for all of Iowans."

Moving back to schools, the candidates were asked if they believed that area schools were indoctrinating students with Marxist political doctrine, and if so, to cite examples.

Wolff began by denying that there was indoctrination happening, but that students do need to understand the country's complicated history and social systems.

"We have got to have youth that can critically think and can think about lots of different problems in critical ways," said Wolff. "That's hard when we come with our very hard history."

Both Lundberg and Thomson likewise dismissed the assertion, chalking the idea up to social media hysterics.

"As someone who spent 33 years in the public school system, I can tell you that a lot of what you're hearing about this is coming from social media," said Lundberg.



Members of the Greenwood Cemetery Board and Hugeback-Johnson employees (top) pose for a photo after a columbarium, which includes "niches" (left), was installed at the Nashua cemetery.

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Thank you to everyone who remembered me on my 80th birthday with warm wishes and all those cards! You made my day even more special than I could have imagined.

David Balk

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## Student board members support adding eSports

### SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

the state uses the Oct. 1 enrollment numbers to determine funding for school districts during the following school year.

This year's Oct. 1 enrollment of 929.94 represents an increase of less than 1 percent, but the superintendent said it still was good news..

"Anytime it's not down," Jurrens told board members, "I consider it as a positive."

Jurrens said the district's "students-in-seats" count was up 6.6, and he said New Hampton continues to have more students open-enrolling into the district (61.2) than it has open-enrolling out of the district (50.5).

Earlier in Monday's meeting, board members voted 5-0 to approve starting an eSports program at New Hampton High School.

Board members heard a pitch from Justin Adam, the school's band director, during their September meeting but held off on making a decision until Monday.

Adam once again made his pitch that adding the activity that consists of schools playing each other in video games

would provide more opportunities for students to become involved with their fellow students, as well as with adults.

And he received plenty of support from the three student School Board members — Aydin Ries, Catherine Pethoud and Quinten Reicks — all of whom urged the voting members to approve the activity.

"I think last month when Mr.

Adam was ecstatic with the board's decision.

"I know I've been asked a million times if it's been approved," he said, "and I've had to remind them that the School Board only meets once a month. ... I know they're going to be some happy kids tomorrow."

In other news from Monday night's Board meeting:

• Board members approved hiring Andrew Arias as the new high school bowling coach, and Arias will lead the Chickasaws during their first season of competition when it starts next

month.

• The board approved making a request to the School Budget Review Committee to allow the district to add its special-education deficit of a little more than \$426,000 to New Hampton's spending authority, which is the amount the state allows districts to spend.

• Board members approved spending a little more than \$9,000 for new shelving for the district's food service and more than \$19,000 to fix a portion of the 1961 elementary school roof.

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## Should You Consolidate Retirement Accounts?

One of the rewards for working over several decades is the ability to contribute to tax-advantaged retirement accounts, which can help provide needed income for you when you do retire. As the years went by, you may well have accumulated several retirement accounts, such as IRAs and 401(k)s or similar employer-sponsored plans. But you might find it advantageous to consolidate these accounts with a single provider.

Consolidating them can provide you with several potential benefits, including these:

**• Less confusion and clutter**

If you have multiple accounts in different locations, it may be difficult to keep track of tax documents, statements, fees, disclosures and other important information. Consolidating accounts could help provide clear, simplified account maintenance.

**• Less likelihood of "lost accounts"**

It may be hard to believe, but many people abandon their retirement accounts, leaving thousands of dollars behind and unclaimed. In fact, at the end of 2021, there were nearly 25 million forgotten 401(k) accounts, worth about 20% of all 401(k) assets, according to an estimate by Capitalize, a financial services company that helps individuals roll over retirement plan assets into new accounts. It's possible that employers can even move small, old accounts out of their 401(k) plans and into an IRA on behalf of their former employees, thus increasing the chances that savers will lose track of their money. By consolidating your retirement plans with one provider, you can ensure you don't lose track of your hard-earned money.

**• Ability to follow a unified strategy**

With multiple retirement accounts, and different investment portfolios, you might find it difficult to maintain a unified financial strategy that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. But once you've consolidated accounts with a single provider,



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er, you'll find it easier to manage your investment mix and to rebalance your portfolio as needed. The need to rebalance may become more important as you near retirement because you may want to shift some of your assets into investments that aren't as susceptible to swings in the financial markets.

**• Possible improvement in investment options** — Often, 401(k)s may have limited investment selection, so consolidating accounts with a full-service firm may allow for a wider array of products and strategies. This broader exposure can potentially help you improve your overall retirement income strategies.

**• Greater ease in calculating RMDs** — Once you turn 72, you will need to start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan. If you don't take out at least the minimal amount, which is based on your age and account balance, you could face a penalty. If you have several accounts, with different providers, it could be cumbersome and difficult to calculate your RMDs — it will be much easier with all accounts under one roof.

So, if you do have multiple retirement accounts, give some thought to consolidating them. The consolidation process is not difficult, and the end result may save you time and hassles, while also helping you manage your retirement income more effectively.

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## Park and Rec, Chamber to hold Halloween celebration Oct. 29

The New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department and New Horizons-Chamber will their annual downtown Halloween celebration on Saturday, Oct. 29.

The event will include the parade that starts at 10:30 a.m. and will run from the Community Center's Water Avenue side and then down Main Street and will be followed by downtown trick-or-treating at participating businesses.

The parade will be led by the winners of the costume contest, and those who want to be judged should enter the Community Center's south doors (off of Spring Street) and go through the council chambers before exiting the building's east doors.

Contest winners will be announced at 10:20 a.m. so those who want to participate need to have made their way through the Community Center by then.

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

came to hiring a EMS director for the county owned ambulance service that will provide service to New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington and is scheduled to be up and running by Jan. 1.

Two weeks ago, the supervisors offered the job to "Candidate 3" for an annual salary of \$75,000, but that candidate turned down the job. That led to "Candidate 1" being offered the job, and the way Kuhn talked Monday, it sounds as if that candidate first accepted the job last week before rescinding that acceptance on Friday.

That led to Monday's third offer, which was approved by a 4-0 vote as Steve Breitbach did not participate in the interviews or the exempt session because he is related to "Candidate 2."

The offer is contingent on the candidate passing a background check, and supervisors say they hope that if he accepts, the candidate will begin work on Oct. 31.

Supervisors also discussed where the ambulances would be based, at least temporarily.

Kuhn said the city of New Hampton

has agreed to rent the garage at the police department, which is currently being used by the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council to house two rigs owned by the Chickasaw Ambulance Service, the county's current EMS provider.

During the discussion about the proposed contract, though, Supervisor Jake Hackman suggested that the county use the Community Services Building at least temporarily to house its ambulances.

"I may not make friends here," he said. "You know we don't have nothing with the Rescue Squad. Can we give them notice to remove and put our rigs in there since it's a department, a county department, now?"

Earlier in the discussion, EMS Advisory Committee member Bridget Edson said it was important for the county to soon know where it will house the two new ambulances it purchased in late August.

Supervisors approved a bid for \$4,800 from the Samuels Group to do building assessments and master plans at the Heritage and the Community Services Building, but Edson said it was "Whatever our arrival date for these rigs," she said, "we need a place for them to be where we can start preparing them for licensing and

training."

That's when Hackman suggested using the Community Services building — a thought that county resident Kathy Shekleton seconded after she was told that the all-volunteer Rescue Squad was not technically a county agency but one operated by the Emergency Management Agency.

"So they're in our building anyway," she said, "How come that is?"

EMA Director Jeff Bernatz quickly jumped in and said "we provide to the citizens of the county," but Hackman responded that he has been pushing for years to clarify the legal status of the squad.

"Kick 'em out," Shekleton said. "It's our county."

That led Edson to join the fray as she pointed out "they do all your first responders."

But by that time, Kuhn had had enough and cut off the discussion.

"We're not getting into that today," he said. "It will be on next week's agenda."

Instead, the supervisors held off on approving the contract with the city of New Hampton until a number of concerns addressed by County Attorney David Laudner were addressed.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

## Good eats in AV!

**Chloe and Marshall Jeffery "dig in" during the Alta Vista Fireman's Breakfast that was held Sunday at the fire station and beyond ... as firefighters delivered breakfasts to a number of area farmers who were busy bringing in their crops.**



## Beyond Iowa

*Local artist and teacher displays works*

"Beyond Iowa," Paintings by David Prehm is currently on display at the Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery, 115 W. Main Street in Fredericksburg.

Prehm's new watercolors are on display from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31, 2022. "Many people in our area appreciate the work of this talented local artist," said a statement from the gallery. "Come to view his new watercolor paintings anytime this fall."

"As an educator, I was blessed with some time off in the summer, then later we took advantage of early retirement and hit the road," said Prehm. "Recording the beauty of nature I always carry

my sketchbook to draw and take notes. Beaches, sights off the beaten path and National Parks seemed to lure us in. Painting on sight, (Plein air painting) forces an artist to work fast and capture the fleeting moments. I seem to be most attached to these paintings. I guess it is the memory of what took place while sitting and painting in that location. Being there makes it an experience, not just a painting."

Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery is open Thursdays and Fridays 12 to 4 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Briefs

### Group to hold LOST meeting tonight

The Citizens for Ambulance Service tonight (Thursday) will hold the second of three informational meetings about the Nov. 8 referendum that will decide if the city of New Hampton can reallocate its local-option sales tax (LOST) revenue.

City leaders want to use the LOST funds to pay its fee to Chickasaw County EMS for ambulance service and use the rest for infrastructure.

Tonight's meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Community Center.

The third and final meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, and also will start at 6:30 p.m. and be held at the Community Center.

### Blood drive to be held this Tuesday

LifeServe Blood Center will hold its monthly blood drive Tuesday at the New Hampton Community Center.

Blood can be donated between noon and 5:30 p.m., but an appointment must be made by calling 800-287-4903 or going online to [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org).

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Officials say that there is a critical need for O-positive, O-negative, A-negative, B-positive and B-negative blood, but that all types of blood donations will be accepted.

### Craft and Bake Sale set for Oct. 29-30

The 36th annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale, billed as the biggest of its kind in Northeast Iowa, will be held Oct. 29-30 at Decorah High School.

The sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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### QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid State of Iowa Driver's License with a clean record.
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Chickasaw County EMS Director is accepting applications for a Full time/ Part time Paramedic/RN Nurse. \$22-\$27 Per Hour based on experience. Non-Exempt.

### JOB PURPOSE

Respond to 911 calls and interfacility transfer requests, providing direct patient care within the Chickasaw County EMS service-area. Initiate and provide care within the scope of practice as defined by law providing emergency care to a wide range of patients including pediatric, adult, and geriatric.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- Certified State of Iowa Paramedic (required), must maintain active licensure with current ACLS, PAS, and BLS certifications.
- Complete required continuing education every two years to maintain current certification status.
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### QUALIFICATIONS

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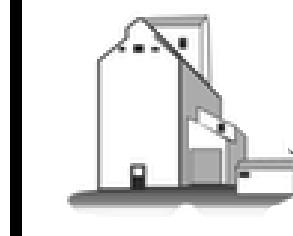
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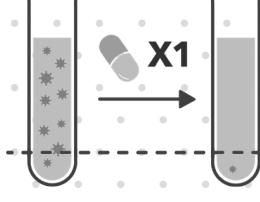
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### INGREDIENTS

- 8 eggs
  - 1/3 cup half and half
  - 1 teaspoon black pepper
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 pound ground mild pork sausage
  - 4 slices bacon, diced
  - 2 cups shredded cheddar
  - 2 tablespoons diced chives
  - 10 egg roll wrappers
- SAUCE INGREDIENTS (OPTIONAL)**
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
  - 1/2 cup sour cream
  - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
  - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1 tablespoon chopped chives

### DIRECTIONS

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, half and half, black pepper; set aside.

In a large skillet over medium heat, brown the sausage and cook the bacon pieces until brown and crispy.

Pour the egg mixture into the skillet and cook until the eggs are done.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the eggs and chives.

Spoon about 1/3 cup of the filling into the center of an egg roll wrapper.

Fold one corner in toward the center and then bring the two side corners into the center.

Dab a little bit of water onto the remaining corner of the egg roll wrapper. Roll it up and then repeat with the remaining egg rolls.

Preheat about 1 1/2 inches of vegetable oil in a large skillet until the oil reaches 350 F.

Fry the egg rolls (about 1 to 2 minutes on each side); remove from the oil and enjoy warm with chipotle dipping sauce.

For the (optional) sauce – Combine all the ingredients and then serve with the hot egg rolls.

### TO MAKE AHEAD

Filling can be prepared in advance and kept refrigerated until you're ready to form and fry the egg rolls. We don't recommend frying egg rolls ahead of time and reheating, as they'll lose their crunch.

### SUBSTITUTIONS

While this recipe calls for sausage and bacon, you can opt to use all sausage (use 12 ounces), all bacon (use 12 slices), or even diced ham (use about 1 1/2 cups).

Add a little spice with pepper jack cheese in place of cheddar.

Try dipping in salsa or fresh guacamole instead of chipotle sauce.



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### INGREDIENTS

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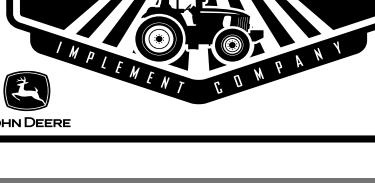
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- 4 bone-in pork chops

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**Marinate** – Next, grab a resealable zip lock bag and large bowl and place the pork chops in it. Pour the marinade you prepared into it. Squeeze as much air out of bag as possible and seal. Marinate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

**Grill** – When you are ready to grill the pork chops preheat grill or grill pan to medium heat. Place pork chops on grill or in pan. Discard remaining marinade. Grill the pork chops over medium heat for 4-5 minutes on each side or until a thermometer inserted in the middle of the meat reaches 145 degrees F. Remove from grill or grill pan.

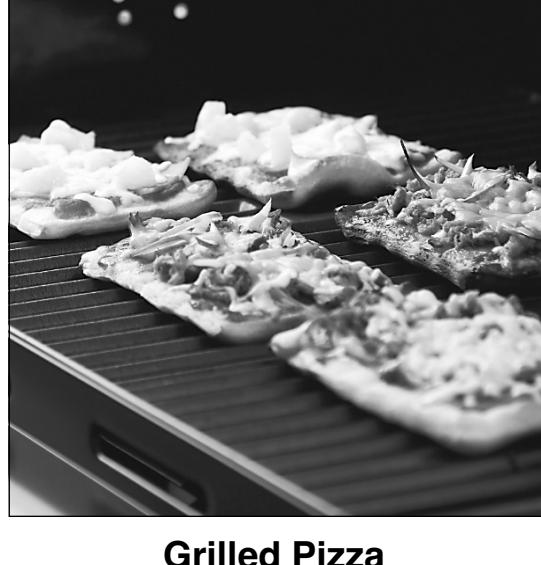
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about 6 minutes. Remove to a bowl.

In the same pan, add the sausage and brown until done.

Combine all ingredients and pour into a greased 9x13" baking dish. Bake for 60-65 minutes.

Top with additional fresh parsley, if desired.



## Waukon restaurant (hint, football fans) wins IPPA pork tenderloin contest

A car dealership-turned-restaurant is where you'll find Iowa's Best Breaded Pork Tenderloin for 2022.

Lid's Bar & Grill in Waukon, in the northeast corner of the state, has won the 20th annual contest, presented by the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA) and managed by its restaurant and foodservice committee.

"Obviously we enjoy highlighting our state's delicious pork," said Kelsey Sutter, IPPA's marketing and programs director. "But this award also forever transforms local Iowa businesses, as tenderloin enthusiasts look forward to the announcement every year, and are known to travel lengthy distances to try a variation on this Midwestern staple."

Each third-pound tenderloin is cut and twice tenderized at Quillin's Food Ranch in Waukon. At the restaurant, the never-frozen meat is hand-breaded to order—dipped in milk then dredged through a seasoned breading.

"The tenderloins are actually fairly thick, so you can taste the pork instead of just breading," said Dan Liddiard, who co-owns Lid's with his wife Kelly. Lid's is a shortened version of the couple's last name.

The deep-fried favorite is served with lettuce and mayo on a lightly buttered and toasted bun, baked fresh daily also at Quillin's. Sandwiches include a side of crinkle-cut French fries.

Chef Phil Carey, a tenderloin finalist judge, describes the sandwich as having "great pork flavor, with a wonderful breading that greatly complements the overall sandwich," as well as a "perfect size of bun-to-pork-tenderloin ratio."

The Liddiards are Waukon natives who opened the eatery in July 2020. Dan Liddiard had operated West Side Auto Sales on the site for nearly a decade. However, when car sales plummeted during the early months of COVID-19, he reduced his inventory and renovated a portion of the office, showroom, and shop for the restaurant. The Liddiards had no prior experience in food service.

"Nope," Dan Liddiard admits. "Not till after the day we opened."

Since being named among the top five tenderloin finalists earlier this month, tenderloin fans have been flooding in from all over the state, the Liddiards said. The business went from selling about 25 pounds of loins per week, to 35 to 40 pounds a day. A drive-up window accommodates carry-out customers.

"To be nominated for this was absolutely incredible," said Dan Liddiard, choking back tears. "To win is 10 times that. It's pretty great."

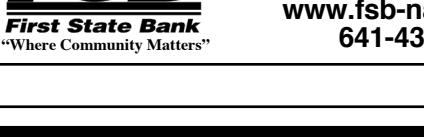
IPPA's restaurant and foodservice committee officially presented the best tenderloin award at the restaurant on Tuesday,

Lid's will receive \$500, a plaque, and a large banner to display.

This year's runner-up is Ludlow's Steakhouse in Corydon, about an hour and a half south of Des Moines.

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## 2020 IOWA PORK ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION STUDY



STATE OF IOWA



**24.8**  
(MILLION)  
NUMBER OF HOGS



**5,418**  
NUMBER OF HOG FARMS



**147,105**  
JOBS

Based on the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture and adjusted for the statewide rate of change for Iowa shown in the Dec. 1, 2019 NASS Hogs & Pigs Report.\*

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A measure of the full and part-time jobs in the state created by the pork industry including those in hog production, slaughter, processing, and related activities.\*

**\$11.9**  
(BILLION)

VALUE-ADDED ACTIVITY

The difference between sales from pork production, slaughter, processing, and related activities, and the cost of the inputs. Inputs include Household Income, Taxes, and other economic activity.\*

**\$40.8**  
(BILLION)

PORK PRODUCTION & PROCESSING SALES

Represents current annual revenue projections for the pork industry based on the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture. It is adjusted for 2019 by calculating the rate of change determined by the IMPLAN calculator for projected revenues of Iowa's hog production, slaughter, and processing activity, as well as other related activities.\*

**\$6.8**  
(BILLION)

HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The total payroll related to hog production, slaughter, processing, and other related activities. This includes employee wages, salaries, and benefits, in addition to payments received by self-employed owners.\*

**3,021,320**

(ACRES)  
CORN CONSUMPTION  
(22% of Iowa corn acres)



These are the number of crop acres in the county needed to feed the pigs raised here. Consumption estimates are based on average yields (bu./acre) from the NASS 2019 report on county acreage, production, and yields. From wean to market weight, a pig, on average, will consume 12 bu. of corn and 2.5 bu. of soybeans. Two groups of pigs are raised each year.

**2,234,234**

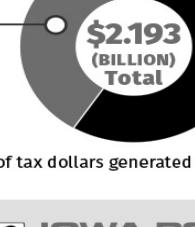
(ACRES)  
SOYBEAN CONSUMPTION  
(23% of Iowa soybean acres)



### IOWA PORK INDUSTRY TAX SUMMARY

**\$893**  
(MILLION)

STATE/LOCAL TAXES



**\$1.3**  
(BILLION)

FEDERAL TAXES

This chart shows the distribution of tax dollars generated by the pork industry and related activities.\*

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# Pork industry makes huge impact on Iowa economy

Iowa Pork Producers Association says it's not just the 5,000-plus pig farms, but it's the almost 150,000 jobs pork creates in state

The work of Iowa's pig farmers is the core of a vital pork industry in the state, says a new study released by the Iowa Pork Producers Association (IPPA).

Iowa's 5,418 pig farms generate work not only in pig production, but also in hog harvesting and pork processing. In all, there are 147,105 Iowa jobs created by the pork industry through direct, indirect and induced jobs. The jobs break out this way:

- Pig production on the farms generates 46 percent of the jobs.

- The state's 14 commercial hog harvesting facilities create 45 percent of the jobs

- Commercial pork processing contributes another 9 percent of jobs.

A study provided a year ago by the Coalition to Support Iowa Farmers showed that livestock production was the only agriculture sector that was increasing the number of jobs in Iowa.

In the three areas of the pork industry, labor income from those Iowa jobs is \$6.84 billion, according to Decision Innovations Solutions (DIS), an economic research and analysis firm that conducted the study for IPPA. DIS used a 2018 Iowa dataset, data from the USDA 2017 Census of Agriculture and other USDA/NASS sources and used IMPLAN modeling to project data that would reflect 2019 numbers and dollars.

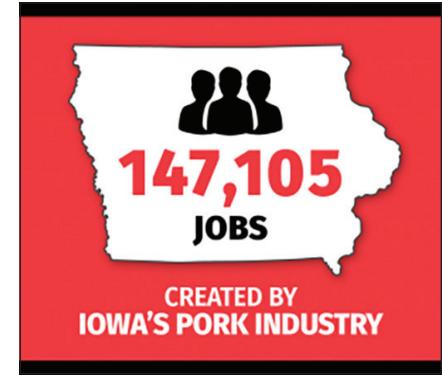
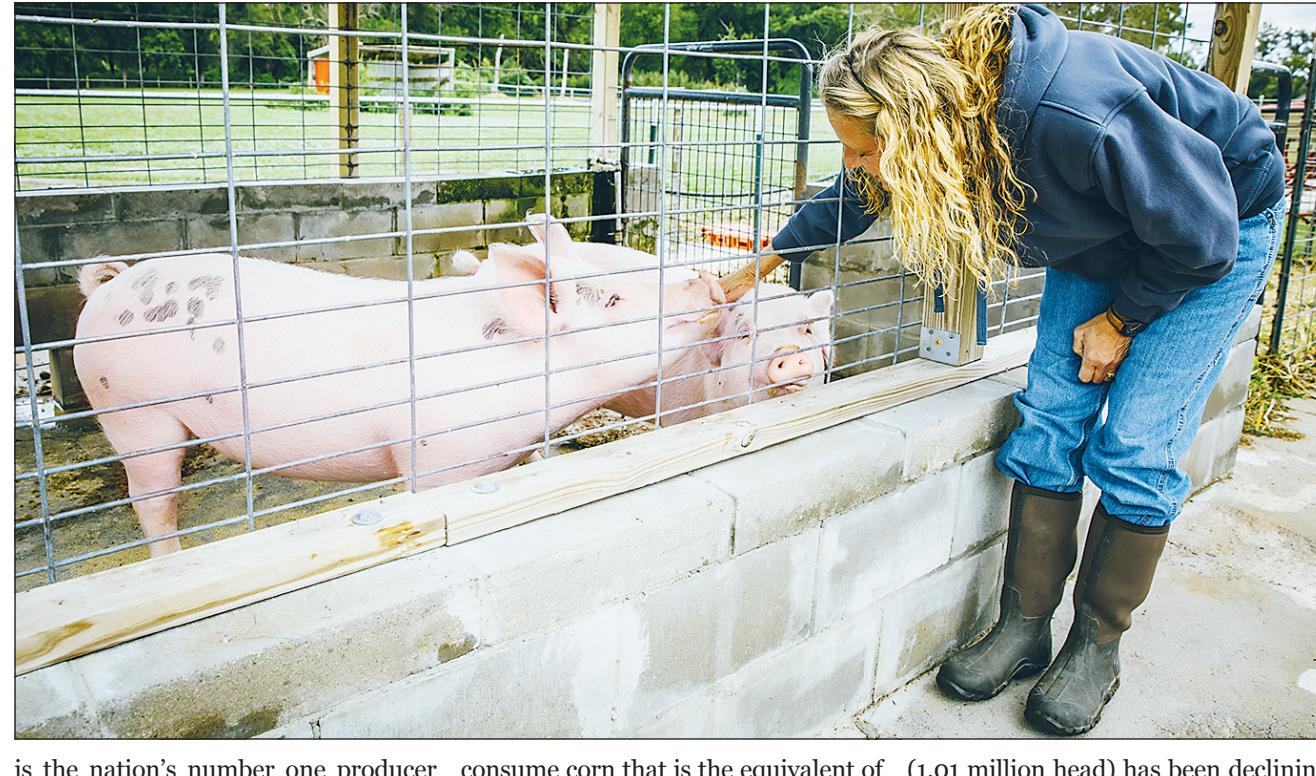
The three pork industry sectors generated \$40.8 billion in sales.

Pig production accounted for 34 percent of the total, or \$13.9 billion in sales from Iowa's pig farms.

Hog harvesting facilities had 55 percent of the sales, and pork processing accounted for 11 percent of sales.

## Using Local Feedstuffs

There are several reasons that Iowa



In addition to analyzing state data on the impact of Iowa's pork industry, additional analysis was conducted on 35 counties in Iowa to review local economic contributions. (The data from these counties will be released soon.)

## Adding Barns is a Jobs Benefit to Counties

The DIS study also included information about the economic activity in a community when a new 2,400-head finishing barn is built.

This part of the study considered the construction and first year operations of a barn this size, which is typical for Iowa.

Building the barn would create 12 jobs (half in construction and half in operations) and sales activities of \$2.5 million.

A new pig barn sources about 35 percent of inputs locally. The construction of a new pig barn requires several purchases such as steel, concrete and equipment.

Once construction is completed, pig farms purchase feed, veterinary and other professional services, and many other inputs to produce market hogs for sale.

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The state's pig farmers not only have a proud heritage, they have built upon the experiences of that heritage and combine it with using new research and technology to become more efficient in producing nutritious, safe and delicious pork.

Another reason is the availability of key feedstuffs for raising pigs.

A balanced pig diet contains energy and amino acids, which come from corn and soybean meal diets. From weaning to reaching market weight, an average pig eats 12 bushels of corn and 2.5 bushels of soybeans.

Over the course of a year, Iowa pigs

consume corn that is the equivalent of 22 percent of the state's corn production and 23 percent of the state's soybeans. That means nearly one-fourth of Iowa's row crops are marketed for near-by use, thus reducing the cost of grain transportation.

## Pigs and Farms, Increasing and Decreasing

The number of pigs in Iowa in December 2019, was 24.8 million hogs. Ninety-five percent (23.79 million) of those hogs are market animals, which have increased by three percent annually for the past decade. Iowa holds 32 percent of the U.S. hog inventory.

Conversely, Iowa's breeding herd

(1.01 million head) has been declining slowly despite growth (1.2 percent) in the national breeding herd (6.4 million).

The size of pig farms is increasing, 69 percent of Iowa's hog inventory is now on farms with 5,000 or more pigs (20 percent of all pig farms). However, the most common commercial-size hog farm (32 percent) in Iowa is in the category of 2,000-4,999 head. Farms with 1,000-1,999 pigs are 13 percent of Iowa's pig farms.

The top five counties in pig inventory are Washington, Sioux, Lyon, Hamilton and Plymouth counties. Each of these counties has more than 1 million pigs.

## Letter to the Editor

### It's their month, so thank a pig farmer in October

The members of the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau would like to wish all pork farmers and those in the industry a Happy Pork Month.

Thank you for your time and hard work to not only put pork products on our plates, but many other things.

### Pork is not only tasty, but it's great for you!

Pork has many beneficial qualities that make it easy to incorporate into a balanced menu.

The variety of options range from decadent and flavorful to lean and nutrient-rich cuts that are affordable, easy to make, and enjoyable to people of all ages.

Both the pork tenderloin and pork sirloin roast meet the criteria for the American Heart Association Heart Checkmark, which means they contain less than 5 grams of fat, 2 grams or less of saturated fat, and 480 milligrams or less of sodium per label serving. Pork is also packed with protein (46 percent of your daily needs can be found in just a three-ounce pork serving), making it easy to include in a health-forward and balanced diet.

Here are other key nutrients (and their percent of daily value provided by a 3 ounce serving) in pork:

- Without Thiamin (50 percent), metabolism of carbohydrates, protein, and fat would be significantly compromised. Animal protein is one of the best sources of this nutrient, and among the choices, pork is tops.

- Niacin (34 percent) is an important for the normal function of many enzymes in the body and involved in the metabolism of sugars and fatty acids.

- Vitamin B6 (30 percent) is important for the normal function of enzymes and co-enzymes, which are needed to metabolize protein, carbohydrates, and fats. Plus, it plays a critical role in the regulation of glycogen (stored carbohydrates) metabolism.

- Zinc (25 percent) is a component of more than 70 enzymes, zinc is a key player in energy metabolism and the immune system.

- Vitamin B12 (25 percent) helps build red blood cells and metabolize carbohydrates and fats.

- Next to milk, few foods have as much riboflavin (20 percent)

per serving as pork. Riboflavin has an important role in the release of energy from foods.

- Phosphorous (15 percent) helps strengthens bones and generates energy in cells.

- Potassium (6 percent), a mineral also known as an electrolyte, plays a major role in water balance and helps maintain normal blood pressure. This is considered a nutrient of public health concern.

- Iron (6 percent) is a mineral we need for growth and development. Our body uses it to make hemoglobin, which is a protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen from the lungs throughout the body, and myoglobin, a protein that provides oxygen to muscles. Your body also uses iron in hormone production. Iron in food comes in two forms: heme iron and nonheme iron. Meat like pork, seafood, and poultry have both heme and nonheme iron.

- Magnesium (6 percent) is an important for the normal function of many enzymes (catalysts for the body's chemical reactors), glucose and muscle action.

In other words, that pork chop, that pork tenderloin, that bacon ... you get the idea ... is not just tasty but it turns out it's also pretty dang healthy for you.

So enjoy pork; after all, it's good.

Thanks again, pork producers, for all you do!

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# All that matters is it's a win for Chickasaws

New Hampton opens regional with an up-and-down sweep

BY BOB FENSKA  
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All that mattered Monday night for the New Hampton volleyball team was coming up with a W.

Style points didn't matter, which was probably a good thing as the Chickasaws, fresh off winning the Northeast Iowa Conference tournament championship, weren't at their best but even a so-so night from New Hampton proved too much for Crestwood.

The Chickasaws picked up a 25-23, 25-17, 25-18 sweep over their Northeast Iowa Conference rivals in the opening round of the Class 3A regional tournament to avoid what coach Jess Geerts worried was a huge "trap match." The victory sent New Hampton to Osage on Wednesday to play the seventh-ranked Green Devils, who made quick work of North Fayette Valley for a 25-8, 25-9, 25-19 win.

"This one, I'm not going to lie, worried me, and it worried me a lot," Geerts said after her team improved to 23-14. "We were coming off a big win, a big tournament, and we looked like it tonight. I told the girls in the locker room that we won on talent tonight, but that was it. We were really up and down."

She paused and smiled.

"But we won, and that's what matters. Granted, we have to play better on Wednesday."

New Hampton fell behind 5-2 in the opening set, but used a 15-8 run capped off by a perfect tip from senior Elaina



Rosonke to take a 17-13 lead.

Crestwood, though, fought back and tied the match at 23 before Braelyn Rosonke and Carlee Rochford came up with kills to seal a 25-23 win.

A Marissa Cahoy kill helped New Hampton open up a 6-2 lead in the second set, but again, the Cadets fought back to cut the deficit to 14-12, but Molly Wegner's two aces sparked a five-point run and

the Chickasaws moved to within one set of heading to Osage.

They got it by using a 10-2 run to take a 12-5 lead and cruised to the win with a senior, Rochford, fittingly coming up with the final kill on the last home match the Class of 2023 will play on its home court.

"When we were good, we were good," Geerts said, "but these girls are smart enough to know we have to clean up a lot



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New Hampton's Molly Wegner (left) sets the ball for teammate Carlee Rochford, and the Chickasaws (above) celebrate a winning point during Monday's Class 3A regional match against Crestwood.

of things."

Cahoy led the balanced Chickasaws with 13 kills, Rochford added eight and Braelyn Rosonke had seven. The Chickasaws' two setters — Paige Steinlage and Molly Wegner — combined for 34 assists, and the defense was good enough as Elaina Rosonke led the way with three blocks while Cahoy added nine digs and Rochford and Alivya Wisner contributed eight apiece.

"We need to be better at the serving line," Geerts said after her team made eight service errors, compared to just four aces, "but I'm proud of them for finding a way to do what they had to do on a night where they weren't at their best."

## NEW HAMPTON 3, CRESTWOOD 0

Crestwood 23 17 18

New Hampton 25 25 25

## NEW HAMPTON STATS

Kills - Marissa Cahoy 13, Carlee

Rochford 8, Braelyn Rosonke 7,

Elaina Rosonke 5, Hailee Pesek 4, Paige Steinlage 2.

Assists - Steinlage 20, Molly

Wegner 14, Cahoy 1, Rochford 1.

Digs - Cahoy 9, Alivya Wisner

8, Rochford 8, Steinlage 5, Jenna

Tank 4, E. Rosonke 2, B. Rosonke

2.

Blocks - E. Rosonke 3, B. Rosonke

2, Steinlage 2, Cahoy 1.

Serving - Steinlage 15-16, Wegner

14-16, Wisner 10-10, Cahoy 9-11,

Rochford 8-8, E. Rosonke 7-9, Tank

2-3.

Aces - Wegner 2, E. Rosonke 1,

Wisner 1.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Jaclyn Schmitt and Kinsey Reicks (above) go up for a block attempt while Maici Weber (right) makes a pass as teammate Olivia Snyder backs her up during the Trojans' Class 1A regional match against Edgewood-Colesburg on Monday.



# Trojans falter in regional opener

Turkey Valley season comes to an end with four-set loss to Ed-Co

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"They brought their 'A' game, we brought our 'B' game."

It's a simple statement, but there was a lot of emotion behind it as first-year coach Shelbie Balk came into the Turkey Valley gymnasium after talking to her players. It's normal for high school athletes to emerge from a post-game defeat — in this case a 3-1 Trojan loss to Edgewood-Colesburg Monday — with remnants of a good cry, but in this case, the redness around the eyes extended to the coach as well.

"I'm not going to lie, it was very emotional for

everyone after the game," said Balk. "We agreed that we tried our best today and that's what matters. Was it our best game? Absolutely not, but it is what we brought today."

Turkey Valley came into the first round of regionals with a 17-15 record while Edgewood-Colesburg was 14-19, tied for second place in the Tri-Rivers West conference with a 5-2 record.

The Trojans took an early lead in game one, with kills by Adriana Tiedt and Olivia Snyder helping the home team to a 6-4 lead. The Vikings kept it close as Clare Courtney had the serve with the TV girls down 21-19 and served to a 23-21

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New Hampton's Marissa Cahoy (above) beats the Waukon block attempt and puts down a kill while Paige Steinlage (below), who picked up her 500th career assist, sets up another Chickasaw attack during the first rounds of the Northeast Iowa Conference tournament.

## CHICKASAWS DOUBLE UP WITH NEIC TOURNAMENT TITLE

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Landmark moments are tough to come by.

The New Hampton Chickasaw volleyball team marked off two of those boxes on their to-do list of marquee achievements this fall.

The super exciting part is Jess Geerts' Northeast Iowa Conference squad may not be done in its quest to reel in some more.

Wining the regular season and postseason conference titles in the NEIC in the same year is no small task.

Mission accomplished.

New Hampton capped a storied run to go 10-0 in league matches to capture both crowns in 2022. The sweep was culminated by running through the gauntlet once more as the Chickasaws took down every league opponent to snare the postseason tournament this past Saturday in Waverly.

Never before has New Hampton achieved this lofty goal in school history.

"Check these off our goals for the season! The girls fight and keep battling, that is for sure, even when it is tough," said



Geerts in her 17th season of leading the Chickasaws.

New Hampton claimed the outright regular season NEIC title earlier this month in a

sweep at Waukon. Other key matches in NH's journey to secure the league crown during the regular season came over Decorah in five games, another

er barnburner five-setter over league power Waverly-Shell Rock and taking down Charles City in four games. NH also swept Crestwood in league play.

That conference title claimed by the Chickasaws was their first league championship since 2019. But to defeat those teams once more in the two-night postseason format is definitely icing on the cake.

"It was one thing to win the conference, but to then get the tournament title too just added to the sweetness," said Geerts.

NH is now 23-14 and winners of its past seven matches in a row after disposing of Crestwood in the first round of Class 3A, Region 5 postseason play this past Monday.

NH played No. 7 Osage (27-6) on the road Wednesday for the right to advance to the regional final. New Hampton is vying to get back to the state tournament for the second time in school history and first since 2018. No. 12 Dubuque Wahlert (13-17) and 14th-ranked Monticello loom on the bottom half of the bracket. The regional final is slated to be played on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at

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Calvin Bodensteiner is already celebrating what he knows will be a "pick-six" by Turkey Valley teammate Chase Hayek during Friday night's game against West Central.

## Trojans finish running table in district play

Turkey Valley routs West Central, heads into playoffs on five-game winning streak

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Two hours and 105 points after the start of the Turkey Valley-West Central game Friday, the Trojans were the undisputed champs in 8-man, District 3 for the second straight year.

The outright district winners will be awarded a first-round home playoff game when they take on Edgewood-Colesburg Friday at 7 p.m.

The 73-32 TV win over the Blue Devils came after Turkey Valley seniors — including 11 football players — were honored on parents night.

Three of those seniors put the first TV points on the board as Calvin Bodensteiner took a

28-yard pass from Noah Hanson for a touchdown and Carson Busta added a conversion catch. That gave the Trojans a slim lead as West Central had scored first, but the next two drives by the visitors were interrupted.

Bodensteiner and Chase Hayek each had an interception, and Hayek — starting up the sideline and cutting to the middle — returned his 75 yards to score.

The catch by Bodensteiner was his first of two touchdown grabs for the night; he scored another late in the half. He also had his eyes on a couple more pickoffs.

"There's one before Chase's pick six I could have had, and me and Carson both had our

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Treyton Hulbert (53) and Brady Fischer block for a Turkey Valley running back during Friday's game.

## Cross country runners aim for trip to Fort Dodge

New Hampton heads to Oelwein, Turkey Valley off to Cascade for state qualifying meets

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If New Hampton is going to break through and send a team — or better yet, teams — to the state cross country meet, the Chickasaws are going to have to pull off an "upset" today (Thursday) when they

head to Oelwein for the Class 2A state qualifying meet.

At least, the latest Iowa Track Coaches Association's rankings say so.

In cross country, the top three teams and the top 15 individuals secure trips to state, and New Hampton is the fourth highest ranked team in both the boys and

girls fields at today's meet in which the gun sounds at 4 p.m.

Start with the New Hampton girls, who are led by eighth-ranked and Northeast Iowa Conference champion Campbellle Kolbet. The Chickasaws are ranked 17th,

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New Hampton's Evan Knowlton (above) returns an interception while teammate Aiden Roberson (right) makes a great catch on a two-point conversion during the Chickasaws' game at Clear Lake this past Friday.

## New Hampton drops a thriller

Down 21-0, Chickasaws roar back but final drive comes up just short

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Twelve hours after the clock struck "triple zeros," the frustration in Brady Speltz's voice still came through loud and clear.

"We played a great last three quarters," the New Hampton quarterback said, "but all that matters is the final score. ... And you can't fall behind 21-0. You just can't."

And that slow start cost the Chickasaws dearly as Clear Lake held off a furious last-minute Chickasaw drive to pull out a 35-28 win in the regular season finale for both teams.

The loss — along with the margin of defeat — dropped New Hampton to Class 2A, District 3's playoff fourth seed. A win would have secured a home playoff game for New Hampton, but instead, the Chickasaws will head to Waukon on Friday for a playoff opener with the District 4 champion Indians.

"The kids obviously were down," New Hampton coach Scott Frerichs said after his team fell to 6-2 and finished district play 3-2. "We talked to them about how we're this close to being 8-0 and told them, 'How you would feel then, would you care who we played?' We need them to take that mindset into the playoffs."

Speltz concurred.

"We know we can beat anyone," he said Saturday morning, "but I guess we've learned that anyone can beat us, too, if we come out like we did last night."

The start against the Lions was, in a word,



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