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EMS moves into its new home

County 'closes' on East Prospect building that will house ambulances

BY BOB FENSKE

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Chickasaw County now officially owns the building, the ambulances are parked in it but just when the Chickasaw County EMS personnel will sleep in it remains an open question.

As expected, Chickasaw County "closed" on purchasing a building

located at 204 E. Prospect St. Monday afternoon, and officials moved the ambulance service's rigs to their new home later in the day.

The county agreed earlier this summer to purchase the building from Jeremy and Lacey McGrath for \$350,000, and the county cut a check to the McGraths during a Monday morning meeting of the Board of

Supervisors.

County Attorney David Laudner told board members the county would hold back a small amount of the purchase price to cover taxes that will be due from the McGraths during this fiscal year but otherwise "we're good to go."

But the attorney held back on presenting options for the county on what

it will need to do to remodel the building so that it will have living quarters for Chickasaw County EMS personnel, who currently stay at a rental home in the 200 block of North Walnut Avenue.

Laudner told supervisors he wasn't able to make contact with the State

Attorney General's

Office but expected to hear from his contact in Des Moines either later in

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Pizzas for Penny shows the power of coming together

Poor Richards owner started fundraiser at restaurant that grew by leaps and bounds

BY BOB FENSKE

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Long before the biggest night her restaurant ever experienced, Poor Richards owner Lavonne Ohm knew Penny Corbett had touched a lot of people.

"Everyone knew Penny and all the good things she did for our community," Ohm said, "so I just wanted to help somehow, some way."

She paused for a moment. Eleven days may have passed since Pizzas for Penny, but the amazement in Ohm's voice was all one needed to hear to know that Thursday night at the little pizzeria on New Hampton's east side will never be forgotten.

This is the story of Pizzas for Penny, but Ohm would rather it be about the spunky 54-year-old New Hampton resident whose compassion, kindness and friendships are her legacies. So it will be. And it will also be the tale of a community that comes together to support its neighbors going through tough times.

"Penny made such an impact," Ohm said. "As a nurse, on the ambulance and with the Rescue Squad, she just had an absolute heart of gold. But what made her so special was the way she connected with everyone. We went to school together way back when, and maybe we didn't see each other a lot but, I'd see her, and it was like we just picked up right where we left off."

Ohm, like so many of us, had no idea Corbett was sick ... until Sunday, July 16, when her niece, Kayla Brown, came into work at Poor Richard's.

"I could see she was down and asked her,

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Griffin Stoughton serves up another hot dog at a stand she set up last week in New Hampton to raise funds for the CalebStrong Foundation.

SERVING UP DOGS FOR A CAUSE

SOON-TO-BE COLORADO EIGHTH-GRADER'S HOT DOG STAND RAISES MORE THAN \$1,300 FOR CALEBSTRONG FOUNDATION

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Even 4 1/2 years after her cousin passed away, there's still a sparkle in the eyes of Griffin Stoughton when she talks about Caleb Ulrichs.

It's why for the past three summers, when she comes to Iowa to visit her grandparents, there's always a day set aside for the soon-to-be

eighth-grader to tend to a hot dog stand and raise money for the CalebStrong Foundation.

Started by Caleb's parents, former Nashua residents Tori and Jeff Ulrichs, the non-profit organization provides food and gas cards to pediatric patients and families undergoing cancer treatments or those dealing with other serious illnesses.

Everyone has favorite memories of Caleb, the

Nashua-Plainfield High School senior who died in January 2019 at the age of 18 after putting up a courageous fight against leukemia. And Stoughton, his 13-year-old cousin who lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, is certainly not an exception.

"We didn't get to see each other a lot —

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Congresswoman covers wide variety of topics



Ashley Hinson talks with constituents during a town hall meeting the U.S. House representative held Monday.

During town hall meeting, Hinson attacks Dems' 'overspending,' federal bureaucracy

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U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, the woman who represents Chickasaw County in Washington, covered a lot of ground Monday during the town hall meeting she held in New Hampton.

She went after China, Democrats who she said must believe there is a "money tree in the basement of the Capitol" and what she called the "fourth branch," i.e. the federal bureaucracy, of the federal government.

But the Republican who represents Iowa's Second Congressional District also, at times, sounded a moderate tone during the hour-long meeting at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Early in the meeting, Hinson

said there is a reason the GOP was able to win back control of the House in 2022.

"People are tired of the overspending, overreaching and over regulatory attitude of Washington," said Hinson, who added that "Washington needs to be run more like Iowa."

She decried the power federal bureaucrats have gained in recent years because of executive orders issued by presidents of both parties.

"I'll admit it's both parties, and it simply must stop," she said. "We in effect have an unregulated fourth branch of government."

She also said the Biden Administration must take a much tougher stand against China — especially when it

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Fall has arrived!

Members of the New Hampton football team run a play during the opening evening of its annual camp Monday, and with fall sports practices officially kicking off next week, the calendar may say summer but as far as sports are concerned, it's fall.

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Why we relay!

We're look ahead to the annual Aug. 12 Chickasaw County Relay for Life with a special section

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Former Chickasaw will serve as new activities director at Turkey Valley

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Briefs**Ionia Fun Days begins its annual two-day run on Friday evening**

It's been a while — six weeks to be exact — since a Chickasaw County community has held a town festival, but the "drought" ends this weekend when Ionia Fun Days kicks off its two-day run Friday evening.

The celebration begins with the crowning of Little Mister and Little Miss Ionia at 7 p.m. on Friday, and at the same time Ionia's "royalty" is named, the annual Fun Days slow-pitch softball tournament will kick off at the park.

At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, there will be a kids painting class held at the Ionia Community Library and the cost is just \$5, but pre-registration must be made by calling Heather Hackman at 641-430-4303.

Also on Friday night, Fun Days will hold "Family Movie Night" in the parking lot of the library. "Surf's Up" will be shown on the big screen and concessions will be available.

Saturday is chock full of activities, highlighted by Ionia's "2-Way Parade" that will be led by Grand Marshal Mary Link and head east down Main Street, turn around and head back east. Line-up is set for 10 a.m. and the cost for a parade entry is \$20 but there is no entry fee for Ionia Fun Days sponsors.

Other events on the Saturday docket include:

- 8 to 10 a.m.: Ionia Fire Department free-will donation breakfast at the fire station.
- 9 a.m.: Softball tournament begins second day.
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Bloody Mary bar at the Hide-a-Way.
- 11 a.m.: Food vendors open.
- Noon to 1:30 p.m.: Kid's Tractor Pull on Main Street by the New Hampton FFA chapter.
- Noon to 2 p.m.: Kid's games, inflatables and water games on the Main Street grassy area.
- Noon to 3 p.m.: Show and Shine Car, Truck and Antique Tractor Show.
- Noon to 3 p.m.: Ionia Farmer's Market.
- 1 p.m.: Bean bag tournament begins.
- 8 p.m. to midnight: The celebration comes to a close with a street dance featuring the band Six Pack Jack.

Little Brown Church Marriage Reunion begins Saturday

The 70th annual Little Brown Church Marriage Reunion — which church officials stress is for all married couples, not just those who said their "I do's" at the famed Nashua church — begins Saturday with the pastor's reception at 5 p.m.

Sunday's activities include a doughnuts-and-coffee breakfast at 9 a.m., the weekly Sing-A-Long at 10:15 a.m. and the worship service that will include vow renewals at 10:30 a.m.

After the service, lunch will be served by Johnny's Southern Seafood and entertainment will include Nashua native and singer Dustin Weiss. Register for the event by going to the church's Facebook page.



Both the hot dogs and the cause are well worth the wait (above) at the hot dog stands run by Griffin Stoughton, who was grateful for the help (below) she received from her grandmother Vonnie Shannon and family friend Duce Johnson at her hot dog stand last week.

Like so many, cousin has her favorite Caleb stories**CALEBSTRONG: FROM 1**

maybe like two, three times a year — but when I was here in Iowa or he came to Colorado," she said, "oh my gosh, did we have a lot of fun. He may have been a lot older than me, but we did everything together."

Her favorite Caleb story?

"You know he was really into cheerleading stunts, right? Well, I'm not the biggest girl in the world," she said with a laugh, "so he liked to fling me in the air. My mom and aunt, they'd be freaking all out, and we'd just laugh. We — Caleb, Keegan [Caleb's brother] and me — just always had fun together."

After Caleb died, his parents Jeff and Tori and his brother started the CalebStrong Foundation that has distributed meals and fuel to families who are going through the same experiences the Ulrichs had to endure in 2018 and 2019 when the family drove countless times to and from Rochester.

Here's where the hot dogs Stoughton sold on Wednesday came into play.

While visiting her grandparents — Terry and Vonnie Shannon — in New Hampton, she wanted to do her part for CalebStrong. How about a hot dog stand, her grandmother suggested, and a thriving once-a-year business was born.

The Shannons, though, live on a cul-de-sac that gets very little traffic so they reached out to the Snyder family, friends who lived closer to Mikkelsen Park, who agreed to allow Stoughton to use their driveway the past two years.



But those friends sold their home and moved earlier this year so on Wednesday, the stand was set up in the driveway of Ovey and Duce Johnson.

"They asked, it's a great cause and we said absolutely," Ovey Johnson said, "and we told Griffin to put us to work, too."

And business was brisk on Wednesday. Over a four-hour period, Stoughton and her crew — the Johnsons and her grandmother — sold 160 hot dogs, chips, cookies and water.

The price — a buck for each or \$3 for a bundle — was good, and by the time Stoughton closed down the stand, she had raised more than \$1,300 for CalebStrong.

"It's really nice that so many people have come out," Stoughton said, "and they're really generous. I've lost track of how many people have said 'keep the change.' ... I still miss Caleb a lot, but hopefully, things like this and CalebStrong are keeping his memory alive."

That money will go to families who are using Children's Hospital Colorado, one of the nation's top pediatric medical organizations that has facilities throughout the Denver and Colorado Springs areas.

And as much as she misses the cousin who loved "flinging" her into the air, she smiled when asked how Caleb Ulrichs would feel about the hot dogs stand?

"He'd love it, I know that," she said. "He liked everyone for who they were, and as much as I wish he was still here with us, I know he'd be happy that we're helping people going through a tough time."

New Hampton native celebrates her Diamond Jubilee with the Sisters of St. Francis

Sister Melita Meyers, OSF, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, celebrated her Diamond Jubilee (60 years) this summer at Mount St. Francis Center in Dubuque.

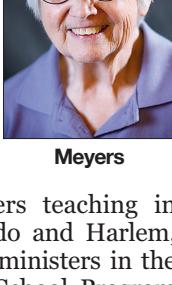
Sister Melita was born in New Hampton, the fourth of five children to the late Cletus and Amelia (Hub) Meyers.

Her home parish is St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia, where she attended grade school and high school, finishing her last year of high school in Charles City. She graduated from Briar Cliff University in Sioux City.

Sister Melita taught in Melrose Park,

Illinois, and in Iowa at St. Mary's, Remsen; St. Catherine's, Oyens; St. Catherine's, south of Dubuque; St. Mary's, Waterloo; St. Joseph's, Raymond; and Visitation School, Stacyville. She also taught in Wisconsin at Sacred Heart School in Reedsburg.

She has spent summers teaching in Kentucky, Illinois, Colorado and Harlem, New York. Presently she ministers in the CLC Public School After-School Program



Meyers

in Reedsburg. Sister Melita co-wrote a math resource book for primary teachers and has given presentations at state and national math conventions.

She received the Golden Apple Teacher Award in 2003.

She has also been privileged to work with hospice patients and was a volunteer night chaplain at Allen Hospital in Waterloo.

"These past 60 years have been filled with countless blessings," Sister Melita said. "I have been totally spoiled by my God, my Franciscan community, my family and friends."

Turkey Valley Area Calendar of Events

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| Thursday, August 10, 2023 | Wednesday, August 16, 2023 | Tuesday, August 22, 2023 |
| FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | Professional Development |
| Friday, August 11, 2023 | Thursday, August 17, 2023 | 6:00pm Cross Country: High School Girls/ |
| FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | Boys vs. Edgewood-Colesburg @ |
| Saturday, August 12, 2023 | Professional Development | Woods Edge Golf Course |
| FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | | |
| Sunday, August 13, 2023 | Friday, August 18, 2023 | Wednesday, August 23, 2023 |
| FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | 1st Day Of School |
| Monday, August 14, 2023 | Professional Development | 2 Hour Early Dismissal |
| FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | Saturday, August 19, 2023 | Thursday, August 24, 2023 |
| School Board Meeting | FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | 2 Hour Early Dismissal |
| Tuesday, August 15, 2023 | Sunday, August 20, 2023 | Friday, August 25, 2023 |
| FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | FFA - Iowa State Fair Judging | 2 Hour Early Dismissal |
| | Monday, August 21, 2023 | Saturday, August 26, 2023 |
| | Professional Development | FFA - State Livestock Judging |

vs. Coon Rapids - Bayard @ Valley Stadium Football Field

Monday, August 28, 2023

5:00pm Volleyball: High School Varsity @

Turkey Valley High School Highschool

6:00pm Football: JV J.V. vs. Gladbrook-

Reinbeck Jr/Sr High School @ TVHS

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

First Day of Preschool

Thursday, August 31, 2023

4:00pm Cross Country: High School

Invitational @ Wildwood Golf Course

5:00pm Cross Country: High School

Invitational @ Wildwood Golf Course

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Hinson: U.S. support for Taiwan is critical

TOWN HALL: FROM 1

comes to the theft of intellectual property and growing ownership of U.S. land by Communist China.

China is the main reason Hinson said she supports increasing defense spending, not only to give service members pay raises but also so that the U.S. is ready for any future conflicts that might arise.

She discussed the need for not only the U.S. to invest in its semiconductor industry but also support American allies — naming Taiwan specifically — that are critical to the so-called “chip” shortage.

“It’s why I’ve been so outspoken in making sure that we are supporting the Taiwanese military,” she said and added that not only is the country dealing with a chip shortage but also must invest more heavily in its defense manufacturing sector. “It’s not what it used to be.”

Hinson said that as part of a war game recently conducted around a scenario of Chinese aggression against Taiwan, it was learned “pretty clearly we would run out of ammunition pretty quickly.”

Hinson also touched on what she called the Democrats’ “spending frenzy.”

“Sometimes, we just have to say, ‘Hey, we don’t have the money,’” she said. “It’s not always popular to say no but it is necessary sometimes.”

She took a number of questions from the nine residents who attended the town-hall meeting that dealt with a variety of issues:

- She called President Biden’s energy policy a disaster.

“We need to unleash American energy. We have so many options here at home,” she said. We’ve had a rush to green energy [yet] we’re still having energy shortages and rolling blackouts.”

She also took a shot at Biden’s push for electric vehicles; the Environmental Agency earlier this year said the goal was to have 67 percent of the cars sold in the U.S. to have zero tailpipe emissions by the year 2032.

“I think the obsession that this administration has with electric vehicles and switching the switch on that overnight,”

she said, “is frankly unacceptable and unobtainable.”

• Hinson also took issue with Biden’s attempt to forgive student loans.

“I’ve been very clear about my position on this: I don’t agree with wiping away debt because I think people need to pay the debt they own. They signed on the dotted line,” she said, “but what I think is really important is we do take a look at predatory practices, for example. So if their are predatory people making loans — too high of an interest rate, too high of an amount — and that needs to be a part of the discussion around education going from here.”

When one audience member pointed out that millions in Payroll Protection Program loans were forgiven during the COVID-19 pandemic, Hinson had a quick response.

“But the difference was Congress approved that.”

• Asked about the proposed carbon pipeline that would go through parts of Chickasaw County, Hinson said that she is worried about the use of eminent domain, saying “I’m always leery” when it comes to the process.

But she also said she believed that “climate is changing; I sat next to a meteorologist for 10 years,” referencing her former career as a television news anchor in Cedar Rapids.

“I think there’s a very real challenge here in balancing the future of the ethanol industry ... while at the same time protecting the land value.”

She said she was more interested in the research being conducted on the byproducts of carbon, pointing out that research is showing that carbon produces enhanced oil recovery.

“I support policies that I believe are more on the conservation and management side,” she said, “rather than carbon taxes or overreaching [regulations].”

Monday’s town hall meeting in New Hampton kicked off a busy day for the second-term congresswoman as she also made an appearance at a meeting of the Charles City Rotary Club and toured the Cargill Kitchen Solutions in Mason City.



Photo courtesy of Lavonne Ohm

The Poor Richards’ staff — (from left) Brett, Blake and Lavonne Ohm, Reid Rausch, Mason Sobolik, Jake McDonald, Tate Schwickerath, Adam Waddell and Aydin Ries — pose for a photo in the restaurant’s kitchen after Pizzas for Penny came to an end on July 20.

Restaurant owner proud of her staff’s Pizzas for Penny work

PIZZAS FOR PENNY : FROM 1

“What’s going on?” She said Penny’s not doing very well,” Ohm said, “and honestly, it happened so fast, that was the first I had heard about Penny’s cancer.”

The following day, Ohm was out to lunch with her son, Blake, when she saw a Facebook post from New Hampton resident Deb Larsen, whose granddaughter, Kendall, was running a lemonade stand with cookies and brownies as a fundraiser for Penny and her family.

“I looked at Blake and said we’re going to get some cookies,” Ohm said. “And then I started thinking and out loud I said, ‘All right, what about Pizzas for Penny?’ I just thought it would be nice if we could make a little donation. Two bucks a pizza, at least it would give them a little spare change, you know what I mean?”

They set the date for Thursday, July 20, and although Penny passed away on that Wednesday, Poor Richard’s was all in on the event to raise money for Penny’s life partner, Jason Leach, their son, Danny Leach and the rest of her family.

In the meantime, Brown had shared Poor Richard’s Facebook post and “all of a sudden, Kayla had 70 shares and those shares had shares and I was thinking, ‘Oh my God, we’re in trouble.’”

You see, on a normal Thursday night, Poor Richard’s will sell somewhere between 40 and 50 pizzas. Once the pre-ordering began, Ohm knew her restaurant was going to make more than 40 or 50 pizzas. Way more.

The restaurant opened earlier than usual for Pizzas for Penny and by the time the night was over, Poor Richard’s had sold 263 pizzas. The New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center donated their ice cream machine and scores of residents donated money for toppings so



Photo courtesy of Deb Larsen

Planting the seeds for a great fundraiser

Kendall Larsen, who will be a fifth-grader this fall at St. Joseph Community School, poses for a photo by the lemonade stand she operated on Monday, July 17, to support Penny Corbitt.

Her grandmother, New Hampton resident Deb Larsen, said “Kendall’s always had a giving heart” and her stand — which included cookies and brownies — raised \$400 for the family ... and also helped plant the seeds for the Pizzas for Penny fundraiser put on a few days later by Poor Richards.

that the restaurant could also have an ice cream social before Pizzas for Penny kicked off.

Meanwhile, two dozen other businesses and area families took up the challenge tossed out by The Blue Iris to match Poor Richards to Penny’s family.

“It does say something about our town,” Ohm said, “and the way everyone came together for someone who has done so much for our community, it is special — really special.”

It was a night she will never forget. She said her husband, Brett, and Blake were just as important to the success of the event as she was. Ditto for the young employees who worked that night — young

men like Mason Sobolik, Reid Rausch, Jake McDonald, Tate Schwickerath, Adam Waddell and Aydin Ries.

“I’m very proud of all of them,” she said. “I mean we reached our max of pizzas and told people we can make other items for you. I mean we went through so much chicken it was crazy, and there’s no way we could have done this without all of them — Brett, Blake, the kids. They just went to work and did a great, great job.”

That night, Pizzas for Penny will be a memory that will last a lifetime, but as Ohm finished the story of the event, she said the cause made it worth it. Not only did the event raise around

\$16,000 for those who loved Penny but they also were able to honor a remarkable woman.

“Penny touched so many people, and it was an honor — an exhausting one, I will say that — to do this,” she said, “and to me, the entire Chickasaw County community deserves a lot of credit for stepping up to help us out. Even now, almost two weeks later, I think it’s very evident how special Penny was to so many people.”

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Briefs

Plum Creek to hold open house Sunday for quilt artists

Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery has a current special exhibit of artistic quilts from local and area quilters. There will be an open house to honor these artists on Aug. 6 at the Connie Mohr Gallery, 115 W. Main St., Fredericksburg from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The group, Northeast Iowa Art Quilters, includes Cheryl Mulder and Elaine Westin of Fredericksburg, Marty Berda of Elgin, Mary Jean Blaisdell of Independence, and Maud Bentley of Rowley. The quilts on display are colorful and intricate and truly art works.

All are welcome to stop in to see the art quilts during the gallery open hours. Or better yet, come to the Aug. 6 open house and meet these interesting ladies while viewing their work. Refreshments will be served.

Plum Creek Art/ Connie Mohr Gallery is open Thursday and Friday from noon to 4, and Saturday

day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free. The organization is an all volunteer, non profit which promotes local artists and art education for children and adults.

Little change in latest U.S. Drought Monitor report

Much of Northeast Iowa, including all of Chickasaw County, remained in a moderate drought situation, according to the latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor.

The report released last week showed that all 99 counties in Iowa are either “abnormally dry” or suffering drought conditions.

New Hampton did receive about a third of an inch of rain last week, which means for the first time since February, the city had above-average monthly precipitation, albeit barely.

Normal July rainfall for New Hampton is 4.99 inches, and the city had 5.02 inches of rain during the month this year.

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Jesus gave His life to forgive, renew and reconcile His loved ones

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— 2 Corinthians 5:20

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odds with God and separated from Him, but the Lord reconciled David, forgiving him and leading him back.

• Old friends stop speaking to each other. Grudges are so big they get in the way of any friendly thoughts. How can they be reconciled?

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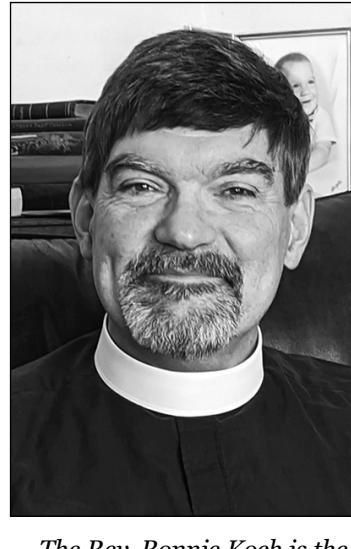
• A son is headed out the door and doesn't look back. He doesn't care if the family will miss him or not. How can they be

reconciled?

You've got ideas and emotions that you know would not please God. You've said things you know the Lord would not approve of. You've done things, you shouldn't. You've neglected things you should have done. Where does that leave you with the Lord Almighty? How will you be reconciled?

Because of Jesus, God's Son, the Almighty forgives sins and reconciles sinners back to Himself.

Broken relationships can't be repaired easily. Usually it takes a miracle. The miracle-maker Jesus



The Rev. Ronnie Koch is the pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, where worship services are held at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

Christ gave His life to forgive, renew and reconcile His loved ones. May His reconciliation bring peace to you and to those in your life.



Holy Family's Fall Festival is back ... and 'in person'!

Father Jim Goerend buys the traditional "first ticket" for the Holy Family Parish Fall Festival from committee member Andrew Zweibohmer and of course, his daughter, Mya!

The Fall Festival will be held Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Holy Family Parish Center and will include great food, live music, raffles, bingo, adult drinks and kids games, and this year will mark the first since 2019 when the parish will be celebrating "In-person!"

Meal tickets are \$12 and includes the option of an authentic Mexican meal or a turkey tender or pork loin dinner and sides.

Raffle tickets are being sold for \$10 or six for \$50 and in addition to cash prizes, there are a host of other great items available — including a Blackstone Grill, a smart TV, meal for six prepared by Father Jim, a Lost Island ticket package and a family photo session.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the parish office at 641-394-2105.

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Smart Ways To Invest In Bonds

Most investors are aware of the different types of stocks: big-company, small-company, technology, international and so on. And it may be a good idea to own a mix of these stocks as part of your overall investment portfolio. But the importance of diversification applies to bonds, too — so, how should you go about achieving it?

To begin with, individual bonds fall into three main types: municipal, corporate and government. Within these categories, you'll find differences in the bonds being issued. For example, government bonds include conventional, fixed-rate Treasury bonds as well as inflation-protected ones, along with bonds issued by government agencies, such as the Federal National Mortgage Association (or Fannie Mae). Corporate bonds are differentiated from each other by several factors, but one important one is the interest rate they pay, which is largely determined by the credit quality of the issuer. (The higher the rating grade — AAA, AA and so on — the lower the interest rate; higher-rated bonds pose less risk to investors and therefore pay less interest.)

Municipal bonds, too, are far from uniform. These bonds are issued by state and local governments to build or improve infrastructure, such as airports, highways, hospitals and schools. Generally, municipal bonds are exempt from federal tax and often state and local taxes, too. However, because of this tax benefit, municipal bonds typically pay lower interest rates than many corporate bonds.

How can you use various types of bonds to build a diversified bond portfolio? One method is to invest in mutual funds that invest primarily in bonds. By owning a mix of corporate, government and municipal bond funds, you can gain exposure to much of the bond world. Be aware, though, that bond funds, like bonds themselves, vary widely in some respects. To illustrate: Some investors may choose a low-risk, low return approach by



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Treasury securities, while other investors might strive for higher returns — and accept greater risk — by investing in a higher-yield, but riskier bond fund.

But you can also diversify your bond holdings by owning a group of individual bonds with different maturities: short, intermediate- and long-term. This type of diversification can help protect you against the effects of interest-rate movements, which are a driving force behind the value of your bonds — that is, the amount you could sell them for if you chose to sell them before they matured. When market interest rates rise, the price of your existing, lower-paying bonds will fall, and when rates drop, your bonds will be worth more.

But by building a "ladder" of bonds with varying maturities, you can take advantage of different interest-rate environments. When market rates are rising, you can reinvest your maturing, shorter-term bonds at the new, higher rates. And when market rates are low, you'll still have your longer-term bonds working for you. (Generally, though not always, longer-term bonds pay higher rates than shorter-term ones.) A bond ladder should be consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

But if it's appropriate for your needs, it could be a valuable tool in diversifying your bond holdings. And while diversification — in either stocks or bonds — can't always guarantee success or avoid losses, it remains a core principle of successful investing.

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Members of the Chickasaw County Farm Bureau Board of Directors — (from left) Robert Shatek, Nolan Webster, Cassie Hackman, Jordan Heit, Katherine Balk, Barbara Schwickerath, Adam Drewelow, Shannon Dietz, Drew Dietz, and Jessica Grober — pose for a photo at the organization's annual meeting that was held last week.

Chickasaw County Farm Bureau holds annual meeting

Keynote speaker reminds members of the importance for farmers to be open about mental health

The 105th Annual 2023 Chickasaw County Farm Bureau Meeting was held on Monday, July 24, 2023 at the Chickasaw Event Center in New Hampton.

Almost 200 members attended the meeting that included a prime rib meal served by the Frederika Locker, the presentation of the ballot, the recognition of scholarship winners, door prizes handed out by Chickasaw County Farm Bureau and agent Curtis Franzen and guest speaker's Larry Tranel discussion about the importance of mental health for farmers.

Those elected to the board included President Katherine Balk, Vice President Jessica Grober, Treasurer Nolan Webster, Secretary Barbara Schwickerath, Voting Delegate Robert Shatek and Township Directors Adam Drewelow, Jordan Heit, Drew Dietz and Shannon Dietz.

Grober recognized the county's five scholarship winners, who included:

- Trinity Brincks is the daughter of Matthew and Janette Brincks of Fredericksburg. Trinity plans to attend Northeast Iowa Community College to study ag business.

- Eadie Suhr is the daughter of Ed and Lavonne Suhr of Fredericksburg. Eadie plans to attend Iowa State University to study music education.

- Daniel Orthaus is the son of Ron and Patti Orthaus of Ionia. Daniel plans to attend Northwestern Community College to study powerline technology.

- Ashley Rosonke is the daughter of Dean Rosonke and Barb Kobliska of New Hampton. Ashley plans to attend South Dakota State University to study animal science and pre-vet.

- Claire Sorensen is the daughter of Tracy Schultz of Fredericksburg. Claire plans to attend Iowa State University and study agronomy.



Chickasaw County Farm Bureau annual meeting keynote speaker Larry Tranel (Above) discusses behavioral health during his address while Jessica Grober (below) recognizes two of the organization's scholarship recipients — Daniel Orthaus and Eadie Suhr.



Tranel, a 33-year veteran of Iowa State University Extension who has worked with numerous farmers on financial management and production issues, talked about the stresses that farmers deal with in his program titled "Resiliency and Farmer Behavioral Health."

Briefs

Relay for Life's 'Revvin' up for a Cure' set for Aug. 12 at Mikkelsen

The Relay for Life of Chickasaw County will hold an event on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Mikkelsen Park, with the benefits going to the American Cancer Society.

There will be a car show, food, live DJ music, a quilt raffle, face painting, bounce house and luminaria ceremony at 6 p.m.

The event will go from 2 to 7 p.m.

Luminarias may be purchased at First Citizens Bank before the event, or at the event.

Farmers Market open today

The New Hampton Farmers Market will be open today (Thursday) from 4 to 6 p.m. and be located next to Riley's.

The market will also be open from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Mikkelsen Park.



New Hampton Calendar of Events

August 2023

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

- 7:00am- 9:30am HS Volleyball Camp
- 8:00am- 10:00am Cross-Country Camp High School Athletic Complex Area
- 9:30am- 11am 6th-8th grade Volleyball Camp
- 11:00am- 12:30pm 2nd-5th grade Volleyball Camp
- 1:00pm- 5:00pm Marching Band Camp
- 6:00pm- 8:30pm Football Camp High School Athletic Complex Area

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023

- 7:00am- 9:30am HS Volleyball Camp
- 8:00am- 10:00am Cross-Country Camp High School Athletic Complex Area
- 1:00pm- 5:00pm Marching Band Camp
- 6:00pm- 8:30pm Football Camp High School Athletic Complex Area

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

- Volleyball Camp IGCA Team Camp at Johnston HS
- 8:00am- 10:00am Cross-Country Camp High School Athletic Complex Area
- 1:00pm- 5:00pm Marching Band Camp
- 4PM - 6PM New Hampton Farmers Market Downtown
- 5:30PM - 8PM 4-H Family Fun Night New Hampton/ Chickasaw County Extension
- 6:00pm- 8:30pm Football Camp High School Athletic Complex Area

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023

- Ionia Fun Day's, Ionia
- Volleyball Camp IGCA Team Camp at Johnston HS
- 8:00am- 10:00am Cross-Country Camp High School Athletic Complex Area

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

- Ionia Fun Day's, Ionia

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

- 9AM Annual Marriage Reunion, Little Brown Church, Nashua

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

- 10AM - 12PM 4-H Record Book Workshop New Hampton/ Chickasaw County Extension

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

- 10AM Holy Family Fall Festival

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

- 5:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match @ Jesup
- 5:00pm Volleyball: JV Match @ Jesup
- 2 Hour Early Out
- Academic Calendar, Begin 1st Semester

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023

- 2 Hour Early Out
- 5:00pm Cross Country: Girls Varsity Meet vs. Charles City @ Wildwood Golf Course
- 5:00pm Cross Country: Boys Varsity Meet vs. Charles City @ Wildwood Golf Course
- 5:30pm Volleyball: JV Game @ New Hampton Middle School Gym
- 5:30pm Volleyball: Varsity Match @ New Hampton HS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

- 2 Hour Early Out
- 5:00pm Football: 9th Game vs. Denver Community Schools @ New Hampton High School Athletic Complex Area
- 6:00pm Marching Band HS Athletic Complex Area, Marching Band performing at home football game.
- 7:30pm Football: Varsity Game vs. Denver Community Schools @ New Hampton High School Athletic Complex Area

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

- 4PM - 6PM New Hampton Farmers Market Downtown
- 4:00pm Cross Country: 7-8 Meet vs. Charles City @ Wildwood Golf Course
- 5:00pm Volleyball: 9th Match vs. North Fayette Valley @ New Hampton HS
- 6:00pm Volleyball: JV Match vs. North Fayette Valley @ New Hampton HS
- 7:00pm Volleyball: Varsity Match vs. North Fayette Valley @ New Hampton HS

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New Hampton football coach Scott Frerichs talks to his Chickasaws Monday evening during a break at the team's annual preseason camp.

Chickasaws will take camp to Johnston

Camps: From 12

Geerts – in her 18th season now at New Hampton as leader of one of the better squads in northeast Iowa – said there'll be over 40 teams at the Johnston camp. The Chickasaws will play three matches in the morning today (Thursday) and follow that up with three more in the afternoon. The pool play format is the same type of all-day schedule the Chickasaws undertook at the University of Northern Iowa a few weeks ago.

Then it's time to head back to the hotel and do it all over again on Friday. Of course, one is almost certain there will be some dining options out on the town that the Chickasaws will need to discuss before the evening is wrapped up.

"We're just trying to get back into it, especially after the "Dead Week," said Geerts. "A lot of kids were on vacation the week before "Dead Week." So we're sitting at two weeks off."

Geerts, who led her team to a 23-15 mark in 2022, which included a perfect 10-0 mark in the Northeast Iowa Conference and a postseason NEIC crown, said the time in between seasons seems to shortening every year.

"It kind of sneaks up on you – it goes

faster," said Geerts. "

The camp is also a time for her Chickasaws to have a good time, all the while getting closer as a team. Geerts also makes sure to throw in new and exciting features of her camp.

"It's just for fun – motivation," said Geerts. "There's always things that are never going to change. We definitely try to do new things each year – even if it's little things."

The New Hampton harriers – which saw the Chickasaw girls team crack the state field for the first time since 1998 last fall – also started its day out in the morning on Monday with not exactly your standard, run-of-the-mill exercise.

Ohrt, who will take the reins of the Chickasaw program once more for her 11th season, said her runners got plenty of work in – which included a scavenger hunt all across town.

The rules of the hunt are relatively straight forward – get your workout in, but at the same time capture photos of at least 10 of the following items on a list that they were provided. The group with the most unique photos wins a prize.

Examples of the items on the scavenger hunt's list that members of the XC squad had to cross off were: a garden, dog on a

leash, fire hydrant, red flower, a blade of grass or outdoor art.

That was just a small sampling of the list Ohrt handed out and her runners sought to seek out.

The winner – as voted on by unbiased judges chosen from the Chickasaw Wellness Center – was the team comprised of Eddie Arnold, Cassidy Meyerhoff, Carter Newbrough, Addison Neville, Sophie Glaser, Paige Stumme and Kamdyn Trower.

That picture was also highlighted by Herbie (the dog) and Trower sitting in the dog house.

The run also included a half-mile cool down.

Ohrt said she'll have over 30 runners out this fall for her middle school and high school squads.

The start to NH's XC season begins in Charles City at the Wildwood Run on Thursday, Aug. 24. The Chickasaws will also compete in a scrimmage on Friday, Aug. 18.

She mentioned the first day of camp is always a fun, "get-to-know-you kind of day."

"They're supposed to go at least three miles. So all-in-all, we ran four miles today," said Ohrt.



Megan Pickar (above) makes a valiant effort to come up with a dig at New Hampton's volleyball camp while assistant football coach Tyler Boos (below) keeps a watchful eye as the Chickasaws' linemen perform a drill Monday evening.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Not quite in game shape

Anyone walking through New Hampton Middle School these days will notice that the gym floor is not exactly in tip-top shape. That's because workers have had to tear up the floor that was installed when the competition gymnasium opened in 2019 and replace it.

Superintendent Jay Jurrens said the floor was installed incorrectly, and after months of haggling, the floor will be replaced at no cost to the district.

So, for now, the New Hampton volleyball team is using the old high school gym for practices, although Jurrens is hopeful the competition gym's floor will be ready by the time the Chickasaws play their home opener on Thursday, Aug. 24, with a triangular against Charles City and Denver.

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Boosters gearing up for another busy year

Club that will host annual Meet the Team Night on Aug. 17 always looking for 'new blood'

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Jodi Njus couldn't help but laugh when asked if the Chickasaw Athletic Booster Club could use more members?

"The more, the better, the merrier, whatever you want to say," said the president of the club that is putting the finishing touches on New Hampton High School's Meet the Team Night, which will be held on Thursday, Aug. 17. "We're always looking for new ideas and suggestions,

so absolutely, we'll take everyone we can get."

The Booster Club will kick off its 2023-24 season with the Meet the Team Night, which includes open practices by the football and volleyball teams and the introduction of this fall's cross country and cheerleading teams.

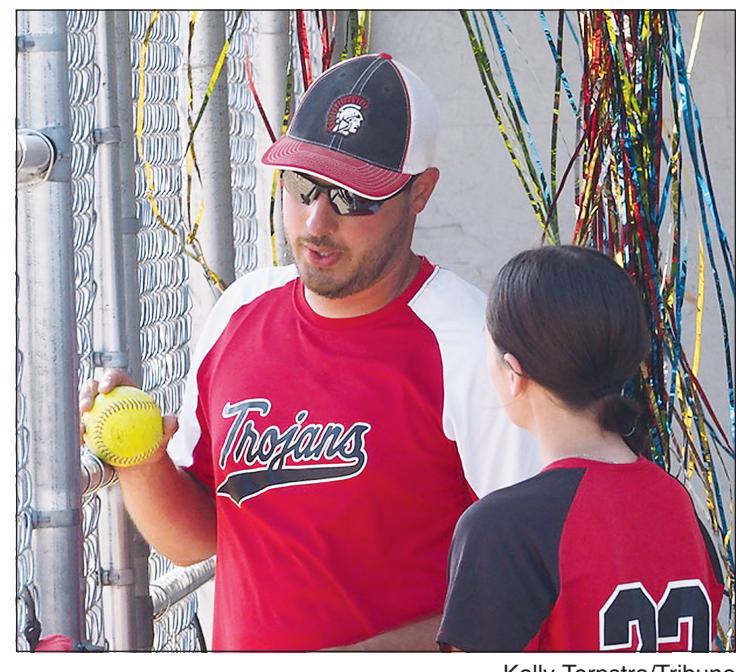
As in the past, the night will be highlighted by the annual Lynch BBQ meal that will be served in the high school cafeteria.

Meet the Team Night wraps

up a busy stretch for the Booster Club and its officers, who spent much of July securing renewal and new memberships for the upcoming year. Those membership dues, along with the Meet the Team Night meals and the revenue garnered from the track, baseball and softball concession stands, go right back into New Hampton's athletic programs.

This year's club officers include Njus, Vice President Ryan Shawver, Treasurer Jen Ewert, Secretary Tara Pesek and Membership Coordinator Misti Shawver.

"We're ready for another big year," Njus said, "and we can't thank everyone enough for backing Chickasaw sports."



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Turkey Valley assistant softball coach Anthony Troyna talks with Trojans' player Mariah Thronsdson during a game earlier this season.

Troyna takes over AD duties at Turkey Valley

New Hampton High alum enjoys being 'back home,' appreciates support Trojans get from community

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located in Sioux City.

"Turkey Valley has a long history of having success when it comes to academics, athletics, and activities. I want to continue to build on those successes here at Turkey Valley as well as emphasize making each student-athlete's experiences in all of these activities a positive one and the best experience it can be," Troyna added.

Troyna, a 2011 New Hampton High School grad, was recently hired on as the activities director at Turkey Valley High School.

Troyna got somewhat of a head start this past summer as he was Junior Hackman's assistant softball coach for the Trojans. Troyna took over for Courtney Hahn, who now works for the South Winneshiek School District.

That meant his continued work as a softball coach – Troyna used to coach at Springville – allowed him to get to know his academic colleagues a little bit better before officially taking over as AD on July 1.

"I've always known how great of a school district Turkey Valley is. It is one of the most supportive school districts and communities you will find and that is my favorite aspect of being here. Over the past school year I got to know the staff members of Turkey Valley even more and they are all great! There is a lot of pride with our staff and our district and it's really a great place to be," said Troyna.

Troyna was also an Oriole assistant baseball coach for three years (2019-2021) and was on the Springville football coaching staff as an assistant for five years (2017-2022). He was the Springville junior high baseball coach for two seasons as well (2018, 2021).

Troyna is excited to get his teaching/coaching career at TV underway.

"I've been lucky enough to coach a lot of sports along with coaching alongside and mentoring from a lot of great coaches. One of my biggest passions is coaching, so when the opportunity to explore the AD position at Turkey Valley became a possibility, it was a no-brainer. Getting the chance to work with coaches, our student-athletes, as well as other ADs, is really something I'm looking forward to!" said Troyna.

While not teaching or coaching, Troyna said he remains active in the community. He said he attends a lot of sporting events and was a part of the Turkey Valley Athletic Booster Club.

He also enjoys leisure time activities like golfing at the nearby Jackson Heights Golf Course.



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New Hampton High School volleyball players (above) congratulate each other as the first day of their camp comes to an end while Chickasaw cross country coach Jamie Ohrt (below) "breaks down" her team on Monday morning.

THE PRELUDE TO FALL SPORTS

CROSS COUNTRY, FOOTBALL AND VOLLEYBALL TEAMS GO 'CAMPING' BEFORE STARTING PRACTICE MONDAY

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Back from the break!

While New Hampton fall sports athletes are still enjoying summer vacation – a day's work is never complete without the interaction and fun-filled start of camp.

That means the official beginning of practice – which takes place this coming Monday – is just around the corner.

That's always a signal that all Chickasaws will soon be hitting the books as New Hampton High School will open its doors on Aug. 23 as the school year will get underway on that Wednesday – which is mere matter of weeks away.

For Jess Geerts and Jamie Ohrt – their Chickasaw squads were out in full force this past Monday, bright and early.

And later in the day, New Hampton football coach Scott Frerichs and his staff kicked off the 2023 season with an evening camp session.

Geerts' defending Northeast Iowa Conference volleyball champs hit the ground running with start of its camp in the middle school gym, as the competition gym is currently still getting its hardwood floor installed.

Geerts' participating team members this fall began camp at 7 a.m. and continued to gear up for the regular season – which is slated to get under way on Tuesday, Aug. 22 in a triangular at Jesup with area school Nashua-Plainfield. The Chickasaws



will scrimmage each other on Thursday, Aug. 17 during "Meet the Team Night" and one last time in a scrimmage at Union that following Saturday, the 19th.

In the meantime, Geerts and her Chickasaws were a lively and loud bunch on Monday – prepping for an end to the week that will feature a lot of volleyball being played.

"It more a lot of just like drills – a lot of touches, especially for kids who haven't been here all summer," said Geerts about

the start of camp.

But it will be a short-lived three days at camp in New Hampton for the Chickasaws – as they're off to Johnston for an overnight stay in Polk County where New Hampton will compete in a loaded two-day camp hosted by the Dragons.

"We just play all day," said Geerts. "We're staying. We're going to do some team bonding."

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