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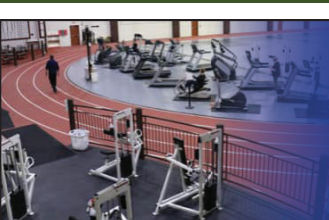
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A photograph of four students standing behind a table decorated for Christmas. From left to right: a boy wearing a black jacket, black headphones, and a black beanie with a green skull logo, giving a thumbs up; a boy in a brown hoodie with a green graphic, also giving a thumbs up; a boy in a black hoodie standing behind him; and a girl in a grey jacket and white shirt smiling. The table in front of them has several wrapped gifts, some in clear plastic and others in brown paper with white labels, and a small wooden sign that says 'M e'. The background is a brick wall and a window with a 'Children' sign.

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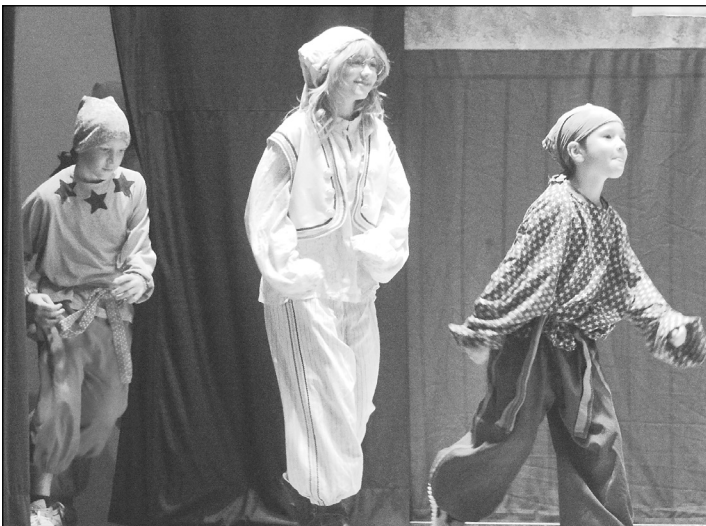
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St. Joe’s students take to the stage

Averie Rochford, Jackson Boss and Kaden Abbas (above) scare the “sisters” while fellow St. Joseph Community School student Daniel Rodriguez (right) performs a scene during the school’s performance of “Treasure Island” on Friday.

The musical was presented in conjunction with Missoula Children’s Theater, which sent a pair of directors and a host of costumes to the school for a week in which St. Joe’s students explored their creative, artsy sides. Missoula directors came on Monday and began auditions at 9 a.m. and casted roles a couple of hours later. The first rehearsal began at 12:15 p.m. that day and, two rehearsals were held each day.

Students that were not cast in the play worked with other students on reader’s theater plays in the classroom or behind the scenes work for the production. All told, more than 50 students took part in the play, which was performed twice on Friday.



Scarlett Schwickerath (left) makes her way across the stage; Calvin Holthaus, Artemis Maddox and Ryan Edson (above) make a dramatic entrance to a scene and Kendall Larsen (right) plays the role of a singing pirate to perfection.



New Hampton Calendar of Events

November 2024



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Parent Teacher Conferences
- 1 hour early dismissal

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- No School - Comp Day
- 7:15am Choir
- 7:30am Interact Club
- 1 pm New Hampton Public Library Mahjong!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- FFA
- IAT Conference

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 11am-3pm CWC 20th Anniversary Celebration at Chickasaw Wellness Center
- 5-8 pm 2024 Chickasaw Co. 4-H Award Banquet, New Hampton

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- No School
- 7:15am Choir
- 11:00am Marching Band
- Veteran’s Day Ceremony at Courthouse
- 7:00pm FFA Middle/ High School Cafeteria Chapter Meeting/ Blue Jacket Ceremony
- 11:00 am Veterans Day Ceremony at Chickasaw Co. Courthouse
- 11:30 am Veterans Day Lunch at Chickasaw Event Center

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- Esports Varsity Super Smash Bros. Ultimate - Playoffs TBD
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Waukon @ Waukon Middle School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Game vs. Waukon @ New Hampton Middle School

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- 7:15am Choir
- 10 am Story time at the New Hampton Public Library
- 9am - 11:30 am Ornamental and Turf Pest Control C-CIC, Chickasaw Co. Extension

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- 6:00pm Troy Baas Photography Auditorium
- HS Fall Play Pictures

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- 7:15am Choir
- 7:30am Interact Club
- 7:00pm Drama
- Auditorium HS Fall Play
- 1 pm New Hampton Public Library Mahjong!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- 7:00pm Drama Auditorium HS Fall Play

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- 7:15am Choir
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Game vs. South Winneshiek @ New Hampton Middle School
- 4:15pm Wrestling: 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ New Hampton Middle School Middle School Gym
- 5:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. South Winneshiek @ New Hampton Middle School

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 6:00pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Dual vs. Multiple Schools @ Central Community Junior-Senior High School
- 9am - 11:30 am Fumigation C-CIC, Chickasaw Co. Extension
- 6pm - 8 pm Extension Council Meeting, Chickasaw Co. Extension

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- Esports Varsity Super Smash Bros. Ultimate - Finals TBD
- 7:15am Choir
- 5:00pm Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club Meeting Middle/ High School Cafeteria
- 9 am Veteran’s Coffee at Heritage Residence in New Hampton
- 10 am Story time at the New Hampton Public Library
- 4pm Make & Take Greeting Cards at the New Hampton Library
- 9:00am - 11:45 pm Commercial Ag Weed, Insect and Plant Diseases Pest Control C-CIC, New Hampton/ Chickasaw Co. Extension

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- Marching Band OPUS Honor Choir Festival
- Music All-State Music Festival (band/ choir)ISU, Ames
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Nashua-Plainfield @ Nashua - Plainfield Middle School

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- Music All-State Music Festival (band/ choir) ISU, Ames
- 7:15am Choir
- 3:30pm Troy Baas Photography High School Athletic Complex Area Winter Meet the Team Photos
- 3:45pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs. TBD @ Bowlway Lanes
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- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Decorah @ New Hampton Elementary School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Game vs. Decorah @ Decorah Middle School
- 4:15pm Wrestling: Boys JV Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School
- 4:15pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School
- 5:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School
- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School High School Gym Meet the Team Night
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High School

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- Music All-State Music Festival (band/ choir)ISU, Ames
- 9:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Independence @ Independence High School

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 7:15am Choir
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Game vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ New Hampton Middle School
- 4:15pm Wrestling: 7-8 Meet vs. Multiple Schools @ Crestwood Middle School
- 5:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ New Hampton Middle School
- 6:15pm Basketball: Girls JV Scrimmage vs. Riceville @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 7:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Scrimmage vs. Riceville @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 4:00pm Bowling: Girls Varsity Game vs. Oelwein Community Schools @ Viper Lanes, Oelwein
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- 6:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. Wapsie Valley @ New Hampton High School High School Gym
- 6:00pm Basketball: Boys Varsity Scrimmage vs. Saint Ansgar @ Saint Ansgar High School
- 7:30pm Basketball: Girls Varsity Game vs. Wapsie Valley @ New Hampton High School High School Gym

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 2 Hour Early Out
- 7:15am Choir
- 10 am Story time at the New Hampton Public Library

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- No School-Thanksgiving
- 11am -1 pm Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church
- Extension Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- No School-Thanksgiving break
- 7:15am Choir
- Home for the Holiday in New Hampton
- 1 pm New Hampton Public Library Mahjong!
- Extension Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 10 am New Hampton Public Library Kids Paint Christmas Ornaments

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202 N. Broadway
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Father Jim Goerend
Mass times: 4 p.m.,
Saturday; 8 and 10 a.m.,
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201 N. Locust Ave.
Pastor Paula Hemann
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Pastor: Josh Jacobs
Service time: 9:30 a.m.
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Mass time: Saturday, 6
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107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m.
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Pastor Paula Hemann
207 Plum Street Elma
Service time: 10:30
a.m. Sunday.

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Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Thanksgiving tradition continues

The place to be on Thanksgiving Day will again be Trinity Lutheran Church’s Fellowship Hall in New Hampton for the annual Community Thanksgiving Meal.

The event will run from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., A free-will monetary donation will be taken, with proceeds to benefit the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

Serving a full turkey and ham dinner with dessert, the meal, supported by the Pub at the Pinicon and Grant and Krissy Anderson, will also be available for take-out.

No reservations are needed, but questions may be directed to the Trinity church office at 641-394-2552.

Thanksgiving may not be a Christian holiday, but it certainly has plenty of Christian values

Pilgrims with black hats and puffed sleeves having a turkey feast with Native Americans are the common images associated with Thanksgiving. Most Americans were taught about this event in school as children and can remember being involved in plays and pageants depicting the events of the “first Thanksgiving.”

While the holiday has long been perceived in this way, there are many reasons to question this picture of the event that the modern secular/civic religious Thanksgiving is based on.

Based on modern scholarship, many historians and scholars are convinced that the history of Thanksgiving is much more complex than commonly depicted. Not only has the idea of the holiday as an originally Christian one been questioned, but the colonialism associated with the “first Thanksgiving” has recently become much more apparent and unmasked.

To understand whether Thanksgiving is truly a Christian holiday, one must examine the event behind the modern celebration of Thanksgiving, the Pilgrim practice of holding thanksgivings, and how the celebration became a national holiday of America.

The ‘First’ Thanksgiving

Pilgrims, not the Puritans, were the ones who settled in North America after arriving on the Mayflower in 1620. As Christian separatists, they left England to worship freely because of the persecution from the Church of England. Their trip across the ocean was perilous and many of the Pilgrims lost their lives on the voyage.

When they finally made it to the New World, many more of the passengers became ill and died. While the Native Americans did help the Pilgrims learn to survive, their relations with the newcomers were more complicated than is commonly depicted.

The Wampanoag tribe did enter a peace treaty with the Pilgrims but did so mainly to protect their own tribe. Also, in contrast to popular stories, the Native Americans did not pass on their land to the Pilgrims.

In September or October of 1621, the governor of the new settlement, William Bradford, declared a feast in celebration of their successful harvest. Although half of the original Pilgrims had perished, the remaining settlers celebrated a feast.

Pilgrims and members of the Wampanoag joined in the celebration, although most historians agree that the food and events of the feast are mainly unknown. The feast was a celebration of the harvest, but the Pilgrims did not recognize it as a new holiday to celebrate annually.

Also, there is very little documentation of the event, which proves it was not a major event that the Pilgrims chose to “mark on their calendars” for the coming years.

While the Pilgrims did worship the

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body
you were called to peace.
And be thankful.
Colossians 3:15

Lord and would have given thanks to Him for their harvest, the event known as the “first” Thanksgiving was a “harvest feast and not, as far as we know, an official religious day of thanksgiving.”

Surely, the Pilgrims would have recognized God’s provision for the harvest and would not have specifically separated the sacred from the secular as people do today. However, there is no indication that the 1621 Thanksgiving celebration between the Native Americans and Pilgrims was a strictly Christian observance.

Thanksgivings to the Lord

The Pilgrims had a long tradition, spanning back to their time in England, where they would observe times of suffering and times of plenty. During times of suffering, Pilgrim leaders would call for a fast and repentance of sins.

Likewise, in times of abundance and blessing, the people would collectively observe a time of thanksgiving, when they would offer praise to the Lord. An official day of thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1623 because of rain after a long season of drought.

This celebration was seen as an official day of thanksgiving when the grateful Pilgrims praised the Lord for the rain after suffering the effects of drought.

An Official National Holiday

Recognizing a day of thanksgiving was not restricted to the Christian communities. On October 3, 1789, George Washington proclaimed the last Thursday of November to be a day of Thanksgiving to give thanks to the “Almighty.”

Although Washington was not a Christian, but a Deist, many people in the newly formed United States of America would have seen Washington’s proclamation as referring to the Lord. Thanksgiving, as proclaimed by George Washington, would be a day of prayer to give thanks and ask God to help the

nation.

Later, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation on October 3, 1863, declaring Thanksgiving Day, the last Thursday of November, as a national holiday. He was urged on by Sarah Hale, who persistently campaigned for the holiday.

Lincoln hoped the observance of Thanksgiving would encourage a reunion of the nation during the Civil War.

As the President that officially inaugurated the holiday, Lincoln is credited with making Thanksgiving a national holiday.

Thanksgiving Day became enmeshed with the history of the “first” Thanksgiving in 1621, to provide a nationalistic narrative to the holiday.

Christians and Thanksgiving

Thus, Thanksgiving Day in America is not truly a Christian holiday. There are Christian traditions associated with the day, but the official national holiday declared by Abraham Lincoln is not rooted in Christianity. Instead, Thanksgiving is a secular or civic religious day that is grounded in America’s history and used to support nationalistic ideals.

Christians can celebrate the day, since spending time with family and loved ones while giving thanks is important. However, believers should “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV). Every day can be a day of “thanksgiving” to the Lord.

Even though Thanksgiving is not a Christian holiday, followers of Christ can choose to observe the day to the glory of God, thus making the day special even if other Christians choose to abstain from celebrating the holiday (Romans 14:6). Either way, the glory of the Lord is the focus for Christians on Thanksgiving (1 Corinthians 10:31).

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Cutting Spending Can Help Boost Retirement Savings

Like most of us, you may someday want to enjoy a comfortable retirement. Your ability to achieve this goal will depend on how much you save — but it also matters how much you spend.

And saving and spending are certainly related: The more you can reduce your spending, the more money you could have available to save for retirement through your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan. Over many years, even relatively small amounts diverted from spending to saving and investing could add up substantially.

How can you go about potentially reducing your spending? Here are a few suggestions:

- *Use a budgeting tool.* If you're not already doing so, you might want to consider using a free online budgeting tool. Among other capabilities, these apps can place your spending in categories — groceries, travel, entertainment, and so on — which can reveal redundancies that, once eliminated, could save you money. For example, you might find that you're spending a not-insignificant amount on streaming services you rarely use. Or you might be surprised at how often you go the grocery store, rather than consolidating your visits and reducing the likelihood of "impulse" purchases.

- *Take advantage of employee benefits.* If you work for a mid-size or large company, you may have an extensive employee benefit plan, which could include discounts on some products and services. Also, if you are enrolled in a high-deductible health plan through your employer, you might have access to a health savings account (HSA) or flexible spending account (FSA), either of which may let you lower your out-of-pocket health care costs by using pre-tax dollars to pay for deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and some other qualified expenses.



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

- *Shop around for insurance.*

To some extent, we are all creatures of habit, which can be good in some circumstances and not so good in others. In the "not so good" category, many people stick with their auto, homeowners and life insurance policies year after year, even though they might be able to save some money by switching to another company. But even if you stay with your current company, you might find ways to save money by taking steps such as adding a home security system. Check with your insurer to learn more.

- *Compare credit cards.*

There's a piece of financial advice that essentially says: "Pay cash for everything" — and this isn't a bad idea. Ideally, you might want to use a credit card strictly for items such as car rentals or hotel reservations, and you should pay off the bill each month to avoid interest charges. Sometimes, though, you may need to use your card for other purposes, and it may not always be possible to pay your bill in full. That's why you'll want to review credit cards periodically to find one with lower interest rates, a favorable balance transfer offer and a better rewards program.

It's not always easy to cut down on your spending, but when you do, it can provide more peace of mind — and an opportunity to boost your savings for what could be a long and active retirement.

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

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MercyOne chaplain will retire, move to Marion later this month

Sister Vicky Arndorfer, who has served as the chaplain at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center for more than a dozen years, will retire, effective Nov. 21.

"Sister Vicky provided unwavering compassion, empathy and support to colleagues, patients and visitors," MercyOne CEO Aaron Flugum said in the announcement made to hospital employees. "Her presence brought comfort and hope to those navigating difficult times, and her kindness made a lasting difference in their lives."

Arndorfer has been an active member of the community as a member of the New Hampton Rotary Club, Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the New Hampton Public Library Book Club, various bible studies and the Coffee Cup Bowling League.

She was also, Flugum said, frequently a winner at bingo on Thursday nights at Holy Family, where she also volunteered to prepare the meal for the Knights of Columbus, and before it disbanded, Arndorfer was a volunteer for the walking school bus.

After working her last day at the hospital, she will join other retired Sisters of Mercy nuns at a complex in Marion, and her new address will be HallMar Village, 8900 C Ave. NE, Apartment 321, Marion, IA 52302



Arndorfer

Curbside compost pickup set for Saturday

New Hampton residents have one final chance to dispose of compost and brush by placing the material out on the curb for pickup this Saturday.

All material must be out by 5 a.m., with no barrels or bags over 50 pounds.

The brush will need to be less than two inches in diameter and less than four feet long.

Legion gears up for Veterans Day, dinner

Holiday observance set for 11 a.m. Monday; annual fundraiser will be held following Sunday

By **BOB FENSKE**
editor@nhtrib.com

Members of the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 are gearing up for two of the biggest events on the organization's annual calendar — the Veterans Day program that will be held this Monday and the Grilled Iowa Pork Chop dinner that is set for Sunday, Nov. 17.

Start with the holiday observance that will be held at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial on the Courthouse

Square, beginning at 11 a.m.

"It's a great way for people to show their support for veterans," Fae Stine Post Commander Brian Quirk said. "We'd love to have a nice crowd, and it's a chance to thank a veteran."

The program will include keynote speaker Keith Elenz, who is the Chickasaw County veterans service officer, and following the program, a freewill donation lunch will be served at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Six days later, the Legion will

host its annual fundraising dinner that will run from 4 to 7 p.m., and tickets are \$20 and available from any Legion Post 38 member or at the Pub at the Pinicon.

The dinner is the Legion's biggest fundraiser of the year, and Quirk said it allows the post to make donations to organizations like Honor Flight, Retrieving Freedom, Quilt of Valor and the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Office.

On the menu will be a grilled Iowa pork chop, salad bar, gar-

lic mashed potatoes, green-bean casserole and dinner roll, and those who attend the dinner can either "dine in" or "carry out."

"We appreciate the support," Quirk said, "because it gives us the chance to donate to organizations that go above and beyond when it comes to supporting veterans."

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The complete program for New Hampton's Veterans Day observance can be found on page 19 of our Veterans Day Commemorative Edition.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It doesn't matter what time it is, the Chickasaw Wellness Complex has been a busy place for the past 20 years.

FACILITY WILL CELEBRATE ITS 20TH BIRTHDAY WITH A PARTY ON SUNDAY

By **BOB FENSKE**
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For 20 years, it's been the place to go work out, but the reality is the Chickasaw Wellness Complex is much more than a "gym."

Just ask the CWC's current director, Sarah Robinson.

"I think what's amazing about this place is the relationships," she said earlier this week. "I think of the people I've met here, people I never knew before the CWC and people I probably never would have met if I hadn't been at the CWC and they mean the world to me. They all come from different walks of life, different places, yet you can't

imagine life without seeing them."

And this Sunday — from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — the CWC will celebrate not only its 20th birthday but the people who would not normally mix who have become fast friends over the past two decades.

Sunday's 20th anniversary party will include a freewill donation dinner, bounce houses, face painting, balloons, clothing sales and guided tours as New Hampton celebrates a dream that became a reality in October 2004 when the Chickasaw Wellness Complex opened its doors.

"I wasn't in New Hampton then, but it's a pretty amazing story," she said. "It was all private donations. The community really came together to build this and they've

stayed together to support it for 20 years so Sunday's really a celebration not of just the CWC but our whole community."

And being the director and all, she said while the main point of Sunday's party is to celebrate 20 years, she's hoping that maybe a few attendees will take the opportunity to purchase memberships.

"I know I'm biased with my job and all, but what we have here and what we charge here, you can't beat it," she said. "And I always tell people it doesn't matter how old you are or how young you are or even what size or shape you are, this is a great place both for your physical and your mental well-being. There's no judging here, and everyone's welcome."



Photo courtesy Nicholas Bernhard

High FFA honors to TV students

Three members — (from left) Harley Baumler, Ryan Franzen and Jacqlyn Schmitt — of the Turkey Valley FFA received the FFA American Degree at last month's National FFA Convention that was held in Indianapolis. This honor is the highest that an FFA member can receive.

Lettermen to kick off canned food drive Nov. 22

The tradition of helping the food insecure kicks off this year at the upcoming Meet the Team Night, Nov. 22, at New Hampton High School.

On that night, Chickasaw fans are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the high school that will go to the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

The canned food drive, which is sponsored by the Lettermen Club, will continue from Monday, Nov. 25 until Wednesday, Dec. 11 as anyone may drop items off at any of the school offices between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Students in grades pre-K to 12 are being asked to bring an item during that time.

Among the items needed are canned vegetables, fruits and soups, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, beans, sugar, laundry soap and pasta. Monetary donations are also accepted.

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Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 63 and a low of 43.

Saturday: Partly cloudy early but showers developing; high 65, low 50.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with showers; high 65, low 48.

Veterans Day: A perfect day to honor the men and women who served as we'll have mostly sunny skies with a high of 55 and a low in the 40s.

Meetings

TUESDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications boards, 5 p.m., New Hampton Municipal Utilities.

History

- In 1885, at a remote spot called Craigellachie in the mountains of the province of British Columbia, the last spike is driven into Canada's first transcontinental railway.
- In 1944, as World War II still wages, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is elected to an unprecedented fourth term in office.
- In 1972, Richard Nixon overwhelmingly defeats Sen. George McGovern and is re-elected President of the United States — carrying every state but Massachusetts and receiving 97 percent of the electoral votes..
- In 1991, basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson stuns the world by announcing his sudden retirement from the Los Angeles Lakers, after testing positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.
- In 2000, Hillary Rodham Clinton is elected to represent New York in the U.S. Senate, becoming the first First Lady to win elected office.

Gladys A. McGrane, 78



Gladys McGrane

Gladys A. McGrane, age 78 of Elma, passed away Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at Benedictine Living Community in Owatonna, Minnesota, surrounded by her children.

Gladys Ann McGrane was born on Nov. 29, 1945, to Herbert and Hazel (Tierney) Meyer of New Hampton.

Gladys attended St. Joseph's Catholic School before entering New Hampton High School and graduating in 1964.

After graduation, she worked for Kummeth Manufacturing of New Hampton and transferred to Kummeth Manufacturing in Owatonna, Minnesota, until that too closed. She then moved back to New Hampton and worked at St. Joseph's Hospital for 10 years.

Gladys was united in marriage to Merle J. McGrane in 1968 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in New Hampton. The couple made their home in New Hampton before settling in Elma, where they were blessed with their two kids, Jason and Brenda.

Gladys sold World Book Encyclopedias and Princess House Crystal for several years, and worked in adult day care and the Patty Elwood Center at Howard Residential Facility in Cresco for 10 years.

She then worked at the Heritage Facility in New Hampton for eight years until her stroke in February 2011, when she then retired.

Gladys enjoyed reading, dancing, laughing, dining out, listening to oldies music, hosting family birthday and graduation parties, spending time with her friends and family and volunteering at the Colonial Manor.

She also enjoyed walking, bike riding with her dog, going to garage sales, shopping and she absolutely adored her dogs. She kept her life active as she got older. Everyone who met her would tell you how sweet and kind she always was. She was a devoted wife and mother.

Merle and Gladys were married for 43 years. Gladys enjoyed



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The intersection of East Prospect Street and North Water Avenue will become a “four-way stop” as soon as stop signs for east-west traffic are installed, which could be done by next week, according to New Hampton Public Works Director Casey Mai.

Public Works director: Plant costs will only increase

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and that it will take the firm about six months to complete.

Once that is completed, the city will need to get approval from the DNR, which Mai said should take between four and six months. The city then would have to OK a final design, which would also need to be approved by the DNR.

“The earliest we could go to bid is probably the spring or summer of ‘26, and hopefully we can start construction that fall or the spring of ‘27 at the latest,” Mai said Tuesday morning. “And we still are going to need council approval for all these steps so, in one way, we’re still not committed to it.”

But Mai said he believes the city needs a sense of urgency when it comes to building a new wastewater treatment plant.

He said the current estimate for the plant's cost is \$28.3 million, but it comes with a caveat.

“We’ve talked to the engineer and they just had two bids come back that were 15 percent higher than the estimate,” the public works director said. “All we’re going to do if we don’t keep going is make the cost higher — a lot higher.”

Also on Monday, the council voted 4-1 to install stop signs on East Prospect Street at North Water Avenue for east-west traffic, making the intersection a four-way stop.

During an Oct. 21 meeting, Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson asked the city to make the intersection that is near the ambulance station a four-way stop, and a motion was made that night to do just that.

But after being reminded that the agenda item was just for “discussion” and did not include “possible action,” council members delayed the vote until Monday. Only Councilman Joe Denner cast a dissenting vote, and the intersection will become a four-way stop as soon as the stop signs are installed, which could be as soon as next week.

Birthdays

- British explorer, navigator and cartographer James Cook — who was the first European to explore much of Australia, the Pacific Islands and New Zealand — was born in 1728.
- American Baptist evangelist Billy Graham was born in 1918.
- New Zealand singer Lorde turns 28.
- Christopher Knight, who played Peter on TV's “The Brady Bunch,” turns 67.

Corrections

- The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.

If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenske at 641-394-2111.

Kenneth Nell, 80

Kenneth Nell, age 80 of New Hampton, died Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Property Transfers

Brinkman Farms LLC to Katherine Reno; PARCEL 2024-32 IN L1 SW SW 12-94-12.

Roger Reynold Schwickerath EST, Dean R. Schwickerath EX, Nick R. Schwickereath EX, Jennifer Schwickerath EX and Jennifer M. Schwickerath EX to Grace M. Schwickerath, Andrew G. Schwickerath and Roger Reynold Schwickerath LE; W1/2 S1/2 EX PARCEL 2021-23 SE 36-96-14.

Beverly Karel Schwickerath to Grace M. Schwickerath, Andrew G. Schwickerath and Beverly Karel Schwickerath LE; W1/2 S1/2 EX PARCEL 2021-23 SE 36-96-14.

Big Squeeze LLC to Cand Homes LLC; NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 6 Block: 22.

Roger Waller, Tracy Waller, Cynthia Zenk, David Zenk, Cheri Hahn, Cheri Waller Hann, Cheri Waller Hann, Cheri Lyn Baskerville, Douglas L. Hann and Douglas Hann to Eunice E. Waller; NASHUA COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION PLAT 3 Lot: 5 Block: D.

City of New Hampton and Steve Geerts to Scott J. Carey and Lori J. Carey; PARCEL 2024-46 IN NEW HAMPTON CROELLS THIRD ADDITION Lot: 1 SW SE 12-95-13.

Sostak Farms LLC and Lisa Schildroth, Manager to M&L Rentals LLC and M & L Rentals LLC; SE SW 24-95-12.

Bradford Corporation to Melvin K. Johnson; COMM AT NE COR NW 16-94-14 L2 NW 16-94-14 S1/2 SW NW 16-94-14 W1/2 SW SE NW 16-94-14 S3/4 E1/2 SW SE NW 16-94-14.

Teresa Fisher to Keith Christensen and Matteaha M. Christensen; COMM AT NE COR S8R N58R W16R E36-4/5R NW NE 19-94-14.

Marian J. Gebel to UNDIVIDED ONE FIFTH INTEREST EACH Debra Winter, Timothy Gebel, Terri Alen, Mike Gebel and Andrew Gebel; S72.5' E132' L30 SE SE 12-95-13 N2.5' E132' L38 SE SE 12-95-13.

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Fall 2024 grant program Tossed & Found

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Receiving donations from Tossed & Found are (front row, from left) Larry Laures for the Alta Vista Firefighter's Association, Renee Burke for the Elma Public Library, Kevin O'Brien for the Elma Park Board, (back row) Dale Roethler for the Elma Calvary Cemetery, Scott O'Brien for the Firefighters of Elma, Zip Zeimetz for the Elma Calvary Cemetery and Mike Zeimetz for the Elma Memorial Hall.

Tossed & Found announces fall grant awards

The Tossed & Found Thrift Store in Elma is pleased to announce the recipients of its fall 2024 grant program.

Seven out of 12 applicants received funds toward community projects or programs helping the area stay vibrant and active. They are as follows:

- Alta Vista Firefighter's Association received \$1,000 toward a \$35,342 project to purchase extrication tools.
- Elma's Calvary Cemetery received \$1,000 toward a \$15,000 project to create a cemetery directory.
- Elma Early Childhood received \$650 toward a \$12,960 project to purchase safer furnishings and materials.
- Elma Memorial Hall Board received \$750 toward a \$10,000 project to replace tables and chairs.
- Elma Park Board received \$600 toward a \$2,836.50 project to re-paint the grandstand interior/benches.
- Elma Public Library received \$500 toward a \$2,290 project to purchase an AED/defibrillator.
- Firefighters of Elma received \$500 toward a \$2000 project to purchase more maintenance tools.

This most recent distribution of grant funds brings the total of funds granted by Tossed & Found to \$43,900 since beginning its grant program in 2019 — all from the sale of donated items by community members.

Tossed & Found's operates totally non-profit, with a volunteer staff, so that minus a few utility and operating cost expenses, it can give proceeds back to non-profit groups that benefit Elma-area communities.

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Grundmeyer Leader Services’ Gary McAndrew (left) and Roger Wilcox discuss the services the search firm will offer the New Hampton and Turkey Valley school districts as they seek to hire a replacement for retiring Superintendent Jay Jurens during a joint school board meeting on Tuesday evening.

Superintendent finalists will be interviewed on Feb. 6

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A week later, on Jan. 20, the boards will meet in New Hampton and conduct zoom interviews with the “semifinalists” chosen by the boards. Both the Jan. 13 and Jan. 20 meetings will be closed, and the names of the applicants will not be made public. “Only the finalists will have their names out there,” McAndrew said. Those finalists will be interviewed on Feb. 6, and they will not only meet with the boards but also with what both Wilcox and McAndrew called a “mixed-interview” team that will include teachers, staff members, students and community members from both districts. And they said if there’s a healthy interest from people to take part in the interview process, two “mixed-interview” teams could be used.

Asked why not have separate groups, Wilcox said the issue with doing that is that candidates tend to tailor their answers to each particular group. “When you’re a superintendent, you have to be accountable to everybody,” he said. “It’s why we like the mixed-interview dynamic.” The search firm will also have a community survey available soon online to not only learn what stakeholders want in the new superintendent but also to allow residents to express interest in taking part of the interview process. That survey is expected to go “live” sometime later this week or early next week. Board members also spent a considerable amount of time discussing the parameters of the job posting and settled on a salary range between \$170,000

and \$190,000, offering family insurance and other benefits, including up to \$5,000 in so-called “relocation expenses” if the successful candidate resides in one of the two districts. “It’s a great incentive to get them into the community,” McAndrew said, “and most school districts are going that route, offering that carrot.” The two Grundmeyer officials said that the salary range would attract candidates, but they also told board members that the unknown remains — will the districts be able to attract candidates who have superintendent experience? They also said that candidates will receive questions — ranging from salary expectations to how excited a candidate’s family is about making the move to New Hampton

and Turkey Valley — from the search firm. In the end, board members from both sides of the room agreed on most points. What took the longest was finding dates that worked for all 10 board members. “That’s always the challenge,” Wilcox said, “but we’ll get there.” But they agreed with the Grundmeyer officials that getting the job posted before the upcoming Iowa School Boards Association Convention was a must. And while the process seems lengthy, McAndrew reminded board members that “you are still way ahead of the process. You are in a good position, and yes, it’s going to be time-consuming and a lot of work, but we’re going to be there with you every step of the way.”

New Hampton drama students to take to the stage Nov. 15-16

The New Hampton High School Drama Department has been busy preparing for its fall play and the curtain will go up on “Chickenheart” a week from Friday, Nov. 15. “Chickenheart,” a play written by Craig Sodaro, is a medieval melodrama about a lamented betrothal, a runaway bride, a greedy tax collector, a timid tailor and a group of eccentric nuns. A treacherous game show and an epic sword fight highlight the melodrama. Director Maggie Konecne said that the 18 students who make up the cast and crew have “worked really hard to put this show together.” Show times both Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16, is set for 7 p.m., and the doors at the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium will open at 6 p.m. both nights. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. Student activity passes are not accepted.

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3	4 7:30 Bus Trip to Memphis Departs 8:00 Coffee Club 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise Club	5 ELECTION DAY HOSTED BY CHICKASAW EVENT CENTER 7AM-8PM 9:00 Gloria's Coffee 12 Congregate Meal 1:00 Euchre/Bridge	6 Farmer's National Auction 10AM-12PM 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise Club	7 FREE DONUT DAY 9 AM Free Blood Pressure Screening!	8 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise Club	9 Memphis Bus Trip Returns PRIVATE EVENT
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Bob Fenske/Tribune

It's a beautiful sight as rain falls on traffic heading in and out of New Hampton Monday morning.

What do you know? We finally got rain!

‘Soakers’ are a good start, but ISU Extension agronomist says more precipitation needed

By Bob Fenske
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The weather turned on a proverbial dime in the last week as we seemingly went from the "Dust Bowl" to searching for Noah's ark.

But area farmers didn't care because after three months of seeing little rain, we finally got a much-needed dose of precipitation.

"It's a good start," ISU Extension agronomist Terry Basol said, "but honestly, it can rain a while. At least we're starting to replenish our soil moisture profiles, and boy, did they ever need it."

And while some of us might want the spigot to be turned off for a while, the fact is that the recent rainfall — New Hampton officially received almost 3.5 inches of rain between last Wednesday and Tuesday — we're still looking at a major rain deficit over the past three months.

The city has received 7.08 inches of rain since Aug. 1 — meaning that almost half of that rain fell in the last week or so — and that represents just 61.9 percent of the normal rainfall for the period.

And in that span, Northeast Iowa went from being completely off the drought radar to what the U.S. Drought Monitor

calls a severe drought.

"I know I've said it a lot, but I really don't think it affected this year's crop all that much," Basol said, "but I think all the guys were starting to get really worried about what it was going to look like going into next year. To say we needed this is an understatement. And if we can get a few more good rains in before the ground freezes, that would be great."

The good news is that more rain is in the forecast. After drying out for a few days, showers are in the forecast, beginning on Saturday and running through Sunday evening.

The latest USDA Iowa Crop and Condition Report that came out on Monday showed improving soil moisture profiles as 54 percent of topsoil in the Northeast Iowa District, which includes Chickasaw County, was either "short" or "very short" of moisture, down from 90 percent the week before.

Ditto for subsoils as the percentage of "short" or "very short" dropped from 89 to 66 percent.

"Keep it coming, that's all I can say," Basol said, "and trust me, I've got a lot of farmers who would agree with me. This has been perfect. It's not the 3 inches from a thunderstorm; this has been the soakers that farmers love."

It's coming so today Iowa marks Winter Weather Awareness Day

Wintertime poses a wide range of threats to residents of the Midwest. Whether it be exposure to the cold, vehicle accidents caused by slick roads, or fires resulting from the improper use of heaters, hundreds of people are injured or killed each year as a direct result of winter weather.

That's why today (Thursday) has been designated as Winter Weather Awareness Day in Iowa, and the National Weather Service Office in La Crosse, Wisconsin, which provides forecasts and weather information to Northeast Iowa, is reminding area residents to be prepared for winter weather when it strikes.

Winter storms range from a moderate snow over a few hours to a massive blizzard with blinding, wind-driven snow that lasts for several days. Some winter storms are large enough to affect several states while others affect only a single community.

High winds, freezing rain or sleet, heavy snowfall, and dangerously cold temperatures are the main hazards associated with winter storms. Impassable snow drifts can maroon people at home without utilities or other services for days after an event.

Heavy snowfall and blizzards easily trap motorists in their vehicles and make walking to find help a deadly effort. Bitter cold temperatures and wind chills during and after a winter storm can lead to hypothermia and kill anyone caught outside for too long.

The aftermath of a winter storm can impact a community or region for days, weeks or even months, incurring steep economic costs.

So as we get ready for winter, here are some terms to remember:

- **Blizzard:** Blowing and/or falling snow with winds of at least 35 mph, reducing visibilities to a quarter of a mile or less for at least three hours. Winds lofting the current snow pack and reducing visibilities without any falling snow is called a ground blizzard.
- **Freezing Rain:** Caused by rain falling on surfaces with a temperature below freezing. The rain freezes upon contact with the ground. Large build-ups of ice can down trees and power lines and coat roads.
- **Sleet:** Rain/melted snow that has begun refreezing when it reaches the ground. Sleet tends to be softer than hail and is easily compacted. Sleet can make roads slippery very quickly.
- **Wind Chill:** The apparent temperature the body feels when wind is factored into the equation.

Christmas tree farming workshop set for Friday

Iowa State University Extension & Outreach Chickasaw County will hold a "Behind the Pines" workshop, a unique opportunity for the community to explore the fascinating world of Christmas tree farming.

This event will take place on Friday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Pine Ridge Tree Farm, located at 2849 Cheyenne Ave., Nashua.

Amanda Tupper, county director, shared her excitement about the event, saying, "It's like a field trip for adults! This workshop is a fun way to kick off the holiday season and learn something new."

This event is open to everyone, and we encourage community members to join us for an afternoon of learning and fun. Participants are asked to bring items for the local food pantry. RSVPs are requested to help with planning but are not required.

For more information, contact Amanda Tupper at atupper@iastate.edu or call 641-394-2174.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

The New Hampton Public Library meeting room is filled to capacity as Shana Stuart, the director of the Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project, shares the story of Andrew Carnegie and the slew of libraries he helped create around the nation during Friday's 125th anniversary celebration.

Director appreciates turnout for library party

Friday evening celebration marks the 125th anniversary of New Hampton facility's founding

By Bob Fenske
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From the speaker to the turnout to the relics and stories from the past, it was a perfect evening for the New Hampton Public Library last Friday as it celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding with an open house.

"It meant a lot to see so many people come out," Library Director Carrie Becker said, "and it showed what great support we have from our community. ... It was a great way to celebrate a facility that I believe has served New Hampton and the area well for 125 years."

Becker was especially appreciative that so many people stuck around to hear a talk by Shana Stuart, the director of the

Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project, whose program filled the library's meeting room.

But she also said that those that came to celebrate the library's quasiquintennial also enjoyed looking at old newspaper stories about the library, programs from the 1910 dedication of New Hampton's Carnegie library and even old bills — like the one hanging on the library's Tabard Inn bookshelf that showed almost 50 books being purchased for all of \$13.70.

"If I can find a way to buy that many books for 13 bucks and change," Becker said with a laugh, "I might be library director of the year. ... Seriously, I'm so appreciative that people turned out. It means a lot to not just me but our entire staff here."

And a few nights later, Becker and her employees received some love from New

Hampton city leaders.

At the end of Monday night's City Council meeting, Councilwoman Mindy Humpal gave a shout out to the library.

"Carrie and her staff did a really great job with the library anniversary celebration," Humpal said. "It was very classy. Her team did an awesome job and the speaker was amazing."

Mayor Steve Geerts agreed.

"I kind of like history, and to me, it was very interesting, knowing the story of the donations or the grants that they gave out," Geerts said. "It was just great."

And those comments, too, were meaningful to Becker.

"That's nice to hear," the library director said, "and it shows you the kind of support that this place has had for 125 years."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

It's a "full house" at Nashua City Hall (above), where voters in the Bradford precinct fill out their ballots Tuesday evening while early Tuesday morning, a line of Chickasaw North Precinct voters waiting to cast ballots, forms at the Chickasaw Event Center.

It's good election night for Iowa Republicans

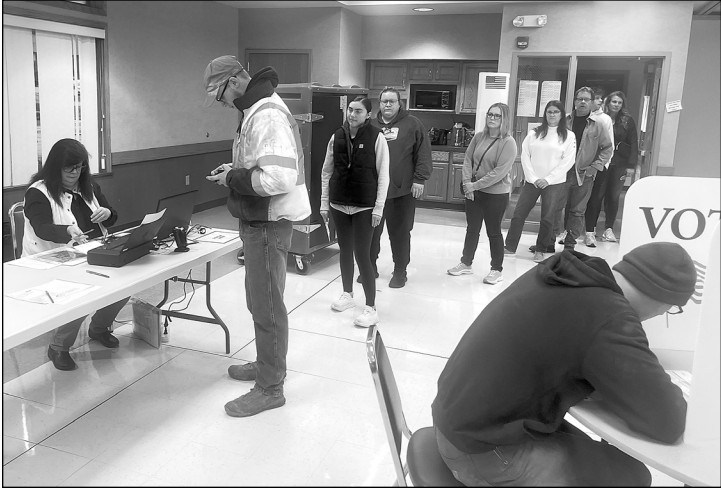
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said two priorities he will have for his third term will be to "consolidate our county buildings" and work on a way to help "out our sheriff so we can get a suitable holding facility."

The race was one of just two contested in the county during an election in which the number of absentee ballots cast surpassed the number of votes cast on election day. Auditor Sheila Shekleton said of the 6,274 ballots, almost 3,300 were from absentee or early voting.

"It went well and we're really appreciative of everyone who made it go smoothly," she said. "Our staff, our poll workers, everyone did just a great job."

Shekleton, a Republican, was one of four candidates who ran unopposed Tuesday. The others included incumbent Republican Sheriff Ryan Shawver, incumbent Democrat District 1 Supervisor Steve Breitbach and Republican Issac Carter,



who will take over the District 4 Supervisor Matt Kuhn's seat, beginning on Jan. 1. Kuhn did not seek a second term in the district that includes the eastern half of New Hampton and surrounding rural areas.

The other contested race in the county came for the four seats on the County Agricultural Extension Council. Tony Schwickerath led the way with 3,813 votes, Kim Kuehner had

3,102, Ben Freidhof received 2,545 and Matt Carlton had 2,404 to win terms on the council while William Maurer finished with 2,252 votes.

Meanwhile, it was a good night for the county's Republicans as both State Rep. Charley Thomson and U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson easily were re-elected to their seats. The local GOP also celebrated former President Trump's relative-

DIFFERENT YEAR, SAME RESULT

Here is a breakdown of the District 3 Board of Supervisors race between Jake Hackman and Joan Knoll, who also faced off in the 2020 election:

	Hackman	Knoll
Absentee	364	337
Dayton-Richland	104	50
NH Ward 2	87	69
NH Ward 3	96	79
Totals	651	535

Note: All results unofficial until next week's election canvass by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors.

ly easy win over Vice President Kamala Harris in the Hawkeye State. Trump easily carried the county, garnering 67.9 percent of the vote to Harris' 30.8 percent.

Tuesday's Chickasaw County vote totals will remain unofficial until next Wednesday, when the Board of Supervisors will canvass the election results.

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Charles City firefighters Justin Schuttler (back) and Landon Luft guide the line from a stranded boat on the Cedar River dam in Charles City to other emergency personnel on shore to begin pulling the boat back to the riverbank.

'Runaway boat' needs to be rescued in Charles City

By Bob Steenson
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A wide range of emergency responders responded to a boat being stranded on the edge of the Cedar River dam above the Main Street Bridge in Charles City Monday afternoon.

The owner said he had tied up the boat at the small landing by the county courthouse parking lot, and when he turned back he saw the boat had pulled away from the landing.

No persons were on the boat when it pulled away from its mooring and got caught on the dam.

The owner said he thought about going into the water after the board, then decided against the risk.

"I got insurance ..." he said.

Two Charles City firefighters, Lt. Justin Schuttler and Landon Luft, put on their cold water gear and walked out on the lower ledge of the dam to grab the line attached to the front of the boat, tie it to another rope then take that rope over to the Mill Race Park observation area

on the north riverbank, where other emergency responders were able to grab the rope.

They took the rope down the riverbank to near the Pub on the Cedar, where the Floyd County Search and Rescue truck pulled up and parked.

The rope was attached to the truck's winch line and the boat was pulled back from the dam to the north riverbank, where Luft hopped in and drove it back to the courthouse landing.

The number of responders was due as much to the location and their availability, as it was to a need for more than several helping hands, but it included the Charles City Fire Department, Floyd County Search and Rescue, Charles City Police Department, Floyd County Sheriff's Office, AMR ambulance service, Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Floyd County Emergency Management Agency and Iowa Underwater Search and Rescue, according to Fire Chief Sam Deverell.

Senator's staff to have office hours on Nov. 13

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) announced today her office will be holding traveling office hours in every county throughout the state during November and December.

Senator Ernst will not be at the traveling office hours.

Representatives from Senator Ernst's office will be available in all 99 counties to assist Iowans with problems and questions about issues involving Social Security, veterans' benefits, military affairs, passports, immigration issues, and other federal programs.

In Chickasaw County, those office hours are on Wednesday, Nov. 13, in the meeting room of the New Hampton Public Library, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Read the Legals ...

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS O. STRAW, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003252
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Thomas O. Straw, Deceased, who died on or about on August 22, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on October 31, 2024, the last will and testament of Thomas O. Straw, deceased, bearing date of October 24, 2005, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the 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.

Dated on October 31, 2024.

Colleen Straw, Proponent

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News Bits From Our Past Compiled by Terri Josephson

- Week of Nov. 3 1949 (75 years ago)**

 - The New Hampton public school is taking part in the American Education Week of Nov. 6-12, a special invitation has been sent to parents and friends to visit schools some day during the week.
 - There will be a special open house on Wednesday evening. A short musical program will be presented by the band and mixed chorus and a demonstration by the physical education classes will be given. Class rooms will be open with instructors present.
- 1974 (50 years ago)**

 - A New Hampton physician who has been in practice with the Medical Associates since 1967, James C. Carr, M.D. has been appointed to the rank of instructor with the Mayo Medical School, Rochester, Minn. The appointment that was effective Oct. 1, designates Dr. Carr as an instructor in family medicine. Mayo Medical School students under Dr. Carr's supervision will be working with him as he sees patients in his office and at Saint Joseph Community Hospital, New Hampton.
 - Celebrating a birthday party is not unusual, but this was an 85th birthday and the party was held at the honoree's place of business. Friends and fellow businessmen gathered at Schueth Ace Hardware, New Hampton to honor the senior partner in the firm, J.G. Schueth.
 - A businessman in New Hampton since 1922, Jerry Schueth is regularly at the store every day. Partners in the firm are two of the Schueth sons, Jim and Don.
- 1999 (25 years ago)**

 - The New Hampton varsity football team completed an undefeated, 7-0, district football season with a 28-7 win over Waverly-Shell Rock at home for Senior Parents Night.
 - The Chickasaws' Jason Reicks had 146 yards rushing and scored four touchdowns and Darron Kobliska was
- four-for-four on extra point attempts to put the Big Red ahead 28-0 before Waverly got on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter with a nineteen-yard touchdown. The first round of state playoffs, a Cresco at New Hampton contest, will take place on Wednesday.

 - The watercolor paintings of David Prehm will be on exhibit at the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery of the Fine Arts Center on the Wartburg College campus. Prehm's watercolors features landscape and figurative subjects.
 - Prehm, who is the Art Department head at New Hampton High School, is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa. He earned a Master of Arts degree as a watercolor specialist from Mankato State University in Minnesota. He has been teaching in public schools since 1979.
- 2014 (10 years ago)**

 - New Hampton revived an old tradition, the Halloween

Parade. For years, the Parks and Recreation, along with the Lions Club and New Horizons-Chamber, had sponsored a Halloween Party at the Community Center. As more kids participated, it was decided to revive the parade. More than 300 kids showed up and any thoughts of the parade being a one-year deal had quickly evaporated.

- The Chickasaws' football season was hanging in the balance, New Hampton coach Scott Frerichs sent Tucker Tenge deep, Alex Troyna lifted a perfect pass and the Chickasaws had lived to see another day. The 37-yard touchdown pass with 3:06 remaining lifted New Hampton to a 26-20 victory over Union Monday night and into a Class 2A state quarterfinals match with North Fayette on Friday.

2019 (5 years ago)

- The No. 2 Turkey Valley football team got sweet revenge

as they defeated No. 16 Rockford in the opening round of the eight-player playoff after falling to the Warriors in the first round in 2018 by a score of 64-58. However, this game wasn't nearly as close, as the Trojans won 52-8.

With this win, Turkey Valley advances to the state quarterfinals. Its opponent will be HLTV.

- On Oct. 12, Harvest Church was a satellite site for Dare 2 Share LIVE. Dare 2 Share is a national, live, multi-site training and outreach event. Fifty volunteers and teens from surrounding towns as well as Harvest Church's youth group, Revive, were in attendance.
- There were 425 items collected from the community during the outreach.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD F. BLOCKER, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR003247
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Donald F. Blocker, Deceased, who died on or about October 11, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of October, 2024, the last will and testament of Donald F. Blocker deceased, bearing the date of the 14th day of September, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Martin Blocker 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 district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2024.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES OCTOBER 28, 2024

The Board convened on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 9:02 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Cervinske. Vice-chairperson Breitbach called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Bob Fenske member of the media, Public Health Director Lisa Welter, Custodians Dave Gorman

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for October 28, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn, Breitbach, Absent: Cervinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve minutes for October 21, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Abstained: Kuhn, Absent: Cervinske. Motion carried.

Discussed RFP for rural recycling at the Heritage Center.

No public comment.

Discussed Public Health Annual Report for FY23-24 with Public Health Director Lisa Welter.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to allow the Veterans' Day Program to be held on the Court House lawn on November 11, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Absent: Cervinske. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve hiring for snow removal at the Law Emergency Management

Commission (LEMC) through advertising in the county papers; New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter on October 31st and November 1st, sealed bids to be at the auditor's office by 4:00 PM on November 8, 2024 and unsealed at the Board of Supervisors meeting November 12, 2024. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach, Absent: Cervinske. Motion carried.

Discussed dates for Elected Officials' Salary Review Meeting for FY25-26 and consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have the meeting on December 3, 2024.

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Suckow to approve Economic Development Assistance Contract with Leonard's Locker, LLC and authorize chair's signature. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman, Breitbach, Absent: Cervinske. Motion carried.

Committee Assignment: Supervisor Hackman, October 23, 2024: CSS

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to adjourn at 9:48 AM. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Kuhn, Suckow, Breitbach, Absent: Cervinske. Motion carried.

Steve Breitbach, Vice-chairperson Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF STACIE JEAN VEGA AND ORLANDO ELIEZER VEGA UPON THE PETITION OF STACIE JEAN VEGA, Petitioner, AND CONCERNING ORLANDO ELIEZER VEGA, Respondent.

CASE NO. CDDM001387
ORIGINAL NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are notified there is a petition now on file in the office of the clerk of the above court, a Petition in the above-entitled action which prays for the dissolution of marriage The Petitioner's attorney is Todd P. Prichard at Walk, Prichard, Baresel, Murphy and Rourick, P.C, whose address is 1300 Grove Street, P.O. Box 454, Charles City, Iowa 50616. The Plaintiffs attorney's phone number is (641) 228-4500, with a facsimile transmission number of (641) 228-3143.

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EQUITY NO. EQCV004557
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that there is a petition on file in the office of the clerk of the above court which petition prays for a judgment in rem against the property involved in this action for the sum of \$81,190.49 with interest at 3.500% per annum from and including January 1, 2024, on the promissory note executed by Clarence J. Hayen and Cheryl A. Hayen, husband and wife and mortgage executed by Clarence J. Hayen and Cheryl A. Hayen, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its successors and assigns and assigned to Plaintiff, who is the sole and absolute owner thereof.

Said note, together with the mortgage given to secure the same are due and payable by reason of the failure of the Defendants Clarence J. Hayen and Cheryl A. Hayen, husband and wife to pay the installments of principal when due. Plaintiff also prays in said Petition for the foreclosure of said mortgage dated May 16, 2016 recorded in Document E16-0207 in the Recorder's Office of Chickasaw County, Iowa, with said note dated May 16, 2016 on the following described property, to-wit:

The North 75 Feet of Lot 50 of the Irregular Survey of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; the North 15 feet of the South 105 feet of the West 70 feet of the East one acre of the North Quarter of the South-east Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the West 100 feet of the North 60 feet of the East one acre of the North Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, all in Section 7, Township 95 North, Range 12 West of the 5th P.M. in New Hampton, Chickasaw County, Iowa and also asking that said mortgage be declared a prior and superior lien to that of each of the above named Defendants; for appointment of a receiver; for the amount paid by Plaintiff for attorneys' fees, abstract expense, costs and accruing costs

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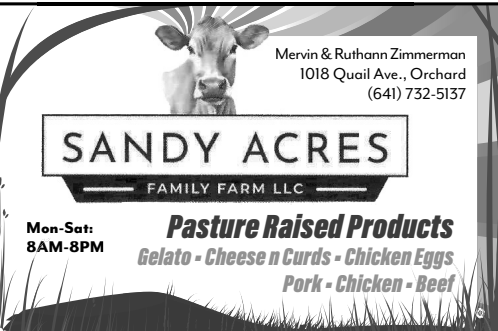
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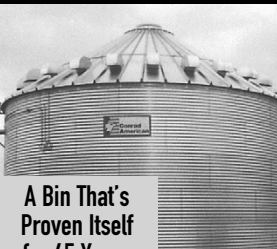
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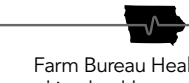
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New Horizons-Chamber to talk stress during ‘Lunch and Learn’ Tuesday

A “Taco Tuesday” type event will be held for the New Horizons Chamber Lunch and Learn series next Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the New Horizons-Chamber office, 104 E. Main in New Hampton.

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Glaser appreciates her Chickasaw teammates' support at state meet

STATE XC: FROM 15

New Hampton coach Jamie Ohrt said she was proud of Glaser's effort. "Sophie's such a fighter, such a competitor," she said, "and I know she was a little disappointed but she's been such a blessing for our team. ... I think it's always tough when you go down as an individual — the only individual — but I know Sophie. She'll use this for fuel for next year."

And for Glaser, the best part of cross country is not the running but the team aspect of the sport. So she was appreciative that almost a dozen of her teammates were in Fort Dodge to support her on Saturday but she wished that they were running with her and not just spectating.

"I do like running — not all the time, mind you — but it is the team that I really love about this sport," she said. "You can talk to a lot of people who say they hate running but they love cross country and it's because of the team part."

And Ohrt said Glaser is the consummate teammate.

"She's one of those kids at practice who's always finishing first but she goes back out and runs in with her teammates," the New Hampton coach said. "She's super competitive, but she's also super supportive."

Glaser also brought tears to her coach's eyes in Fort Dodge when the runner told the coach that she was sad to see cross country end.

"It's kids like Sophie, that's why you want to coach," Ohrt said. "It's not just what she does on the course, that's really only a small part of it, it's the way she represents our team, our school, our town."

After a season in which she achieved so much — another all-conference run at the Northeast Iowa Conference meet and a sixth-place finish at the state-qualifying meet late last month — Glaser didn't get much time to rest.

Wrestling practice at New Hampton started on Monday, and she hopes to do the same thing she did in cross country — earn a second straight trip to the state tournament.

"I'm ready, I think," she said with a laugh on Sunday afternoon. "There's not a lot of downtime — today's it."

Before she went to the mat, though, she took one last look at the cross country season she just completed. And Glaser focused on her teammates.

"We've always had a good supportive team," she said, "but this year, our team was just awesome when it came to supporting each other. They're the best, and it felt amazing to see so many of them there supporting me. It's something I'll never forget."

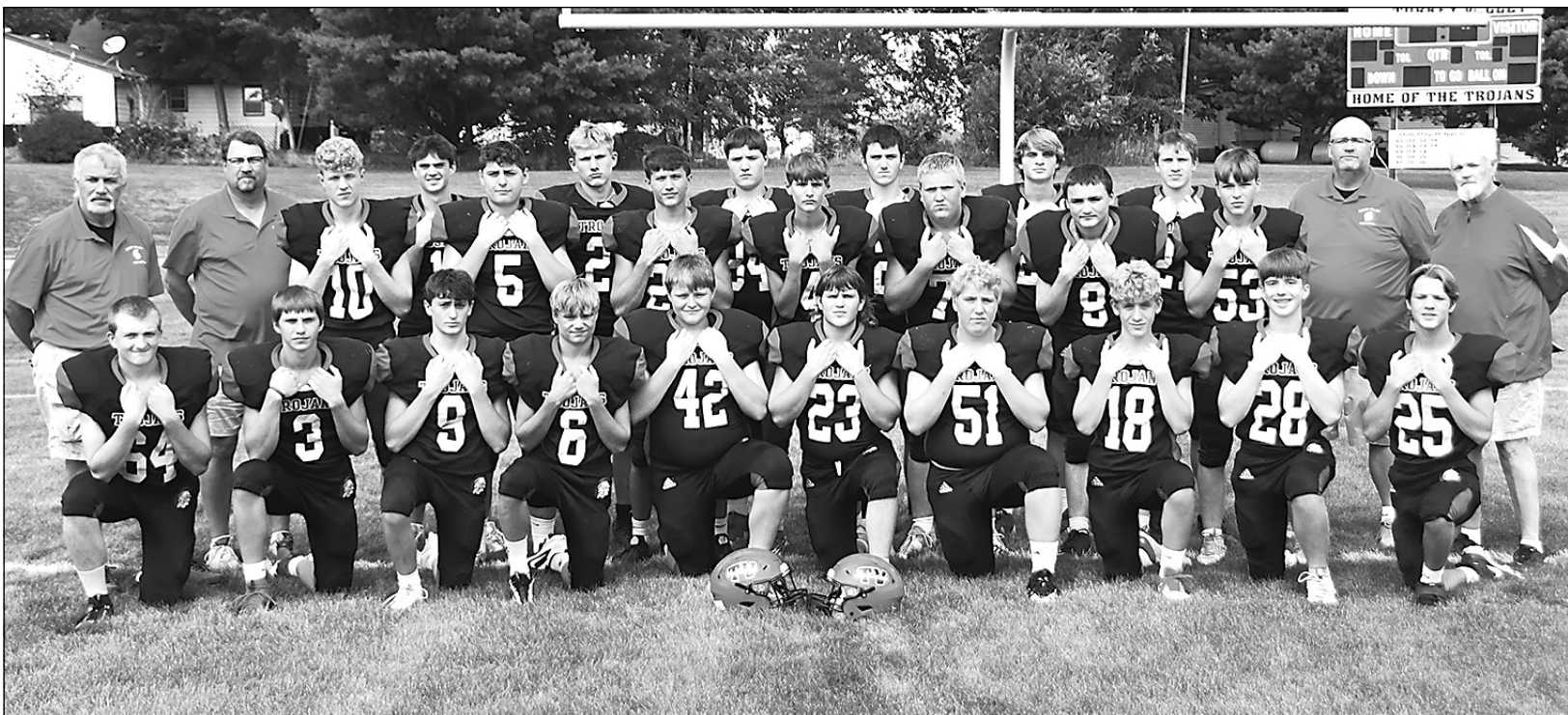


Nate Troy/Cresco Times Plain Dealer
New Hampton sophomore Sophie Glaser and a pack of runners make their way around the Lakeside Golf Course at Saturday's Class 2A state cross country meet.

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Turkey Valley's football team members this fall included (front row, from left) Caden Tiedt, Hugo Busta, Tucker Tlusty, Jadyen Rausch, Wyatt Maklenburg, Parker Reicks, Hunter Kruse, Levi Kruse, Caleb Kriener, Dominick Reicks; (middle row) head coach Mark Scott, assistant coach Alvin Hackman, Cale Langreck, Tucker Reicks, Kaden Schmidt, Alex Hanson, Eli Holthaus, Tyler Forbes, Jacob Wurzer; (back row) Logan Busta, Treyton Franzen, Traejin Keel, JD Kruse, Mitchell Kriener, Jordan Kriener, and assistant coaches Dan Stepan and Frank Wilson.



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Turkey Valley's volleyball team members this fall included (front row, from left) Delaney Busta, Kinsey Reicks, Morgan Vsetecka, Layni Schuchhardt, Alexis Elsbernd; (back row) Addison Lutgen, Annika Bodensteiner, Addison Steinlage, Karstyn Lukes, Jenna Thronsdon and Makinley Lutgen.



Turkey Valley's cross country team members this fall included (from left) Hazel Nieman, Bella Stika, Madalyn Vsetecka and (missing from photo) Avery Franzen.

Turkey Valley team photos courtesy of Becky Walz of the Decorah Leader

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Dak's Tap I 7, Hide A Way 2			
Bowlaway Lanes 6, Dak's Tap II 3			
The Office 5, Kenny's Tavern II 4			
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Dak's Tap	12	20	
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Mid-Tech 3, Hugeback-Johnson 1			
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Vern Laures Auto 4, Rochford Insurance 0			
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New Hampton's Taylor Ries receives a serve during a match earlier this season.

Chickasaw seniors wrap up careers all-NEIC

ALL-NEIC: FROM 15

New Hampton admirably bowed out in the semifinal round against No. 3 West Delaware (38-6) – a state qualifier in Class 3A – but not before taking the favored Hawks to the brink in game four and almost forcing a fifth and final game.

Part of that reason why was Rosonke's explosive play up front near the net as she led all strikers with 19 kills.

That made her a force to be reckoned with all season. She was all-NEIC second team last year and took her game to the next level.

"Key words that describe her: humble and hardworking," said Geerts, who put a cap on her 19th season as Chickasaw head coach.

Rosonke led the entire NEIC in kills with 290, kill efficiency (.415) and was fourth overall in blocks (51). Her play spoke volumes, but her positive demeanor and team-first attitude also went a long ways. She wasn't afraid to clock in and work overtime, either.

"She is not as vocal as Taylor (Ries) but keeps things light and puts her head down and works hard. She is so humble and leads by example. She was a great leader on and off the court," said Geerts.

With those award-winning attributes, it will only make sense that Rosonke will take her game to the next level in college out on the hardwood.

"We look forward to seeing

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Anya Ruzicka	Charles City	Sr.
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Aleigha Cahoy	New Hampton	Fr.
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Dylin Thompson	Decorah	Jr.
Olivia Johnson	Crestwood	Sr.
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Evelyn Mayhew	Charles City	Jr.
Taylor Ries	New Hampton	Sr.
Ellie Rolfs	Decorah	Sr.
Leah Holland	Decorah	Sr.
Lily Troendle	Crestwood	Sr.
Lydia Williams	Crestwood	Sr.
Vienna Nibelink	Crestwood	Sr.
Willa Troendle	Waukon	Jr.

where volleyball is going to take Braelyn. Any college will be lucky to get her," said Geerts.

Weber – a transfer from Turkey Valley – set the table for New Hampton and was second in assists in the league with 671. She also generated 180 digs and served 23 aces.

"Maici was a great addition to our team this year. Coming into a new program and bigger school had to be intimidating, but she started off strong by showing great leadership," said Geerts. "She worked hard over the summer and showed her team how well she could lead."

Despite a broken thumb that she suffered just days before key regional clashes at home

Marissa Cahoy made a splash right from the get-go with her inspired play – which features the ability to make an impact from anywhere on the court.

"Aleigha brought a lot to the table for us. She is so young but has a lot of court time. Her six-rotation spot kept her busy and she excelled no matter where she was on the court," said Geerts.

Aleigha was second in the league with 263 kills and was fourth overall in the NEIC with 34 aces. She also came up with 272 digs and a team-leading 34 ace serves.

"We can't wait to see what the next three years bring for Aleigha as she will come back with several other girls with experience and several girls who show promise for our team. Stay tuned for what's to come!" said Geerts.

Ries – third best in the NEIC in digs with 300 – was also the team's best server in terms of efficiency with a 95.4 clip. She was fourth in the league with 329 successful serves and rained down 33 aces. She also brought plenty of heart and tenacity to the court.

"Taylor was definitely the glue of our team this season. She is a true leader who kept everyone together and showed it through hard work," said Geerts. "She embraced her leadership role. Her passes help make our hitters and setter excellent. Off the court, Taylor is just a great kid. We will miss her next year."

State denies Decorah's bid to join Upper Iowa Conference

BY BOB FENSKE
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The director of the Iowa Department of Education turned down Decorah's bid to join the Upper Iowa Conference in a ruling that was released last week.

That means the UIC will become a 12-school league next year with the addition of New Hampton, Crestwood and Waukon, all currently members of the Northeast

Iowa Conference, while Decorah, also currently a NEIC school, will in all likelihood compete as an independent in 2025-26.

The three schools were accepted into the UIC last winter, leaving Charles City and Decorah without conferences. Charles City applied to the North Central Conference, was denied but accepted into the league on a "gradual basis" during the mediation process.

Decorah, meanwhile, applied for UIC

membership, was denied and took the issue to a mediator, but that process still left the Vikings homeless. So Decorah officials took their case to the Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow, who had several options at her disposal. Those ranged from rejecting the appeal, placing Decorah in the UIC or even forcing schools to form a new conference that they would be tied to for four years.

Snow chose the first option, and she based that decision on the fact that Decorah's school enrollment is more than 2.5 times the average enrollment of the Upper Iowa Conference with the inclusion of Crestwood, Waukon and New Hampton, which will be three of the four largest schools in the league.

"Ideally, Decorah would have a conference of similarly sized schools in close proximity," Snow wrote. However, a choice between travel time and school size must be made. By its decision, the mediation team gave greater weight to the latter while considering both factors."

Snow also wrote that "while Decorah was excluded from a conference it had not been 'unfairly excluded' and denied the school's application into the UIC.

Being part of the 'fraternity' means a lot to wrestling ref

DENNER: FROM 15

literally on the bottom rung of the proverbial officiating ladder.

He had a friend who suggested he contact Arlo Flege, one of the legends of Iowa wrestling officiating, and for a few years, he'd travel with Flege to meets, where Denner handled the JV matches and Flege called the varsity ones.

"I was lucky, too, because it wasn't just Arlo but I had a great number of officials in Northeast Iowa to draw on and work with," said Denner, as he ticked off names that included Bill Rothes, Mike Exline and Mike Allen, just to name a few.

"There were a lot of people I could watch and learn and understand how things were. We talked about a lot of things, and it helped me out a ton. I was willing to be patient and get experience."

Denner is quick to say that he's grateful that he began officiating in the 1980s and not today, when young, inexperienced officials often are on the mat for varsity matches.

"I found out really quickly, it isn't as easy as it looks," he said. "It was a lot harder than I thought so I had a real big wake-up call. ... Me doing a varsity meet my first year, there's no way I could have done it. My head was spinning just enough doing JV matches about trying to get position and what to call and looking for this and looking for that."

But over time, the matches did "slow down" for him and he moved up the ladder.

He said the heroes in his story include his wife, Sharon, and his two sons – Craig and Justin, the former played basketball while the latter wrestled for Waverly-Shell Rock.

"My family sacrificed a lot for me," Denner said. "Everything that I've ever gotten – every award, everything that I have won – I owe to them, and I've told people that."

In high school, Denner was a two-year starter for the Chickasaws and compiled a 35-17-1 record. He was a two-time Northeast Iowa Conference tournament placewinner and a state tournament qualifier in 1975.

As an official, however, Denner's trip to Des Moines became an annual affair, and as much as he enjoyed calling matches on the mat at the best state tournament in the nation, his fondest memories are with his "real small fraternity."

"It's one like no other," he said, "and some of the best times I've had is being in the locker room, the dressing room. The throwing crap at each other, the picking each other's brains and all that is what made it such a great calling for 35 years. You've got to have fun doing it because if you make it all work, you're not going to get out of it what you want."

Although this upcoming wrestling season will be the seventh that he won't take the mat, Denner has remained active in the wrestling community. He has been a volunteer at the state duals and traditional state tournament weigh-ins, he's mentored new and inexperienced officials and he's served as an evaluator of officials.

"It's in my blood," he said of the sport, "and it's the relationships I've built with officials, coaches and even some wrestlers that I'm still in touch with. It's so meaningful. I'm glad I got mad that night, I'm glad I took the plunge because it's kept me involved all these years with a sport I love."

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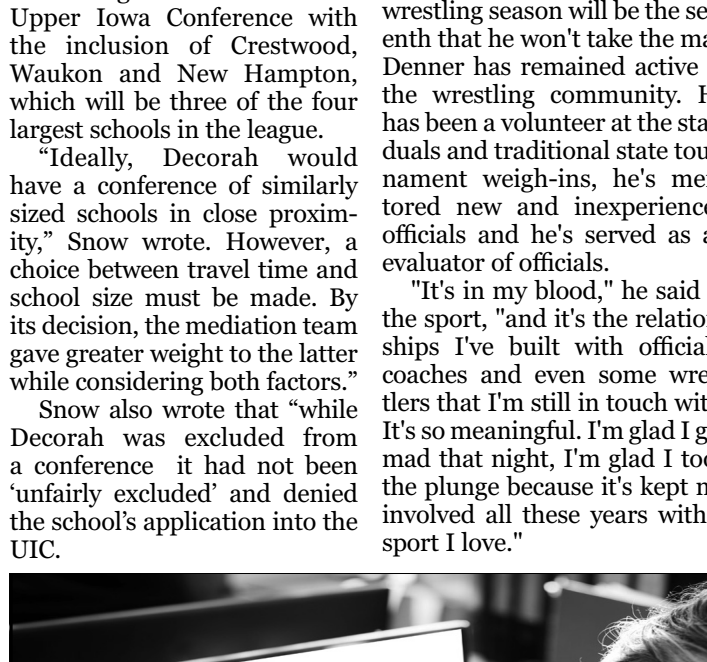
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FUEL FOR NEXT YEAR

NOT THE RACE SHE WANTED, BUT GLASER BUILDS ON STATE MEET EXPERIENCE

BY BOB FENSKE
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This is not a news flash to those who know her, but New Hampton's Sophie Glaser is a competitor.

But she's also just a sophomore, so while she wasn't thrilled about her performance Saturday at the Class 2A state cross country meet, Glaser and her coach are focusing on the future.

"Definitely not the time or the place I wanted," she said when asked how her day at state went, "but it is what it is and I guess knowing that I have two years left kind of takes the sting away a little. ... I'm learning how to run at state and hopefully that pays off more next year."

Glaser finished in the middle of the pack in the race that was held at Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge as she covered the course in 21:23.3.

The Chickasaws' lone state participant came into Saturday's meet with high hopes of surpassing her 2023 time and placing, when she finished 58th with a time of 20:49.2, but on a cold, damp day in Fort Dodge, it wasn't meant to be.

Glaser ran the first mile in 6:22.8 and was in 58th position, but that was her high-water mark for the day.

"It is a little frustrating, but it was still a really great experience," she said. "I'm learning the course, I'm learning where I have to get to. ... State is really a lot different than any other meet."

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Photos courtesy of Jamie Ohrt
New Hampton sophomore Sophie Glaser competes in the Class 2A state cross country meet after posing with some of her teammates who made the trek to Fort Dodge for a pre-race photo.



It's been a fruitful journey for Hall of Fame mat ref

Denner has no regrets about decision to become an official

BY BOB FENSKE
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Mike Denner chuckled at the question — how did he go from a solid high school wrestler to one of the best mat officials in the state?

"I have to tell you the truth, I was at a meet and I didn't really like the calls I was seeing," he said. "I got in it for all the wrong reasons, maybe you could say, but boy oh boy, I'm glad I did. It was one of the best decisions of my life."

And now he's a Hall of Famer.

Denner, a 1976 graduate of New Hampton High School, was inducted into the Iowa Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame last month during the Iowa Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Convention.

For 35 years, from 1983 to 2018, Denner traveled to pretty much every nook and cranny in northeast and north-central Iowa, becoming one of the best officials in the state. He worked 20 Northeast Iowa Conference tournaments, 10 Upper Iowa Conference tournaments, 31 sectional and district tournaments and 26 state tournaments. In 22 of those, he worked finals matches — both at Veterans Auditorium and at the Wells Fargo Arena.

But, at the start, Denner was

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Photo courtesy of Elaine Denner
National Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee Mike Denner poses for a photo with his parents, New Hampton residents Elaine and Chuck.

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New Hampton's Braelyn Rosonke gets ready to put down a resounding kill in the Chickasaws win over Crestwood in a Class 3A regional match last month.

Chickasaws land four on all-NEIC teams

Rosonke, Weber and Cahoy tabbed for first team; Ries named to the second squad

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Humble, hardworking, toughness and leadership.

Those are just a few of the superlatives and winning traits that Jess Geerts bestowed upon her all-conference volleyball players this fall — all four of them.

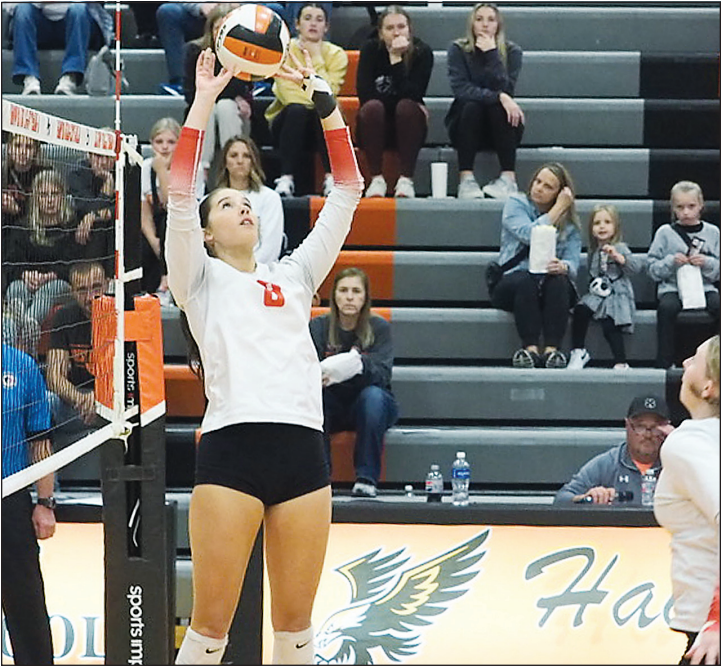
The Northeast Iowa Conference doled out its all-conference awards recently — potentially for the last time — and Geerts' Chickasaws occupied three of the first-team slots in addition to senior libero Taylor Ries being honored with second-team distinction.

New Hampton's first-teamers — senior middle Braelyn Rosonke, junior setter Maici Weber and freshman outside hitter Aleigha Cahoy — were important cogs in the Chickasaws' run to a third consecutive NEIC Tournament title.

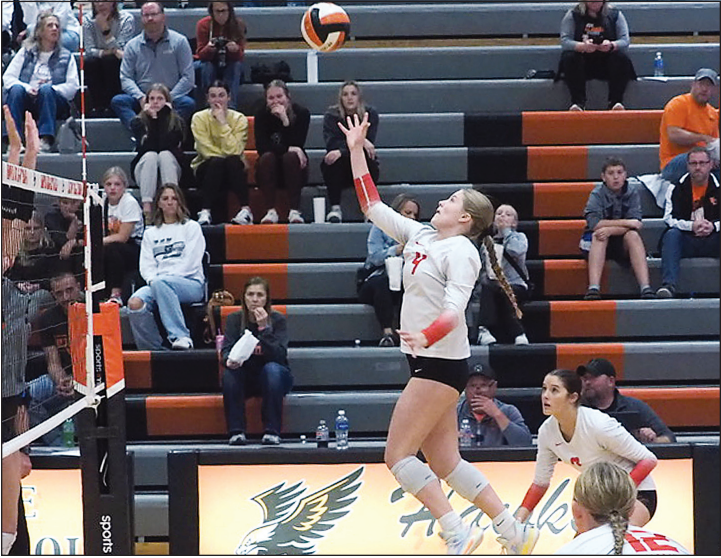
New Hampton (18-16) also produced a runner-up finish in the regular season league standings after winning that crown two years in a row prior to 2024.

Ries and Rosonke were the only returning starters back for New Hampton after a splendid 2023 campaign that reached the regional finals and won 31 games. That dynamic duo helped pave the way for much success for this '24 bunch that was playing its best volleyball of the year as it reached regional play.

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New Hampton's Maici Weber (above) puts up a set while teammate Aleigha Cahoy (below) looks to best the West Delaware block attempt with a tip.



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We'll light up the park soon!

Little Light of Mine volunteers — along with scores of area businesses, families and organizations — are putting their final touches on their light displays at Mikkelson Park in preparation for Friday, Nov. 29.

That's the evening that the "switch will be flipped" and the park will light up for another holiday season.

Little Light of Mine Committee members are planning special events in December and we'll have more information on those in a future edition of the Tribune.

Bob Fenske/Tribune



Salvation Army looking for bell ringers

The Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army will kick off its 2024 Red Kettle Campaign on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

As in past years, the kettle will be at New Hampton's Fareway store, and shifts are available in one-hour increments.

Those that would like to sign up will have a new option this year — a Sign-Up Genius page that can be found online at <https://bit.ly/4e7Xq54>.

Volunteers can also call Kris Markham at 641-229-0113.

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