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Supervisors deadlock on HR

Board votes 2-2 on three different motions to hire human resources consultant

BY BOB FENSKE

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Put it this way, 2-2 votes were in vogue Monday morning when it came to the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting.

And after the four members attending the meeting deadlocked 2-2, just who will serve as the county's human resources in the near future remained

up in the air.

Supervisors opened request for proposals (RFPs) during a meeting on June 16 from three firms — current provider Ahlers and Cooney, another law firm in Hopkins & Huebner and the county's former HR provider, PJ Greufe and Associates — and then discussed proposals with representatives of each firm during their June 23 meeting.

The hope was that they would come to a decision on Monday, but with Supervisor Issac Carter unable to attend the meeting, it bogged down into a series of 2-2 votes.

Currently, Ahlers & Cooney provides HR services to the county and does so on a month-to-month basis. The county must give the firm a 30-day notice before terminating the services and Ahlers & Cooney's Michael Galloway

told supervisors last week that the firm would continue to offer its services for \$1,800 per month, the same rate it has charged the county in recent years.

Hopkins & Huebner's bid was for \$2,000 per month and also came with a 120 hours "limitation," which means if the county uses the firm for more than 120 hours during the year, it

would pay an additional hourly rate. But that firm's representative, Brent Hinders, said the county could also opt to just use a

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Water Over the Dam Days attendees take to the "dance floor" at the Baldwin Bandshell as the band Chocolate Crackers plays Saturday evening during Nashua's annual town celebration that brought Chickasaw County's "Festival Month" to an end.

DAM PARTY WRAPS UP FESTIVALS

CHICKASAW COUNTY TOURISM DIRECTOR SAYS 'FESTIVAL MONTH' CELEBRATES GREAT TOWNS, BETTER RESIDENTS

BY BOB FENSKE

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Forgive Chickasaw County residents if they're all "partied out."

But the county's annual "Festival Month" — which began on May 29 with the start of Fredericksburg's Dairy Days and wrapped up on Sunday, June 29 with the conclusion of

MORE PHOTOS FROM NASHUA'S BIG PARTY.

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Nashua's Water Over the Dam Days — provided plenty of fun right close to home.

"I think it's one of the unique things about

our county is that for five weekends in a row, you don't have to go to Des Moines or anywhere else to hear great live music, to have some really good food and have a great time," said Liz Zweibohmer, the New Horizons-Chamber director who also serves as the county's tourism director. "And I think it says something about

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Achievement Show kicks off on Tuesday

County youth coordinator wants annual fair to give youth a 'sense of belonging'

BY BOB FENSKE

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The T's have been crossed and the I's have been dotted; now, it's time for Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA members to shine.

But ask Chickasaw County ISU Extension Youth Coordinator Makaela Kime, and she will tell you that means different things for different kids.

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"I mean it depends on the youth and what their goal is," she said, "and that's OK. Honestly, 4-H means different things to different members. ... I think one of our key points for your youth members is that they find a sense of belonging, a sense of community, in 4-H."

They'll find it next week in Nashua as the annual

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Sharing some great stories about a great team!

Dan Hageman shares a tale about the 1985 Turkey Valley baseball team during a ceremony put on by the Lawler Historical Society to honor the squad that claimed the Class 3A state baseball title 40 years ago.

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Edward Jones advisor named to Forbes list

Edward Jones financial advisor Clint Whitcome of New Hampton was named among the Forbes Best-in-State Wealth Advisors in 2025. He ranked No. 57 in Iowa.

“I became an Edward Jones financial advisor to help the people in my community feel confident in their financial lives and secure about their future,” Whitcome said. “It’s challenging but fulfilling work, and now to receive this kind of statewide recognition is a highlight in my career. I thank my branch team for their unwavering support and our clients for putting their trust in us.”

Whitcome has served area investors for the past 13 years. “Our priority is to work one-on-one with our clients to make a positive difference in their lives,” Whitcome said. “It’s a wonderful source of pride to be recognized by Forbes for the specific aspects of our work that they measure.”

To compile the rankings, SHOOK Research analysts conducted individual interviews with nominees. Criteria that determined the final list included industry experience, best practices, compliance records and assets under care.

Edward Jones has more than 20,000 financial advisors who serve more than 9 million clients with a total of \$2.2 trillion in client assets under its care as of March 28.

Amana Colonies heritage director to speak in St. Lucas Wednesday

Jon Childers, executive director of the Amana Heritage Society, will present the Amana Colonies Story at the German American Museum, Library and Family History Center in St. Lucas during a program next Wednesday, July 9.

The program will run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and feature Childers, an Amana native and heritage advocate who leads a small staff with the mission to share the three hundred-year heritage of the Amana Colonies-National Historic Landmark with the rest of the world.

His focus is the long-term sustainability of the AHS while telling the Amana story in new and more experiential ways.

Since joining the AHS in 2016, Childers successfully worked to build membership, grow admissions, increase grant activity, and develop lasting programs to share Amana’s unique culture. Learn about a fellow German historical society The event includes refreshments, cake and cookies.

Beginning in the 1840s, the Inspirationists were forced to leave Germany due to their beliefs and worsening economic conditions.

Living first in New York and later in Iowa as the Amana Society, they adopted a communal lifestyle to bond together a community of 2,600 members wishing to make the journey.

Seven villages were established in the Amanas, with leadership vested in a board of trustees who oversaw all aspects of daily life. In 1932, the members voted to abandon communal living.

Relay for Life in August

The Chickasaw County Relay for Life event will be held Sun., Aug. 3, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Highland Park in Lawler.

Live music and food will be available during this year’s relay.

The committee is also putting on a four-person best ball golf tournament on Friday, Aug. 1 at Jackson Heights.

Proceeds from both events will benefit the American Cancer Society.



Father Jim Goerend enjoys the water and his parish’s kids soon after arriving in New Hampton in 2022 while Jay Jurrens shares information about a proposed bond referendum during a community meeting held in 2017.

Jurrens and Father Jim made early, but lasting, impressions

They say first impressions — or at least early impressions — matter.

They certainly did for me when it comes to Jay Jurrens and Father Jim Goerend.

Jurrens, of course, is the New Hampton and Turkey Valley school superintendent ... or shall I say was. His official final day was Monday, and a day later, he began his well-deserved retirement.

Father Jim is the pastor for the Good Shepherd Cluster that includes Holy Family Parish in New Hampton, St. Boniface in Ionia and Immaculate Conception in North Washington. He is not retiring; instead, after this weekend’s masses, he’s headed to his new assignment — leading parishes in Jesup and Barclay.

Let’s start with Father, even though it’s going to mess-up the chronological order.

On July 21, 2022, he appeared on the front page of the Tribune, and if there’s a rule in newspapers — especially weeklies like ours — it is that we try to avoid putting pictures of the same person on back-to-back front pages.

That July 21 story was to introduce Father Jim to our community and came about after we sat down for a relatively lengthy interview in which he shared his story ... and his humor.

I liked him almost immediately; oh heck, forget the almost.

During the week that the story appeared on the front page of the Tribune, our summer intern, Lydia Gessner, was working on a story about area churches and Bible schools.

I remember the day she came flying into the office — it happened to be the day after the July 21 Tribune hit the newsstands — and excitedly told me she had just taken the best photo of her career.

Now, God bless Lydia, but during her four years at the Tribune, she was always enthusiastic so sorry, Lyds, I took your



comment with the proverbial grain of salt ... until you put the photo on to the computer screen.

There was Father Jim, standing in the middle of a group of kids with the kids partaking in Holy Family Church’s “Totus Tuus” program as they were showered with water.

That will always be my favorite picture of Father Jim, for it showed that he was not only a man of God but also a priest who loved his flock, if you will.

Over the past three years, we’ve had some really nice conversations and we’ve also given each other a little bit of grief, too, but that first — I mean early — impression of Father has stuck.

Ten years before that Lydia Gessner photo created the lasting impression of Father Jim, I first met Jay Jurrens at a community welcome reception for the man who would become New Hampton’s school superintendent.

Not that the first impression was bad by any means — he was considerate with his time and thoughts that day — but the early impression that meant the most to me came a few weeks later.

Jurrens was finishing up his work as a principal in the Emmetsburg school district and let’s face it, spring is a hectic time for every principal.

But as I walked into New Hampton High School’s Coffeehouse Concert, there he was, and I thought that was just about the coolest thing I had ever seen. He had made the three-hour drive to New Hampton, and that showed me — and plenty of others, too — the commitment he was going to bring to the land of the Chickasaws.

Over the years, I came to appreciate Jurrens for a variety of reasons — not the least of which was the fact that he turned out to be a really good superintendent, both here and at Turkey Valley.

I have a lot of fond memories of the man who is now retired.

There was the patience he showed as he held referendum after referendum town hall meetings — both in 2014 and in the lead-up to the successful referendum that led to the construction of a new middle school, vocational agriculture and industry technology center and competition gymnasium.

There was the way he interacted with the students of New Hampton and Turkey Valley.

There was his almost always constant presence in both school districts.

But what I will miss the most is our monthly meetings, usually held around the time of school board meetings.

I appreciated the fact that he would answer my questions — some of which I’m sure he didn’t want to hear — and always be pleasant about it, but it was more than that. We’d get off the subject and talk about the news and life, and never once during the past 13 years did I feel like he was just being nice. No, he cared — about our community and yes, about me and my family.

That meant a lot, especially since I knew that wouldn’t change even if I had to ask him some tough questions down the road.

So Jay, enjoy retirement. You deserve it.

And Father Jim, enjoy your new assignments. Jesup and Barclay are lucky to have you.

Congressional bill doesn’t represent true Iowa values

Poverty doesn’t care about political parties, but how we fight it must be smart, effective, and fiscally responsible. That’s why it’s so concerning that Congress is considering cuts endorsed by the current administration that would gut programs proven to help families help themselves. Programs like the Low-Income Home Energy Program (LIHEAP), Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), and Weatherization—administered by local Community Action Agencies—don’t create dependency; they provide critical

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stability and support for low-income Iowans who are working hard to achieve self-sufficiency.

More than 248,000 Iowans rely on these services every year, whether it’s energy assistance in the winter, food access, disaster relief, affordable housing, public transportation, strength-based family home visits, or early childhood education through Head Start. These aren’t bloated bureaucracies in Washington—they’re community-based programs that align with Iowa values: local control, efficiency, and empowering families to thrive.

Iowa’s Congressional delegation has always stood for families and personal responsibility. We urge them to remember that cutting smart investments in our communities will only cost more in the long run. Let’s make sure this bill reflects real Iowa principles—not just in theory, but in practice. Supporting Community Action Agencies is an Iowan value—because strong families make a strong Iowa.

Trisha Wilkins, Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation chief executive officer

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Chickasaw County Assessor Ray Armel talks with Board of Supervisors members about a draft ordinance that would cover potential commercial solar farms in the county.

Supervisors want to be ready for solar farms

County leaders spend considerable amount of time discussing draft ordinance prepared by assessor

BY BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors knows solar farms are in all likelihood coming, and board members, along with County Assessor Ray Armel, want to be prepared.

Armel and supervisors spent almost 30 minutes Monday morning discussing the draft of a solar farm ordinance that county leaders will consider adopting in the near future.

“They’re coming, and I think we need something in place if we want to protect property rights if we can,” Board Chairman Jake Hackman said.

“These are only commercial grade. These are not the residential ones that you see around today. These are not the ones you see on people’s roofs, on people’s sheds or for themselves.”

Armel agreed, saying his draft ordinance for “those facilities where the power is completely sold back to the utility companies.”

Although Hackman said that he knows of some solar farms that range in size

from 200 to 5,000 acres, Armel told board members the inquiries he’s received from solar farm companies is between 10 and 30 acres.

Supervisors had a number of questions when it came to his draft ordinance that covers everything from the foliage at a solar farm to mitigating glare for drivers passing by those farms to the application fee that the county would charge those who want to construct a fee.

The draft ordinance calls for a \$500 application fee, the same cost that the Chickasaw Wind Farm paid for each of the 66 wind turbines that are part of the farm located north of New Hampton.

“When you consider that it cost \$33,000 for the wind farm, \$500 isn’t that much,” Supervisor Steve Breitbach said. “I think that’s a number that can change.”

Hackman agreed and pointed out that a solar farm ordinance in Fayette County called for a \$1,000 application fee for a solar farm up to 200 acres and \$100 for each additional 100 acres seemed more palatable to him.

Supervisor Scott Cerwinski said his biggest worry when it came to solar farms were the issues it might cause for motorists on county roads.

The one thing I’m more concerned about is the glare on the road,” he said. “That’s my concern, especially in the wintertime with snow on the ground, I just want to make sure we’re ready for that and have something in place.”

Armel’s draft ordinance also calls on a solar farm to be at least 50 feet from a residence, and Hackman suggested Chickasaw County should borrow from Fayette County’s ordinance, which calls for solar farms to be placed at least 300 feet from a residence that is not a part of the “project area.”

“I like that a lot better,” Supervisor Travis Suckow said. “Fifty foot is pretty close.”

Monday’s discussion was just that — a discussion on possible changes to Armel’s draft — but both Armel and supervisors said they’d like to get an ordinance in place relatively quickly.

“Probably, the sooner, the better,” Armel said.

County attorney says 1099 should be issued to Conservation Board volunteer

BY BOB FENSKE
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Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner told the Board of Supervisors that he is recommending the county issue a 1099 form to a volunteer with the Chickasaw County Conservation Board who is having camping fees at Airport Lake Campground “waived.”

Laudner made his recommendation during Monday’s meeting, which came a week after Supervisor Issac Carter brought up the issue.

Carter said he had been approached by what he called

a “concerned citizen” about the fact that the volunteer does not have to pay for a campsite from May 1 through Sept. 30.

The contract the volunteer signed states that “the park position is considered to be a volunteer position, whereby the person serving as park volunteer provides certain services as set forth below in exchange for the provision of a permit for a campsite at Airport Lake Park commencing on May 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2025.”

It further states “the payment of the normal camping fees by the park volunteer shall be waived for this period.”

Laudner said he had talked with both Auditor Sheila Shekleton and officials from the county’s private auditing firm before delivering his recommendation.

During Monday’s meeting, Board Chairman Jake Hackman wondered aloud if Laudner’s recommendation also meant that the county would have to issue 1099s to the campground hosts at two county parks?

Meanwhile, Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal said he “respectfully disagreed” with Laudner’s recommendation.

Shorthanded supervisors deadlock on HR consultant

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“pay-as-you-go” hourly rate.

PJ Greufe and Associates, meanwhile, bid \$1,500 per month, and like Ahlers & Cooney, the firm would not limit the number of hours the county can use.

The firm’s owner, Paul Greufe, came under fire — especially from County Assessor Ray Armel — during the June 23 meeting. Armel said that he was firmly opposed to hiring Greufe, who served as the county’s HR consultant for much of the 2010s and said Greufe has “no confidentiality or professionalism.”

That set the table for Monday’s meeting, when Board Chairman Jake Hackman said that all three firms that submitted RFPs indicated that the county would have an “opt out” by giving a 30-day notice.

Supervisor Travis Suckow made the first move when he made a motion to hire Greufe, who is not an attorney but told supervisors last week that the county is already represented by lawyers from its insurance carriers.

“Paul has been here before, and my personal opinion is that we need to give Paul a shot again,” Suckow said. “He’s the cheapest. If we do end up in a lawsuit, we will have an insurance attorney.”

Board Chairman Jake Hackman seconded the motion, which died on a 2-2 vote as both Scott Cerwinski and Steve Breitbach voted against Greufe.

Cerwinski then made a motion to hire Hopkins & Huebner, but to do so without entering into a contract but using the firm’s hourly rate.

Earlier in the meeting, Hackman pointed out that Ahlers & Cooney this year has logged 48.9 hours of work for

the county, which works out to about \$441 per hour.

“It might be cheaper in the end to just do an hourly rate if we don’t think we won’t need more than 120 hours a year,” Hackman said, “but that’s a big if.”

County Attorney David Laudner, though, cautioned supervisors that firms that have contracts or at least receive guaranteed monthly payments may not log all the hours they work for a client.

“My only comment would be as the attorney in the room that billing is more of an art than a science,” he said. “To me personally, we had some under contract when I was in private practice and I don’t feel like I billed every time they called or e-mailed for something quick because I knew we had a contract and we were getting paid regardless. I only billed for more in-depth projects or responses, but certainly if I was not on a contract and I was billing hourly, I would have probably billed for every single call or every single e-mail.”

In the end, though, it didn’t matter as once again, the vote was 2-2 with both Hackman and Suckow voting against the motion.

Breitbach then made the motion to keep Ahlers & Cooney and the supervisors nailed the trifecta with another 2-2 vote — with Hackman and Suckow voting against the motion.

The board’s votes, though, don’t mean that the county is without an HR consultant, for supervisors hasn’t given Ahlers & Cooney the 30-day notice. What the 2-2 votes do mean, though, is that if the county decides to go another route with when it comes to HR, a new consultant will probably not be able to begin working for the county until at least Sept. 1.

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Carnegie Cultural Center has do-it-yourself workshops on tap

A variety of do-it-yourself workshops are coming up at the Carnegie Cultural Center, all of which are from 10 to 11 a.m.

Today (Thursday) the center will hold a puppet-making workshop and Thursday, July 10 the activity will be making your own towel.

It’s smore day July 17 and on July 24 participants will be able to make their own lip balm. No preregistrations are needed for any of the activities.

Archery class set for Twin Ponds Nature Center next week

Have you ever been interested in shooting archery? If so, come out to the Twin Ponds Nature Center for an introduction to archery program that will be held on Thursday, July 10.

“We will go over the basics of archery before giving you a chance to shoot one of our compound bows,” said naturalist Matt Crayne in a press release. “These bows were designed for people from fourth grade - adult.”

The event will begin at 6 p.m.; pre-registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

Next Farmers Market is July 24

The next New Hampton Farmers Market is scheduled for Thursday, July 24 at the corner of Main and Chestnut, next to the Riley’s Inc. store, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Farmers Market this year is being held once a month and after the July 24 market, the next date it will be open is on Thursday, Aug. 28.

New Hampton Calendar of Events

July 2025

TUESDAY, JULY 1

- 5:00pm Baseball JV @ Denver
- 5:00pm Softball JV/V @ North Fayette
- 7:00pm Baseball V @ Denver

THURSDAY, JULY 3

- 10:00am Baseball 9th Double Header vs. Waukon @ New Hampton
- 5:00pm Baseball JV/V @ Oelwein
- 5:30pm Softball JV vs. Riceville @ New Hampton
- 7:00pm Baseball V @ Oelwein
- 7:30pm Softball V vs. Riceville @ New Hampton

FRIDAY, JULY 4

- 8:00am–4:30pm Office Closed @ New Hampton/Chickasaw County Extension

MONDAY, JULY 7

- 10:00am Baseball JV Double Header vs. Decorah @ New Hampton
- 10:00am Softball JIV Double Header @ Crestwood

TUESDAY, JULY 8

- 5:30pm Softball JV vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton
- 7:30pm Softball V vs. Crestwood @ New Hampton

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

- 9:00am–10:00am Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

THURSDAY, JULY 10

- 6:00pm Intro to Archery @ Twin Ponds Nature Center
- 7:00pm Softball V Regionals @ Crestwood
- 8:00am–6:00pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

FRIDAY, JULY 11

- 11:00am–1:00pm Food Truck Friday: Chick-Fil-A @ Auto Value, New Hampton
- 1:00pm Mahjong @ New Hampton Public Library
- 8:00am–9:00pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

SATURDAY, JULY 12

- TBD Softball V Regionals @ TBD
- 7:00pm Baseball V Districts TBD vs. TBD
- 8:00am–7:00pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

- 4:30pm–6:30pm County Achievement Show Family BBQ @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

SUNDAY, JULY 13

- 12:00pm–1:30pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds

MONDAY, JULY 14

- 9:00am–12:00pm Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show @ Nashua/Big 4 Fairgrounds
- 10:00am Musical Instrument Petting Zoo @ New Hampton Public Library

TUESDAY, JULY 15

- TBD Softball V Regionals @ TBD
- 7:00pm Baseball V Sub State IHSA vs. TBD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

- 7:00am–9:00am Veterans Coffee Club @ Heritage Center, New Hampton
- 10:00am Happy Birthday Story Time @ New Hampton Public Library
- Show & Shine Car Show @ Jericho Jo’s, Jerico

FRIDAY, JULY 18

- 1:00pm Mahjong @ New Hampton Public Library

MONDAY, JULY 21

- TBD Softball V State @ TBD

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 9:00am–3:00pm Outdoor Odyssey Camp

FRIDAY, JULY 25

- 11:00am–6:00pm Food Truck Friday: Strkr BBQ @ Auto Value, New Hampton
- 1:00pm Mahjong @ New Hampton Public Library

MONDAY, JULY 28

- 1:00pm Tracking & Fossil Making @ New Hampton Public Library

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

- 10:00am Ambulance Safety Event Storytime @ New Hampton Public Library

(4th–12th Grade) @ Ionia/Chickasaw Extension

- 4:00pm–6:00pm New Hampton Farmer’s Market

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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday, 4
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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday,
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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
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ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m.
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Pastor Paula Hemann
207 Plum Street Elma
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a.m. Sunday.

All we need is Jesus

We need to know that God gives us more than enough

Imagine going on vacation without any luggage! No clothes, shoes, bathroom supplies ... nothing.

There would be no worries about packing or how many suitcases you have. If going by plane, you don't have to weigh your bags. If driving, you don't have to load your car.

It seems that would free up some problems but sure could cause others. What would you wear? How would you keep yourself looking decent?

These questions would not quite be the same for the apostles Jesus sent out. They went out in pairs so they didn't need

to worry about being alone.

But they went without money, bag, extra shoes or extra clothes.

Jesus has warned them that they might not be welcome in every place they go. And, yet, they were sent only to arrive in each village with dirty tired feet and no place to stay. They were in great need of hospitality.

Jesus expected that someone will take them in. Someone will feed them. Someone will offer a place to sleep. Someone will show them the gift of hospitality.

As disciples, they have learned what Jesus

needed them to know.

As apostles, they were the sent ones – able to go out to heal the sick and tell of the kingdom of God.

Healing the sick is important to restore the people to their families and to their roles in the community.

Even without supplies, the apostles did not fear being without.

In a world in which the fear of scarcity is widespread, we know that God gives us more than enough.

And what is enough? Bread, wine, water and the Word. That is all we need, and it is every-



Pastor Sue Cira serves Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church in rural Lawler and is also a transitional pastor at Trinity Lutheran in New Hampton.

thing.

As we remember the words of Jesus, "The kingdom of God has come near," we can be certain that we have all we need for life's journey.



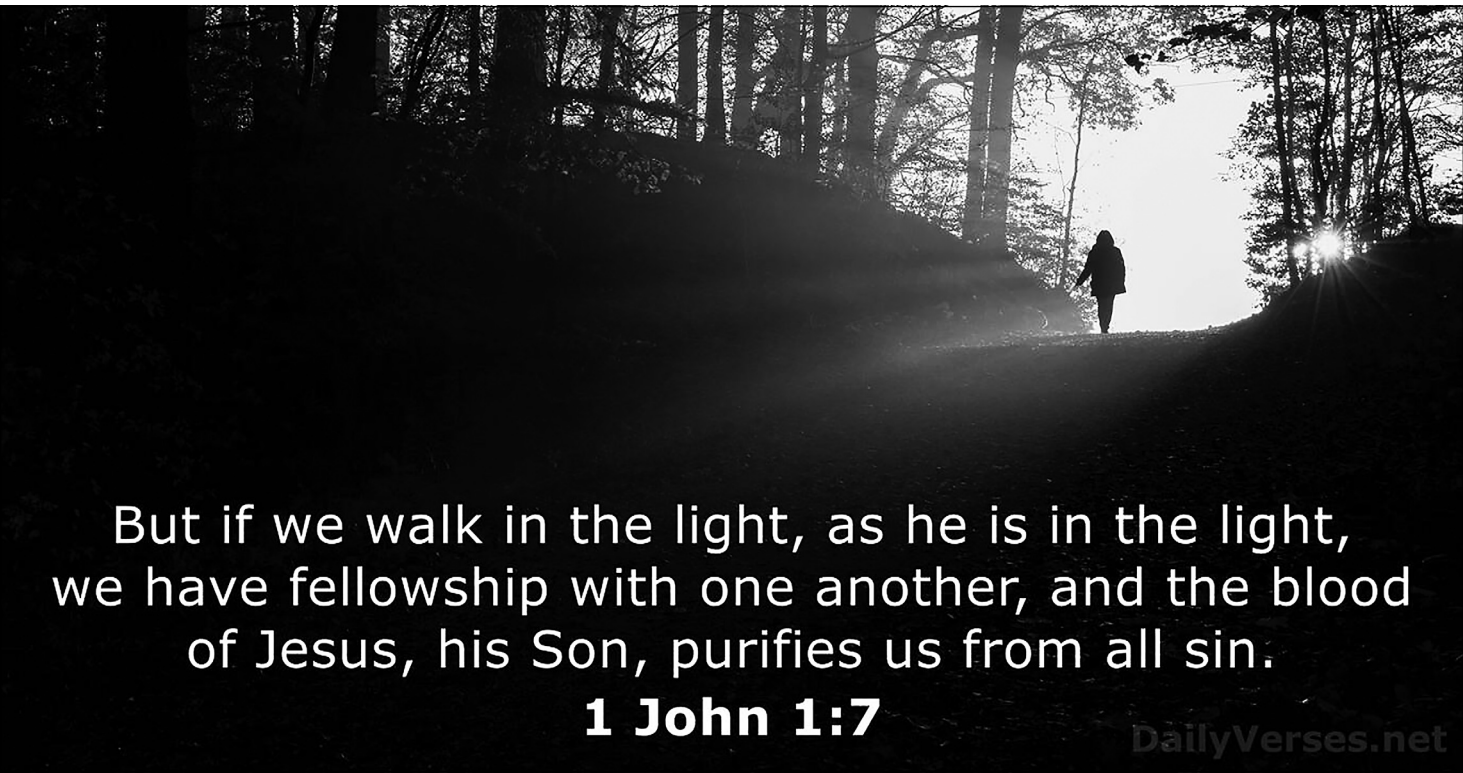
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Sending off Father Jim in style

Father Jim Goerend leads Holy Family Parish members in prayer before the meal during a farewell event for the priest who has led the Good Shepherd Cluster — which also includes parishes in Ionia and North Washington — for the past three years. Similar events were held at both St. Bonaventure and Immaculate Conception last month.

Goerend has been reassigned by the Archdiocese of Dubuque to take over pastoral duties at St. Francis Parish in Barclay and St. Athanasius Parish in Jesup.

Taking over for Goerend after this weekend Masses will be Father Christopher Podhajsky, who has served as the pastor of the Basilica of St. Francis Xavier in Dyersville and St. Paul Parish in Worthington, as well as the pastoral coordinator for St. Francis Xavier School and Beckman Catholic High School in Dyersville.



But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

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300 Merrill St.
Pastor Todd Burrichter
Service time: 9 a.m. Sundays.

CEDAR POINT CHURCH

310 Main Street
Pastor Darin Cerwinski
Service time: 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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Service time: 6:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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111 S. Hamilton Ave.
Pastor Alex Johnson
Service time: 10:15 a.m., Sundays.

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ST. MARY CATHOLIC

218 3rd St. NW
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

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215 East Main
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Will begin when restoration project is completed.

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124 N. Main St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

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3303 160th St.
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, July 13, 10:30 a.m.

Work toward your own financial independence day

We're getting close to the Fourth of July, our national Independence Day. This celebration may get you thinking of the many freedoms you enjoy. But have you thought of what you might need to do to attain financial freedom?

Your first step is to define what financial independence signifies to you. For many people, it means being able to retire when they want to, and to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle. So, if this is your vision as well, consider taking these steps:

- Pay yourself first. If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your paycheck, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

- Invest appropriately. Your investment decisions should be guided by your retirement goals, along with how long you have before you need the money and how comfortable you are with different levels of investment risk. If you deviate from these guideposts — for instance, by taking on either too much or too little risk — you may end up making decisions that aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

- Avoid financial "potholes." The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is debt — the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your



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debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

- Give yourself some wiggle room. If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you must retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans — perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer — you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture.

Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display — but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

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Six vying for Chickasaw County fair queen crown

To the Tribune

Current Chickasaw Fair Queen Emma Brincks' reign will soon come to an end, and six young women from around the county are seeking to replace her.

The new queen will be crowned at the annual Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show, which kicks off its six-day run this Tuesday at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.

The new queen will be revealed during the show's annual BBQ and Awards Night that is set for Saturday, July 12. The event runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and will include a meal served by the Chickasaw County Pork Producers.

Here is a look at the half-dozen candidates for this year's fair queen, who will represent the county both at the Iowa State Fair in August and various community events throughout the year.

Kinsli Albrecht

Kinsli is the 17-year-old daughter of Emity Fitch and Nathan Albrecht.

She attends Sumner-Fredericksburg High School. In her free time, Kinsli enjoys reading, cooking, baking, singing, drawing and listening to music.

Her future plans include pursuing a degree in social or forensic anthropology.

If crowned, she plans to help out her community.

Elizabeth Deere

Elizabeth is the 17-year-old daughter of Mistie and Ben Deere and is sponsored by Deere Trucking LLC.

She attends New Hampton High School, where she is active in FFA. During her free time Elizabeth enjoys taking photos, drawing, spending time with family and friends, walking her dogs and working outside.

Her future plans include pursuing a nursing degree with the intentions to become a pediatric nurse and work at the University of Iowa Hospitals.

If crowned, Elizabeth would like to help get the younger generation involved.

Jennifer Eichenberger

Jennifer is the 17-year-old daughter of Heather and Jeremy Eichenberger and is sponsored by Holschlag Bin Sales.

She attends New Hampton High School, where she is active in FFA. Outside of school, she is active in her local 4-H club. During her free time, she enjoys participating in FFA events, working on her family farm, working with animals, showing livestock and working at the daycare.

Her future plans include getting her real estate license and pursuing a degree in agriculture education to become an ag teacher.

If crowned, Jennifer would like to advocate for the county fair with the hopes to boost member involvement.

Madelyn Hennings

Madelyn is the 17-year-old daughter of Greg and Valerie Hennings and is sponsored by Hennings Electric.

She attends Nashua-Plainfield High School, where she is active in band, jazz

Little Mister

Just one boy is seeking the title of Little Mister Chickasaw County Fair, and he is Cullen Mueterthies.



Mueterthies

The 7-year-old son of Jeremy and Megan Mueterthies is sponsored by Mueterthies Dairy.

He attends Turkey Valley Elementary and is active in 4H, little league ball, wrestling and religion. When he is not busy with his activities, he enjoys showing, working in the shop with his dad, seeing the pigs at the farm, can am riding, hunting, fishing and loving every day!

His favorite thing at the fair is being able to show his animals and his favorite thing about Chickasaw County is taking the time to pick up pop cans out of the ditches.

Little Miss

Two young girls are in the running for Little Miss Chickasaw County Fair and they include:

Evelyn Hanson

Evelyn is the 8-year-old daughter of Kitana and Tim Hanson and is sponsored by Schluetter Body Shop and Towing.

She attends New Hampton Elementary, where she is active in their youth softball program. Outside of school she enjoys watching her dad race, play softball, swimming and playing with her brothers.

Her favorite thing about the fair is trying out all of the rides, playing games and watching tough trucks. Her favorite thing about Chickasaw County is geocaching, watching parades, going to the parks and fishing!

Marjorie Holthaus

Marjorie is the 6-year-old daughter of Eric and Rachel Holthaus and is sponsored by Holthaus Family Chiropractic Center.

She attends St. Joseph Community School, but outside of school she is active in her 4H club and Annie's Dancers. When she is not busy with her activities you can find her dancing, playing soccer, swimming, reading or playing with her friends.

Her favorite thing to do at the fair is watch her brothers show their steers, help them with chores, and see all of the animals. Her favorite thing about Chickasaw County is going to the fair, playing at the park, or camping with her brothers for scouts.



Hanson



Holthaus

Briefs

Pool to be open Fourth of July; late-night swims planned

The New Hampton Municipal Pool will be open on Friday for those who want to get a holiday dip in the water.

Because Friday is a holiday, the pool will be open from noon to 5 p.m.

Pool officials are also touting two upcoming late-night swims. The first will be held a week from today, on Thursday, July 10, and will run from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Pool passes will not be honored and admission is \$10.

The second is set for Thursday, July 24, and is being sponsored by Prairie Lakes Church of New Hampton. Admission is free and the event will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Frederika to hold its annual '4th Fest Celebration' this weekend

Frederika will kick off its 2025 "4th Fest Celebration" this evening (Thursday) with a Golf Cart Parade that begins at 8:30 and will be followed by Smores at the City Park Shelter.

The annual celebration will have two parades on Friday with the Kiddie Parade set for 1:30 p.m. and the Main Parade set to commence at 2 p.m.

Bingo and "Kiddie Activities" are set for 3 p.m., and St. John's Church will be putting on its BBQ Chicken Supper from 3 to 7 p.m.

The Frederika Fire Department will put on the town's annual Independence Day fireworks show at dusk.

Theisen's grant applications are due by the end of the month

Theisen's invites nonprofits in its Iowa and Wisconsin store communities — including New Hampton — to apply for its 2025 More For Your Community grants now through July 31.

The grant program, which is supported by the Theisen's Charitable Fund and through a partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, will distribute an estimated \$400,000 in funds across the region served by the retailer, with at least \$5,000 available to each store community.

Last year, five nonprofits serving New Hampton and the surrounding area received grant funding.

The maximum request per project application is \$5,000. Organizations can apply online at dbqfoundation.org/theisens. Separate applications are available for organizations applying for a grant at a single location and organizations applying for grants across multiple locations. The deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m. July 31.

The More For Your Community program provides direct grants to help launch or sustain projects that meet the basic needs of families and children: food, shelter, education, safety, and health.

Applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits, government-sponsored organizations or school-sponsored organizations and directly serve children and families within 60 miles of a Theisen's store. A full list of Theisen's store communities is available at dbqfoundation.org/theisens.

Johnny Gosch's mother to discuss book on missing son

On Sept. 5, 1982, Johnny Gosch disappeared while on his paper route near his West Des Moines home. His mother, Noreen Gosch, has written a book detailing the investigation and the horrors of human trafficking, "Why Johnny Can't Come Home."

Presented by the Alta Vista Library, Noreen Gosch will discuss the book on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at the Alta Vista Municipal Hall in Alta Vista.

A book signing will be held from 5 to 6 p.m., with a program that will also include a question-and-answer period to be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Refreshments will be served for a free will donation, with signed paperback books available for \$32, in cash only.

Questions may be directed to Crystal at the Alta Vista library, 641-364-6009.

SHOW: FROM 1

Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show kicks off its six-day run on Tuesday with the annual Static Show — i.e., the non-livestock portion of the fair.

It's Kime's second Achievement Show as the county youth coordinator, and it's one that won't be quite as rushed as her first one.

That's because the Turkey Valley High School alum took over her position in late May 2024 when the Achievement Show was just six weeks away from commencing.

To this day, she remains grateful for the support and encouragement she received from her fellow staff members at the Chickasaw County ISU Extension office.

"I learned a lot, and they were so helpful," she said. "I love my job, and I'm still learning a lot. I want this to be a fun, worthwhile experience for our



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The annual livestock auction will close the Achievement Show on Monday, July 14.

4-H and FFA members because you can get a lot of being part of the fair."

She emphasized that her goal is to help those who take part in the Achievement Show to continue to build those "overall life skills" that range from communication to exploring their creativity to learning responsibility and accountability.

"I think one of the best things we get to see is the kids getting out of their shell," she said. "When you're 12, 13 — heck even 17 or 18 — sitting down in front of a judge and telling them about your project, your animal, that's hard, but they do it. They can take those skills and use them for the rest of their lives."

Kime and her fellow Extension office staff members, meanwhile, are gearing up for a busy week.

"It's a long week," she said, "and I only needed one year to know that, but it's also a really, really good week, too, because you get to see so many great, hard-working kids do some really awesome things."

2025 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show schedule

Here is the schedule for the 2025 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show that will be held on the Big Four Fairgrounds in Nashua July 8-14.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

4 to 6:30 p.m.: Static Show.
7 to 8 p.m.: State Fair judging.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

9 a.m.: Dog and Pet Show.
1 to 4 p.m.: Vet check-in.
4 to 7 p.m.: Weigh-in and scanning.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

8 a.m. to noon: Horse Show.
2 to 6 p.m.: Sheep and Meat Goat Show; Celebrity Show to follow.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Beef Show; Bucket Bottle Show to follow.
4 to 6 p.m.: Poultry Show.
7 to 9 p.m.: Horse Games.

SATURDAY, JULY 12

8 a.m. to noon: Swine Show.

1 to 3:30 p.m.: Rabbit Show.

4:30 to 7 p.m.: BBQ put on by the Chickasaw County Pork Producers, royalty coronation and Achievement Show Awards Night.

SUNDAY, JULY 13

Noon: Dairy Show.

MONDAY, JULY 14

7:30 to 9 a.m.: Pancake Auction Breakfast.
9 a.m. to noon: Livestock Auction.

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Thursday	88	61	.89
Friday	77	60	--
Saturday	88	68	--
Sunday	84	65	.15
Monday	83	60	--
Tuesday	82	62	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny but chance of thunderstorms; high 86, low 69.

Independence Day: It's going to be a warm Fourth of July with a chance of storms; high 87, low 71.

Saturday: Partly sunny but showers likely at times; high 88, low 66.

Sunday: Lingering showers or storms but cooler; high 79, low 59.

Extended forecast: We'll head back to work with a relatively calm start to the week with highs near 80 and lows falling to near 60.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1775, George Washington rides out in front of the American troops gathered at Cambridge common in Massachusetts and formally takes command of the Continental Army.
- In 1863, Confederate General Robert E. Lee's last attempt at breaking the Union line ends in disastrous failure at the Battle of Gettysburg, bringing the most decisive battle of the American Civil War to an end.
- In 1890, Idaho becomes the 43rd state.
- In 1918, with Turkish forces in the final months of fighting against the Allied powers during World War I, Mohammed V, sultan of the Ottoman Empire, dies at the age of 73.
- In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs the Rivers and Harbors Flood Control Bill, which allocates funds to improve flood-control and water-storage systems across the country.
- In 1988, the U.S. Navy cruiser Vincennes shoots down an Iranian passenger jet that it mistakes for a hostile Iranian fighter aircraft over the Persian Gulf.

Birthdays

- French explorer Samuel de Champlain, the first European to discover Lake Champlain and the founder of Quebec City, was born in 1567.
- American actress Olivia Munn turns 45.
- Former Major League Baseball star Moises Alou turns 59.
- American film star Tom Cruise turns 63.

Corrections

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

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Julie Scott (Roberson), 82

Julie Scott (Roberson) passed away on Sunday, June 22, 2025, of natural causes at age 82.

Julie was predeceased by her brother, Dale.

She is survived by her brother, Tom (Linda), (Ann); daughters, Kristin (David) and Kelly (Larry); grandsons, Dylan, Hunter, Tristan and Turner; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in her early 20s, she never let the disease define her.

She has requested not to have a funeral or memorial. Instead, she will be cremated and her ashes spread in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Maui.

If you feel compelled to send flowers, please consider the alternative of donating to the American Diabetes Association and help end the disease that plagued Julie for so long.

Heaven has truly gained another angel.



Julie Scott

Gary Lienemann, 81

Gary Lienemann, age 81 of Nashua, passed away on Friday, June 27, 2025, in Waterloo.

A visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

A funeral service followed at 6 p.m., with the Rev. Bill Quibell officiating.

Interment will take place at a later date at Sunnyside Memory Gardens.

Agronomist is hoping we don't see a repeat of 2024

CROPS: FROM 1

Agricultural Statistics Service that was put on Monday showed that 99 percent of topsoil and 95 percent of subsoil in the Northeast Iowa District that includes Chickasaw and Bremer counties have adequate or surplus moisture.

But Basol said that the overabundance of rainfall this month has led to some concerns — especially when it comes to root diseases, the formation of white mold and other diseases.

“Yes, there is such a thing as too much rain,” he said. “Farmers want timely rains, not every-day or every-other-day rains. My advice is to the guys is to make sure they’re out there scouting for any concerns.”

The agronomist also knows that Mother Nature can turn on that proverbial dime, and he has recent proof.

In June 2024, New Hampton received almost 7.5 inches of rain during the month and then after a decent start precipitation wise in July, the area dried up, and by the end of August, much of Northeast Iowa was suffering through drought conditions.

“It does remind me a little bit of last year,” Basol said. “We had a really rainy May and June and then someone turned off that faucet really tight. We don't want a repeat; we just want it to slow down a little bit because like I said, we got the makings of a really nice crop this year.”

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Mary Lou M. Roethler, 87



Mary Lou Roethler

In 1972, Mary Lou began working at Kitchens of Sara Lee in New Hampton. She continued this work until 1992 when she retired after 20 years of service.

In 2013, Richard and Mary Lou moved to Fayetteville, Georgia, to be near family.

Richard and Mary Lou had seven children — Gerald, Teresa, Gary, Edward, Randy, Tamara and Jacqueline.

Mary Lou was very talented and had several hobbies she enjoyed along with caring for her household. She found great pleasure in photography, sewing, quilting, gardening, and molding along with painting ceramics. Over the years she made several beautiful things that were enjoyed by many!

She and Richard loved playing cards with friends and going dancing on Friday nights.

In later years, Mary Lou and Richard enjoyed traveling to many countries and they became avid cruisers. They always had their door open and a meal to share. Mary Lou loved spending quality time with her family and friends.

Mary Lou is survived by her children, Teresa Teramae of Altamonte Springs, Florida, Gary Roethler of Kansas City, Kansas, Edward (Deborah) Roethler of Peoria, Illinois, Randy Roethler of Metamora, Illinois, Tamara Vorwald of Fayetteville, Georgia, and Jacqueline (Steve) Ross of Orlando, Florida; her grandchildren, Arthur Roethler, Vincent Roethler, Jeremy (Kasey) Vorwald, Austin (Stacey) Vorwald, Raquel (Nate) Attwood, Danielle (Ty) Sierks, Kate Roethler and Claire Roethler; her great-grandchildren, Riley Roethler, Willow Roethler, Lucas Roethler and Lennon Sierks; her sisters-in-law, Avis Smith of Waterloo, Florine “Tootie” Necas of Dubuque; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her son, Jerry; her parents, William and Clara; brothers Donald, Marvin, James, Robert and John; her sister, Luella; and her brothers-in-law Bill Collins and Erwin “Erv” Wehling.

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FREDERICKSBURG BLOCK GROVE ADDITION Lot: 1 ON WASHINGTON AVE FREDERICKSBURG BLOCK GROVE ADDITION Lot: 2 ON WASHINGTON AVE FREDERICKSBURG BLOCK GROVE ADDITION Lot: 3.

Paradigm Ventures LLC to Joseph Jones; E3R NASHUA ORIGINAL PLAT NASHUA Lot: 7 Block: 12 W2R NASHUA ORIGINAL PLAT NASHUA Lot: 8 Block: 12.

First Community Trust NA Successor Trustee and John L. Wood REV TR to First Community Trust NA Successor Trustee and Pamela J. Wood REV TR; E1/2 NW 35-94-11 NW NE 35-94-11 N48AC OF S1/2 NE 35-94-11.

Anthony G. Hoffman EST, Edward Hoffman ADM and Shirley Hoffman ADM to City of Ionia; IONIA NO ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 11 IONIA NO ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 11 IONIA NO ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 11 S46' IONIA NO ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 11 16' FORMER ALLEY BETWEEN LOTS IONIA NO ADDITION Block: 11.

Roger Meirick EST and Karen Meirick EX to Karen Meirick; UNDIVIDED ONE FIFTH INTEREST PARCEL C SW 31-97-13.

Raymond J. Peters to Adam Kleiss and Kayln Boge Kleiss; W1/4 EX NW 16-94-12.

Kevin A. Einck and Wendy A. Einck to Alexander Boeck; NEW HAMPTON NO ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 47.

Joann M. Brookins CONSHP, Karen L. Burns CONS and Elizabeth C. Brookins CONS to Stephen Holschlag; IONIA NO ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 7 EX N78' IONIA NO ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 7.

Joseph F. Langreck, Joe Langreck and Michelle Langreck to Croell Inc. LYING S HWY EX NW NE 09-95-11 SW NE 09-95-11 NW SE 09-95-11.

Dylan R. Brown, Dylan Brown, Kayla F. Brown and Kayla Brown to Erik Smith and Jill Smith; NEW HAMPTON CAREFREE FIRST ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 2.

Russell R. Robrock, Eric D. Robrock and Tamie Robrock to Barbara M. Shekleton and James L. Shekleton; ON EXTENSION OF WASHINGTON AVE FREDERICKSBURG BLOCK GROVE ADDITION Lot: 1.

Justin D. Carpenter, Justin Carpenter, Autumn L. Carpenter and Autumn Carpenter to Matthew Goddard and Jada Goddard; PT ROAD ROW EASEMENT IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL #2 NW NW 29-95-14

David Eugene Zimmerman and Sabrina Zimmerman to David Eugene Zimmerman, David Zimmerman and Sabrina Zimmerman; L2 OF L12 N1/2 NE 30-97-13 COMM AT NE COR L2 OF L12 NE 30-97-13 LOTS 1 & 3 OF L12 NE 30-97-13 COMM AT NE COR OF L3 OF L12 NW NE 30-97-13.

David E. Zimmerman and Nora S. Zimmerman to Matthew J. Zimmerman; E15AC N1/8 NE 26-97-14.

Edgar L. Frazer to David E. Zimmerman and Nora S. Zimmerman; E1/8 EX PARCEL 2025-19 SE SW 19-97-13 EX SW SE 19-97-13 EX SE SE 19-97-13.

Edgar L. Frazer to David E. Zimmerman JRr. and Sabrina R. Zimmerman; PARCEL 2025-19 SE SW 19-97-13 PARCEL 2025-19 IN S1/2 SE 19-97-13.

Cody L. Cordes EST and Kristina Cordes ADM to Kristina Cordes; S2/3 NEW HAMPTON BIGELOWS ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 8 N2/3 NEW HAMPTON BIGELOWS ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 8.

Ronald W. Pethoud and Shannon R. Pethoud to Ronald W. Pethoud, Shannon R. Pethoud and Pethoud Family 2025 Trust; NEW HAMPTON ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 15 BEG NW COR NEW HAMPTON ORIGINAL PLAT (NH) Lot: 7 Block: 15.

Cheryl K. Haggerty to Scott H. Ludeking and Emily E. Ludeking; LAWLER NO ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 10 LAWLER NO ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 10 E10' LAWLER NO ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 10.

Cole E. Roedahl and cole Roedahl to Brock A. Roedahl; W70' NASHUA COLERS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 14 W70' NASHUA COLERS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 7: 6 Block: 14.

David Vsetecka CO TR Keith Vsetecka CO TR and Phyllis to Vsetecka EST to Sandra S. Sabelka, John Sabelka, Selene Schirmer and Sherrie Balk; PARCEL 2025-21 SE SE 36-97-12.

Sandra S. Sabelka, John Sabelka, Selene Schirmer and Sherrie Balk to Phyllis to Vsetecka EST; PARCEL 2025-20 NW SE 36-97-12.

Orla J. Nisley and Sara Nisley to Orla J. Nisley and Sara Nisley; E1/2 SW SW NE 28-97-23 E1/2 E1/2 SW NE 28-97-12 W1/2 E1/2 SW NE 28-97-12 PARCEL B SE NE 29-97-12.

Ethan M. Vote to Belinda K. Ehrig; COMM 285 5' W OF POINT WHERE ST INTERSECTS WITH RR ROW NW NW 07-95-12.

Fredericksburg Community Development Corporation to HPS Investments LLC; S1/2

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Student Accomplishments

Turkey Valley names fourth quarter honor roll students

Turkey Valley Community Schools recently released the names of the students who had been named to the school's four honor rolls.

They include the following:

- 3.75-4.0 — Brody Hayek, Lauryn Dagit, Alexa Mueterthies, Courtney Ball, Honora Chicken, Jocelynn DeSloover, Brynlee Hayek, Mya Ives, Caleb Kriener, Jacob Wurzer, Nicholas Bernhard, Ellaney Bodensteiner, Theresa Hanson, Ava Kuennen, Hazel Kuennen, Anna Reicks, Karsyn Reicks, Bree Balk, Hunter Kruse, Karstyn Lukes, Delaney Busta, Brooklyn Kuennen, Ethan Orvis, Kinsey Reicks, Avery Vsetecka and Morgan Vsetecka.
- 3.50-3.74 — Lauren Ball, Cooper Dietzenbach, Avery Lantow, Ashlyn Murray, Aisha Quenas Kinzey Rausch, Kole Adams, Annika Kuennen, Annabell Scheidel, Cole Fencil, Treyton Franzen, Mitchell Kriener, Cale Langreck, Jadeyn Mueterthies, Isaiah Wheeler, Ella Drilling, Alexis Elsbernd, Autumn Maklenburg, Annie Raymond and Adysen Wurzer.
- 3.25-3.49 — Lydia Chicken, Gracyn Dagit, Keira Fencil, Mason Gebel, Liam Langreck, Morgan Reicks, Bryn Franzen, Jacob Hanson, Callie Busta, Levi Kruse, Chloe Schmitt, Sara Adams, Kendal Kuennen, Kaden Schmidt, Colton Kurtenbach, Aymar Lopez, Makinley Lutgen, Jenna Thronson, Larry Vrba, Andrew Brown, Calen Franzen, Jonah Orvis and Luella Reicks.
- 3.00-3.24 — Serenity Geisler, Madeline Rausch, Bentley Hul-

bert, Claire Bentley, Alexis Gruenberg, Emersyn Hoffert, Kaden Jirak, Jordan Kriener, Raelen Manderfield, Annika Bodensteiner, Tyler Forbes, Maria Klimesh, John Kruse, Addison Steinlage, Myah Adamkiewicz, David Diaz, Braydin Rausch and Kinek Reicks.

UNI dean's list

The dean's list for the University of Northern Iowa has been released. To qualify for the dean's list, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while completing at least 12 semester hours, with at least one semester hour of graded credit.

Area students on the list are:

- Elma: Joryn Hanson, Madison Hidding.
- Fort Atkinson: Chandler Riehle, Troy Schmitt.
- Fredericksburg: Chantelle Nuss, Abigail Zabel.
- Lawler: Rosalie Busta, Kara Reicks.
- Nashua: Shara Unga.
- New Hampton: Carson Babcock, Miranda Buckley, Ivan Camarillo Moncada, Kandice Eggerichs, Erik Heeren, Abigail Holschlag, Kayla Holschlag, Sara Howe, Caitlyn Rochford, Katherine Scott, Taryn Smith.
- Waucoma: Olivia Drilling, Emma Hanson, Logan Manderfield, Kourtney Schmidt, Lance Schmitt, Mariah Thronson.

UNI graduates

- Local graduates of the University of Northern Iowa are as follows:
- Fort Atkinson: Jason Herold, Master of Athletic Training.
- Fredericksburg: Isabella Rhea, Bachelor of Arts, Management:

Business Administration.

Lawler: Kara Reicks, Bachelor of Science, Construction Management.

Nashua: Garren Crabtree, Bachelor of Arts, Business Analytics, Management Information Systems; Thomas Lindloff, Master of Accounting, Accounting and Bachelor of Arts, Accounting, Business Analytics; Madalyn Rodruck, Bachelor of Arts, Accounting.

New Hampton: Ivan Camarillo Moncada, Bachelor of Arts, Management: Business Administration, Marketing: Marketing Management; Madison Flick, Master of Arts, Counseling: School Counseling; Erik Heeren, Bachelor of Arts, Theatre: Performance; Kayla Holschlag, Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics Teaching; Sara Howe, Bachelor of Arts, Art: Studio Emphasis; Sara Howe, Bachelor of Arts, Art: Studio Emphasis, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work; Madison Kolbet, Master of Arts, Speech-Language Pathology; Katherine Scott, Bachelor of Arts, Art Education-Teaching.

West Union: Kalvin Langreck, Bachelor of Arts, Marketing: Advertising and Digital Media

Hawkeye CC dean's list

Hawkeye Community College announced the dean's list for the spring semester.

Fort Atkinson: Alison Leibold.

Fredericksburg: Branden Gabe, Isabella Meyer.

Ionia: Dawson Demro, Caydence Phillips, Sophie Phillips.

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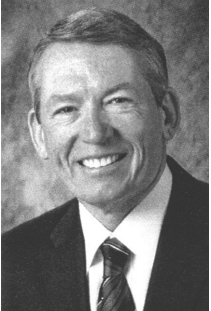
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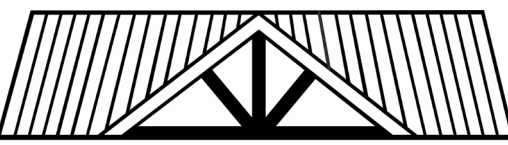
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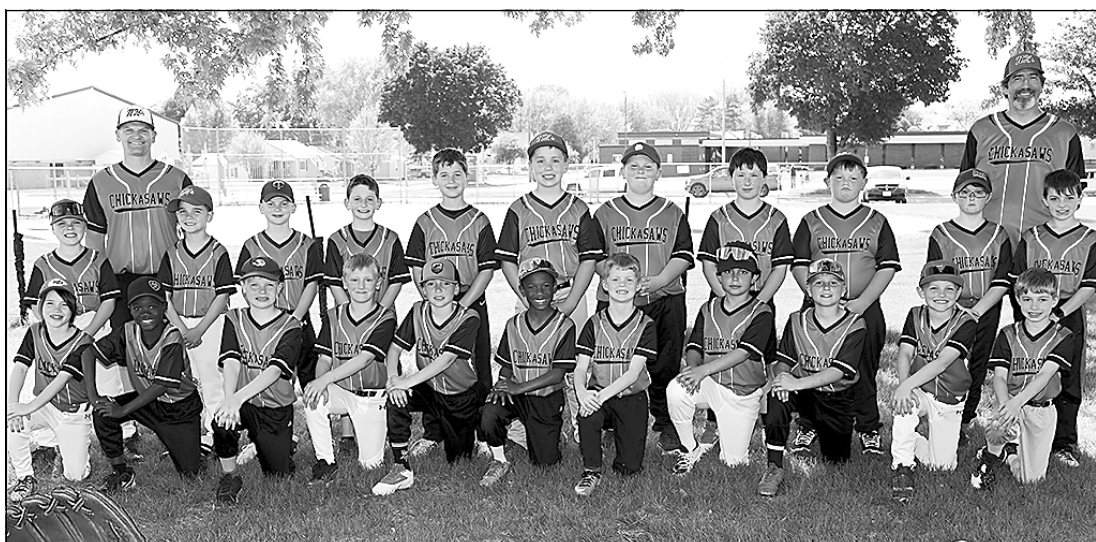
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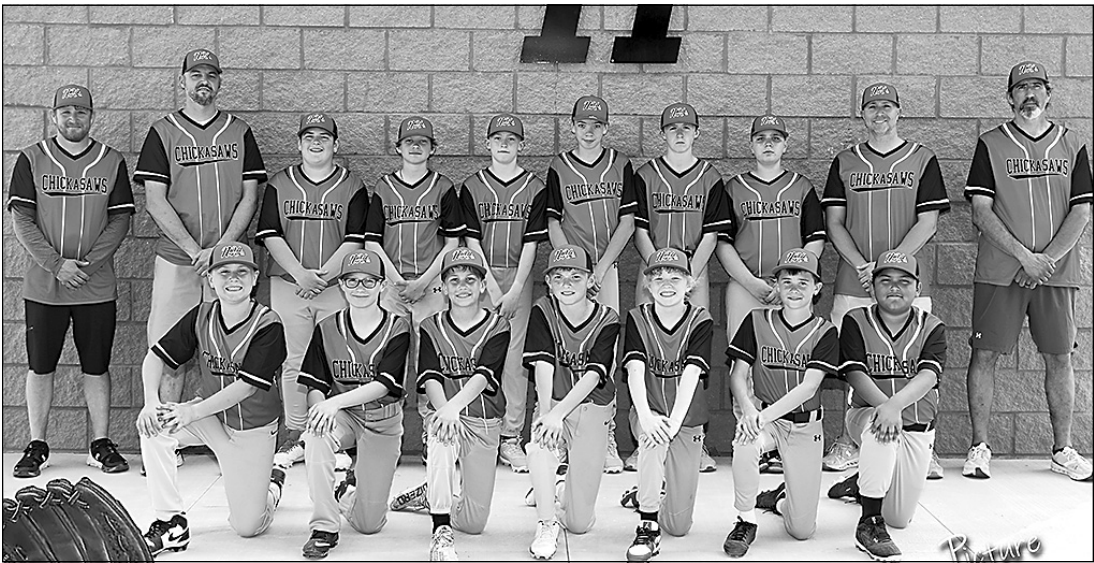
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Chickasaws will get stay home for their first two district games

NH BASEBALL: FROM 16

The wins over Waukon and Charles City improved the Chickasaws to 22-7 and came after a mini-skid early last week.

After dropping the opener 10-5 in the opener at Decorah last Tuesday, Marr and freshman Carson Laures combined to hold the Vikings to just three hits and one run. But the New Hampton offense struggled, too, as the Chickasaws had just two hits. Still, in each of the final three innings, New Hampton had at least one runner in scoring position with less than two outs but couldn't come up with the tying run.

A night later, New Hampton gave up five unearned runs and fell 6-3 to MFL MarMac in a non-conference game.

And then the Chickasaws dug that hole in the first three innings of the opener at Waukon.

"Honestly, Carter Cajthaml kept us going in the dugout," Rausch said of his sophomore teammate. "He kept telling us, we've had big innings before and we'll get one here, too. I mean, he was right."

Jaxon Eckley and Cajthaml had doubles, Cajthaml finished with three hits, while Eckley added two and New Hampton got multiple RBIs from four players — Eckley, Cajthaml, Caden Rochford and Rausch.

Meanwhile, Laures and Eckley gave the Chickasaws four solid innings of relief pitching as they combined to give up just two hits and one run as New Hampton stormed back.

While the opener at Waukon was a slugfest, the nightcap belonged to the pitchers. Marr won five strong innings while Rochford picked up a save as he held Waukon hitless in the final two innings.

"We've got a lot of pitchers," Marr said, "and as much as it would have been nice to have Jaxon and Caden on the mound all year, it's meant a lot of us have had to step up. I think it's made us stronger going into the playoffs."

The trap game for New Hampton might have been Monday's game at Charles City, one that had been postponed twice because of inclement weather. The Chickasaws jumped out to a 4-1 lead, watched Charles City rally to tie the game at four and then used a six-run inning highlighted by a Rausch two-strike two-run single, to take a 10-4 lead into the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Comets, though, refused to wilt and battled back to within two, 10-8, after six innings, but Eckley, who had come to the mound in the sixth, finally shut the door on Charles City's upset bid.

And as big as Rausch's single was in that fourth inning, it may have been his defensive work in the bottom of the third inning that was the biggest play of the game. Charles City already had three runs in but New Hampton turned a 4-6-3 double play in large part because Rausch was able to keep his foot on the bag as he took the relay from Rochford.

"I think about it a lot more in practice situations," he said, "and honestly, maybe not thinking about it in a game helps. Caden really had to throw that ball, and my job was to catch the it and stay on the bag. It was a tough play, but we needed that."

McDonald agreed. "That's a huge play right there," he said. "It doused a rally. And then he comes up with that two-strike hit the next inning, and you know what?



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Tate Schwickerath gives maximum effort as he chases down a fly ball in the gap during last week's game against MFL MarMac.

That's what we expect our seniors to do."

New Hampton played at Denver on Tuesday and closes the regular season at Oelwein on Tuesday. Although it's final home regular season game against Waterloo Columbus had to be canceled on Wednesday because the Sailors had to make up a conference game that night, they're not quite done with the home ballpark they love.

That's because the Chickasaws have the top seed in the district and will play the winner of Saturday's Central Springs-Osage game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in a semifinal game. If they prevail, they will also host the district championship game at Mikkelson Park a week from Saturday, on July 12.

"This is really what's it's all about," Marr said. "I mean we really wanted to win conference, I'm not saying we didn't, but our whole goal this year was to do big things in the playoffs. Now, we have that chance."

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2B - Cajthaml. 3B - Caden Rochford. Runs - Jaxon Eckley 3, Cajthaml 1, Rochford 1. Hits - Rochford 2, Eckley 2, Cajthaml 1, Braxton Bundy 1. RBIs - Rochford 2, Bundy 1, Reid Rausch 1.

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Hits - Bundy 1, R. Rausch 1.

MFL 6, NEW HAMPTON 3

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Drew Kipp 3 1/3 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 3 K; Kyle Rausch 2/3 IP 0 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Braxton Bundy 3 IP, 1 H, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

Runs - Rochford 1, Colton Ashley 1, Marr 1. Hits - Eckley 1, Cajthaml 1, Ashley 1.

NEW HAMPTON 13, WAUKON 11

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2 BB, 1 K; Eckley 2 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

2B - Eckley, Cajthaml. Runs - Cajthaml 3, Eckley 2, Schwickerath 2, Ashley 2, Rochford 1, R. Rausch 1, Pickar 1, Marr 1. Hits - Cajthaml 3, Eckley 2, Bundy 1, Rochford 1, R. Rausch 1, Pickar 1, Marr 1, Schwickerath 1. RBIs - Eckley 4, Cajthaml 2, Rochford 2, Rausch 2, Bundy 1, Pickar 1.

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Runs - Bundy 2, Cajthaml 1. Hits - Marr 2, Bundy 1, Cajthaml 1. RBIs - Marr 1, R. Rausch 1, Rochford 1.

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Runs - Cajthaml 2, Bundy 2, R. Rausch 2, Eckley 1, Pickar 1, Schwickerath 1, Ashley 1. Hits - Eckley 2, Cajthaml 1, Bundy 1, Rochford 1, R. Rausch 1, Pickar 1. RBIs - Bundy 2, R. Rausch 2, Pickar 2, Marr 1, Ashley 1.

Trojans say '84 heartbreak fueled them to state crown

CHAMPS: FROM 16

Remember when Dan Hageman gave that Oelwein great hitter a pitch that caught way too much of the strike zone even though Wymer had said they were going to walk that hitter?

"This was a dang good group of ballplayers," said Wymer, who was in his second year as the Trojans' head coach and is now 76 years old, "but they didn't just win on talent. They won because they worked their ... well, you-know-what off. They won because they didn't play for themselves but they played for their teammates. There's a lot of good lessons in that."

So, too, is the fact that many of the 1985 Trojans on hand say they used a crushing extra-inning loss to Forest City in the 1984 substate final as fuel for the title run the following year.

Mostly, though, they spent a carefree Saturday catching up. In small groups that merged together, the coaches and their players — Brian Busta, Dan Hageman, Bob Vrzak, Darin Einwalter, Jayme Gerleman, Scott Mihm, Mike Kuennen, Junior Hackman, Mike Bentley, Chuck Meyer and Greg Lynch (only Mark Cuvelier and Bill Adams were unable to make it back) — shared stories from a summer they will never forget.

"It's a bond we're always going to share," Hageman said, "and we may be old men now, but when we get together, I'm not going to lie, I feel like a kid all over again."

Ditto for the coach.

"Some teams you will always remember," Wymer said, "and let me tell you something. Even if we hadn't won the title in '85, this is one of those teams I would have never forgotten."



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NH SOFTBALL: FROM 16

Crawford, just a sophomore, now has seven homers on the year and 16 in her career at New Hampton. She cranked four dingers as an eighth-grader and came up with five round-trippers last season as a freshman.

The NH first baseman talked about her mindset at the dish — where she treats each at-bat differently.

“It’s just whatever — next thing. I don’t just think about my last at-bat. It’s just next at-bat — here I go,” said Crawford. “I don’t think about any of it. I just refresh — next one.”

Crawford’s seven homers tie her for seventh in Class 3A and her team-leading 36 RBI are tied for ninth. Those runs knocked in lead the NEIC.

Weigel, who overcame some wildness in the game that was moved to the afternoon, punched a pitch with two outs down the right field line that sent all three Chickasaw runners on home. It was her second double of the day. She talked about the big swing in the bottom of the sixth that broke a 4-4 tie.

“When I started swinging I kind of was wondering what I was doing, but it worked out,” said Weigel about her eventual game-winning, bases-clearing double.

Weigel, who has been NH’s ace the past several seasons, overcame four walks on the day and three runs from Waukon right off the bat in the first inning. Waukon tied the game at 4-4 in the top of the sixth.

“They started with a good jump, but we were there for each other,” said Weigel. “We backed each other up and we helped each other when we needed it. We were able to come back and get ‘em.”

Weigel has pitched to a 4-5 mark inside the circle this season with a 4.65 ERA. She’s fanned 36 batters over 43-plus innings, but has walked 29. She’s batting .338 with 26 hits. Crawford and junior catcher Maici Weber are tied for the team lead with 27 hits.

“We’ve definitely had our highs and lows. I think some of the games where we really needed to win, like conference games, we really pulled through for each other — not for ourselves,” said Weigel.

New Hampton went 2-1 at the Dunkerton Tournament this past Saturday. Crawford came up big again in the first game on Saturday morning, which amounted to a 2-1 win over South Winneshiek. Crawford’s RBI single in the bottom of the

seventh walked it off.

Marquette Catholic bounced back from a 1-0 deficit in the second game versus New Hampton at the weekend tourney. A grand slam by the Defenders was a big blow in the third inning that was tough to overcome for the Chickasaws in an eventual 6-1 loss.

Weigel didn’t allow an earned run in her complete game. She fanned two and walked five in her six-hit pitching performance.

New Hampton (13-11, 4-6) led AGWSR in the final game of the day at Dunkerton 6-1, only to see the Cougars storm back and tie it at 6-6. The Chickasaws responded by plating four runs in the top of the sixth to win, 10-6.

Crawford and Weber each homered in the win over AGWSR (8-21).

On last week Tuesday, June 24, New Hampton’s home DH versus Charles City was moved to the Comets’ diamond because of rain. NH played some of its better softball of the season in the opener of the doubleheader despite losing 5-3 to the Comets.

Weber and eighth-grader Brynlie Ackerson each hit homers off Comet left-handed ace Addison Ellis to stake claim to a 3-2 lead. The Comets would crawl their way back in the game and capitalized on four Chickasaw errors. None of the five runs that Ackerson gave up inside the circle were earned. She is 5-2 on the year with a 1.35 ERA. She’s struck out 47 batters in just over 36 innings pitched. That earned run average leads the NEIC.

Charles City (12-13, 5-2) won the nightcap over NH, 12-4.

Anderson, in her first year as Chickasaw head coach, talked about the season so far up until this point, with just a week left before a first round regional game at Crestwood on Thursday, July 10 will kick start the postseason.

“I want to see consistency. We’re getting closer,” said Anderson. “Even when it’s hard to keep your chin up, they’re still working hard. We’re learning.”

New Hampton will celebrate Senior Night against that same Cadet squad on Tuesday, July 8 in the regular season finale at home. Two days later the Chickasaws will travel to Cresco for the fourth installment against the Cadets in an attempt to keep their season alive.

“This is really where we push forward. We obviously lost to Cresco before, but now that



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Chloe Weigel throws a pitch to the plate on Monday afternoon versus Waukon.

we know that’s who we have first round, I think we’re going to really try hard in practice and our next few games,” said Crawford.

“The key is going to be error-free ball, efficient pitching and timely hits,” said Anderson. “It’s not rocket science.”

CHARLES CITY 5, NEW HAMPTON 3

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Pitching - Brynlie Ackerson 7 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 0 ER, 8 BB, 6 K.

2B - Jackie Pickar. HR - Maici Weber, Ackerson. Runs - Weber 1, Pickar 1, Ackerson 1. Hits - Weber 2, Pickar 1, Ackerson 1. RBI - Ackerson 2, Weber 1.

CHARLES CITY 12, NEW HAMPTON 4

Charles City	080	103	0	-	12
New Hampton	022	000	0	-	4

Pitching - Caycee Crawford 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K, Chloe Weigel 1 1/3 IP, 6 H, 8 R, 8 ER, 3 BB, 0 K, Kailynn Gebel 3 2/3 IP, 7 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 1 K.

2B - Crawford, Weigel. Runs - Weber 1, Crawford 1, Pickar 1, Cora Schwickerath 1. Hits - Weber 1, Kadence Rings 1, Crawford 1, Weigel 1, Schwickerath 1, Ackerson 1. RBI - Crawford 1, Weigel 1, Ackerson 1.

NEW HAMPTON 2, SOUTH WINNESHIEK 1

SW	001	000	0	-	1
NH	000	010	1	-	2

Pitching - Weigel 7 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 0

ER, 5 BB, 2 K.

2B - Crawford, Kaidance Hall. Runs - Elsie Kuehner 1, Sydney Laures 1. Hits - Weber 2, Rings 2, Crawford 2, Pickar 1, Hall 1. RBI - Weber 1, Crawford 1.

MARQUETTE CATHOLIC 6, NEW HAMPTON 1

New Hampton	001	000	-	1
Marquette Catholic	004	20x	-	6

Pitching - Ackerson 4 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 9 K, Gebel 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

Runs - Hall 1. Hits - Weigel 2, Weber 1, Rings 1, Pickar 1, Hall 1.

NEW HAMPTON 10, AGWSR 6

New Hampton	210	304	-	10
AGWSR	010	050	-	6

Pitching - Crawford 4 1/3 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 3 K, Pickar 1 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - Weber, Crawford, Weigel. HR - Weber, Crawford. Runs - Weber 2, Rings 2, Crawford 2, Schwickerath 1, Kayme Hackman 1, Gretta Kuehner 1, E. Kuehner 1. Hits - Weigel 3, Weber 2, Crawford 2, Rings 1, Pickar 1, Schwickerath 1, Hackman 1. RBI - Crawford 4, Weber 1, Schwickerath 1, Hackman 1.

NEW HAMPTON 7, WAUKON 4

Waukon	300	001	0	-	4
NH	300	013	x	-	7

Pitching - Weigel 7 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 7 K.

2B - Weigel 2, Hall. HR - Crawford. Runs - Rings 2, Crawford 2, Weber 1, Rylie Vsetecka 1, E. Kuehner 1. Hits - Weber 2, Crawford 2, Weigel 2, Hall 2, Ackerson 1, Pickar 1. RBI - Crawford 3, Weigel 3, Hall 1.

Turkey Valley walks off Saints in the 13th

TV SOFTBALL: FROM 16

was definitely TV’s wild 13-12 extra-inning affair with St. Ansgar on Tuesday. The Trojans plated a run in the bottom of the 13th for the walk-off win.

The 13-inning thriller saw TV climb back out of a 6-0 hole with five runs plated in the bottom of the fourth. Down 8-6, TV kept the contest alive with two runs in the bottom half of the seventh frame. Each team scored four runs in the ninth inning.

“Any regular seven inning game can be a tough one, but our girls went above and beyond in a fantastic 13 inning game. Saint Ansgar is a solid team with a good program,” said Troyna. “I cannot say enough of how proud of the girls I am. They were resilient the entire game, played together and picked each other up to get the win!”

TV’s bats remained red hot the following night on Wednesday in Jackson Junction with a sweep over West Central — 14-0 and 12-4.

“We were excited about this game a day after a 13-inning win against Saint Ansgar. We thought it was going to be a great opportunity for the girls to continue to build momentum for the postseason and pick up where we left off the night before, and they did exactly that!” said Troyna, who is in his first year as TV head coach after being an assistant for two years.

The Trojans kept the ball rolling on Friday night in a split at home with Clayton Ridge. The Eagles won the opener by a score of 6-3 but saw TV explode again in the nightcap for an 11-2 triumph.

“After a couple of rescheduled dates we were finally able to get this one in, and it was a great night for softball. We could never get fully going in game one. Clayton Ridge took advantage of some of our misuses and we could never quite get back to where we needed to be. In game two, the team we all know showed up and played a much better game in all phases,” said Troyna.

Some highlights of the five wins came from juniors Madi McDanel and Makinley Lutgen. McDanel smashed TV’s first two homers of the year versus West Central (6-13, 5-7) and Clayton Ridge (6-10, 5-6). Lutgen collected an amazing total of six hits in seven at-bats in the St. Ansgar (5-16) game.

TV sophomore Raelen Manderfield pitched a solid five innings and struck out seven — walking only two — in the second game of the doubleheader victory over the Eagles.

Annika Bodensteiner, a junior, hurled her way to a shut-out win over West Central in the opener with a two-hit performance. She struck out three and did not issue a free pass.

McDanel, who plays first base and started the season at third base, leads the team in hits (27), batting average (.409), runs (24) and RBI (24). Trojan senior shortstop Morgan Vsetecka has collected 22 hits

and is tied with McDanel for the team lead in doubles with seven.

Vsetecka is second in the UIC in assists from her middle infield position with 42 assists. Lutgen, who mans the hot corner at third base, is No. 1 in assists in the league with 45. Kendall Kuennen, a sophomore outfielder, has amassed 21 hits and scored 22 runs. She is second in the UIC with 17 stolen bases.

Turkey Valley (11-16, 9-5) currently sits in fourth place in the UIC as of Monday afternoon. Kee High (21-10, 11-1) and North Fayette Valley (14-13, 11-1) are tied for first in the league, while South Winneshiek (14-16, 10-2) is still in the title hunt in second place.

The Trojans also learned their postseason opponent in Class 1A as TV takes on those same St. Ansgar Saints in Jackson Junction in the first round of regional play on Monday, July 7.

TURKEY VALLEY 13, ST. ANSGAR 12

SA	004	220	004	000	0	-	12
TV	000	510	204	000	1	-	13

Pitching - Annika Bodensteiner 7 2/3 IP, 11 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 1 BB, 3 K, Raelen Manderfield 5 1/3 IP, 3 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 6 BB, 0 K.

2B - Morgan Vsetecka, Jenna Thronson, Makinley Lutgen. Runs - Lutgen 3, Madi McDanel 2, Vsetecka 2, Thronson 2, Kendall Kuennen 1, Brynlee Hayek 1, Addison Lutgen 1, Lauryn Dagit 1. Hits - M. Lutgen 6, Thronson 3, Hayek 2, McDanel 2, Kuennen 1, Vsetecka 1, Manderfield 1. RBI - M. Lutgen 2, McDanel 2, Kuennen 1, Layni Schuchhardt 1, Hayek 1, Thronson 1, Manderfield 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 14, WEST CENTRAL 0

West Central	000	0	-	0
Turkey Valley	572	x	-	14

Pitching - Bodensteiner 4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

2B - Schuchhardt. Runs - McDanel 3, Vsetecka 2, Autumn Maklenburg 2, Hayek 2, Kuennen 1, Schuchhardt 1, Thronson 1, M. Lutgen 1, Dagit 1. Hits - McDanel 3, Hayek 2, Kuennen 1, Schuchhardt 1, Vsetecka 1, Maklenburg 1, M. Lutgen 1. RBI - Hayek 3, Maklenburg 2, McDanel 2, M. Lutgen 2, Kuennen 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 12, WEST CENTRAL 4

West Central	030	10	-	4
Turkey Valley	302	52	-	12

Pitching - Manderfield 2 IP, 0 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 5 BB, 2 K, Bodensteiner 3 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

2B - McDanel. HR - McDanel. Runs - McDanel 3, Kuennen 2, Vsetecka 2, Karstyn Lukes 2, M. Lutgen 2, Schuchhardt 1. Hits - M. Lutgen 2, McDanel 2, Kuennen 1, Vsetecka 1, Lukes 1, Hayek 1, Bodensteiner 1. RBI - McDanel 4, Vsetecka 2, Lukes 2, Bodensteiner 2, Hayek 1.

CLAYTON RIDGE 6, TURKEY VALLEY 3

CR	102	300	0	-	6
TV	002	001	0	-	3

Pitching - Bodensteiner 3 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 1 K, Manderfield 4 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 4 K.

2B - Schuchhardt, McDanel. Runs - Kuennen 1, M. Lutgen 1, Dagit 1. Hits - McDanel 3, Vsetecka 2, Hayek 2, Kuennen 1, Schuchhardt 1. RBI - McDanel 2.

TURKEY VALLEY 11, CLAYTON RIDGE 2

Clayton Ridge	100	01	-	2
Turkey Valley	423	02	-	11

Pitching - Manderfield 5 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K.

2B - Lukes 2, Vsetecka. HR - McDanel. Runs - Kuennen 2, McDanel 2, Lukes 2, Schuchhardt 1, Vsetecka 1, M. Lutgen 1, Hayek 1, Dagit 1. Hits - Vsetecka 3, McDanel 2, M. Lutgen 2, Lukes 2, Kuennen 1, Thronson 1, Manderfield 1.

ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS, TROJANS THURSDAY

New Hampton baseball 9th doubleheader vs. Waukon, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley softball JV doubleheader vs. South Winneshiek, 10 a.m.

New Hampton baseball at Oelwein, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

New Hampton softball vs. Riceville, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Turkey Valley baseball, Class 1A District 5 first round at Maquoketa Valley 7 p.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton baseball JV doubleheader vs. Decorah, 10 a.m.

New Hampton softball JVV doubleheader at Crestwood, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley softball, Class 1A Region 2 first round vs. Saint Ansgar at Turkey Valley, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton softball vs. Crestwood, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton baseball, Class 2A District 14 vs. Osage or Central Springs, 7 p.m.

Turkey Valley baseball, Class 1A District 5 second round, if qualified, at Kee High, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Turkey Valley softball, Class 1A Region 2 second round at Clarksville, if qualified, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 10

New Hampton softball, Class 3A Region 1 first round at Crestwood, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 11

Turkey Valley softball, Class 1A Region 2 semifinal at Clarksville, if qualified, 7 p.m.





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Festival Month shows off county

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our county to see so many people step up to make these events a reality.”

In between the celebrations in Fredericksburg and Nashua, there was Alta Vista Days, New Hampton's Heartland Days and Lawler's Irish Fest. Add it all up, and that's five celebrations the past five weekends in which scores of volunteers not only planned and executed the festivals but picked up trash, sold beer, directed traffic and did all the behind-the-scenes work most party-goers never saw.

Just ask Nate Sinnwell, the president of the Nashua Park Board that puts on Water Over the Dam Days each year.

“This doesn’t happen without people stepping up and being willing to help,” he said Saturday evening. “I think it says a lot about Nashua how people come together so that we can have Water Over the Dam Days.”

Ditto for those who put on Dairy Days, AV Days, Heartland Days and Irish Fest.

The best part of Festival Month 2025 might have been this: Mother Nature, for the most part

cooperated ... with one notable exception but even the downpour that hit Heartland Days on its final night made for a memory that will last a good long while.

"It's the one thing none of us who plan these festivals can control," Zweibohmer said about the weather and then added with a laugh, "although all of us sure would like to find that secret, right?"

But all in all, 2025 went very well.

"It's a great way, in my opinion, to show off all of our towns," Zweibohmer said. "The celebrations all have their unique aspects, but I think the common theme is that they all show that we have great people here who love to come together and are proud of their communities. That's pretty cool."

The good news for partiers is that they don't have to go far this week if they want to continue visiting celebrations. That's because both Frederika and Charles City have Fourth of July celebrations on tap.

Chickasaw County, too, is not quite done with its celebrations either. Up next is the Chickasaw County 4-H and Achievement Show that kicks off this coming Tuesday, and Ionia's annual Fun Days celebration is set for Aug. 1-2.



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New Hampton softball players (above) greet Caycee Crawford at home plate after she smacked a home run while Kayme Hackman (below) makes solid contact during the Chickasaws' win over Waukon Monday afternoon.

New Hampton picks up matinee win

Crawford and Weigel come up with big hits as Chickasaws complete season sweep of Waukon

By Kelly Terpstra
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Read and react – sometimes that's the best approach.

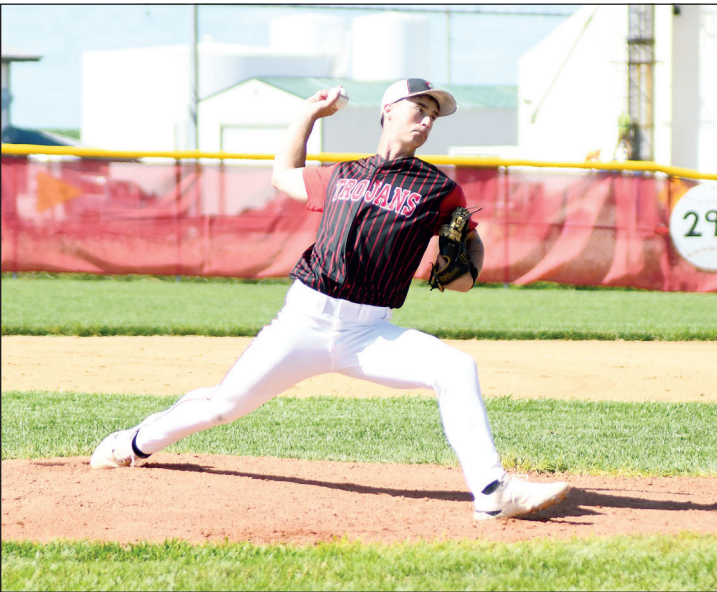
For Caycee Crawford and her New Hampton Chickasaws – that care-free method of producing runs worked just fine during a Monday matinee victory at Mikkelson Park over NEIC rival Waukon.

Crawford – one of Class 3A's most feared hitters – blasted a first inning, three-run homer to left and junior hurler Chloe Weigel stroked a bases-clearing double late in the league game to help the Chickasaws stave off the pesky Indians by a tally of 7-4.

With the win over Waukon (4-17, 0-10), New Hampton swept the season series by beating the NEIC foe by scores of 12-2 and 13-3 early last month up in Allamakee County.

"We had some key hits. I keep telling the girls, when we play clean ball – obviously our chances of winning are pretty darn good," said NH head coach Krissy Anderson about the win over Waukon for the third time this summer.

SEE NH SOFTBALL, 14



Becky Walz/Decorah Leader

Turkey Valley's Logan Busta delivers a pitch to the plate during Friday's doubleheader against Postville.

Turkey Valley picks up UIC baseball sweep over Pirates

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The Turkey Valley Trojans played error-free ball on Friday in a doubleheader sweep over Postville by scores of 10-0 in each of the two games.

TV sophomore pitcher Cale Langreck tossed a five inning no-hitter in the nightcap over the Pirates. He struck out three and walked three.

In the opener versus Postville (0-15, 0-14), Trojan junior hurler Logan Busta was also on top of his game as he allowed just a single hit in his masterpiece on the hill. He fanned 13 batters over six innings and walked just

one.

Earlier last week on Tuesday, Turkey Valley once again played errorless ball at Riceville (15-10), but the Wildcats won this one by a score of 4-2. Three Riceville pitchers combined to toss a one-hitter.

Turkey Valley scored its runs in the top of third, while the Wildcats plated a run in the first and second inning. Riceville won the game in the bottom of the sixth with two runs that crossed that plate.

No. 9 Kee High (25-10) hosted Turkey Valley on Monday and won by a score of 8-2.

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Becky Walz/Decorah Leader

Turkey Valley's Kendall Kuennen connects with a high pitch during a game against Clayton Ridge.

Turkey Valley bats heats up

By Kelly Terpstra
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The Turkey Valley Trojans broke out the bats last week.

Let's just call it some pre-Fourth of July fireworks for Anthony Troyna's Upper Iowa Conference softball squad because it was an offensive explosion.

The weather wasn't the only thing that was scorching outside as the Trojans piled up 56 runs in five games – with all but one being a victory.

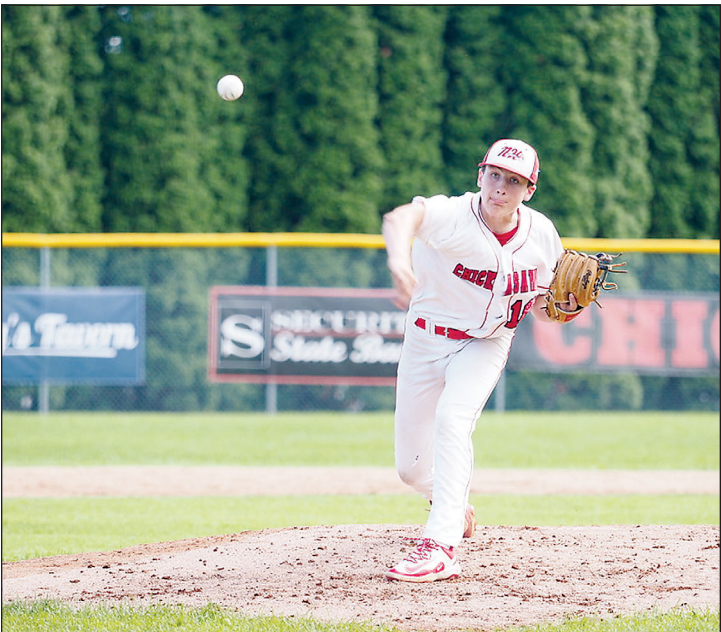
The highlight of last week

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Members of the Turkey Valley baseball team that claimed the 1985 Class 3A state baseball championship pose for a picture at the Starlite Ballroom during the recent Irish Fest when the Lawler Historical Society honored the first Trojans' team to ever claim a state team title. Pictured are (front row, from left) Chuck Meyer, Darin Einwalter, Jamie Gerleman, (second row) Mike Kuennen, Mike Bentley, Bob Vrzak, Dan Hageman, (back row) Kirk Benda, Junior Hackman, Scott Mihm, Greg Lynch, Brian Busta and Ron Wymer.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Drew Kipp (above) throws a pitch while teammate Colton Ashley (below) flips the ball to first to record an out in last week's game against MFL MarMac.

Chickasaws bounce back

New Hampton picks up wild win at Waukon, look for momentum as the postseason nears

By Bob Fenske
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Reid Rausch isn't going to lie; he can't wait for next week and the start of the Class 2A district tournament.

"It's the playoffs. It's fun and exciting baseball," the New Hampton first baseman said, "and to get to play at home, that's even better. I love the atmosphere at Mikkelson Park. There's no place I'd rather play baseball, that much I can tell you."

The fact that New Hampton has righted the ship so to speak certainly helps.

After dropping three straight games last week and seeing their slim hopes of a Northeast Iowa Conference championship dashed, the Chickasaws headed to Waukon on Friday and promptly fell behind 10-2 to the host Indians.

New Hampton had an answer as it put up a three-spot in the fourth inning and then erupted for seven six-inning runs to rally for a 13-11 victory. New Hampton then picked up the sweep with a 3-1 victory that was powered by the pitch-

ing of Landon Marr and Caden Rochford, who combined on a three-hitter.

Three days later, the Chickasaws held off a gritty Charles City club to post a 10-8 win and wrap up its NEIC season with an 11-5 mark, good for second place.

That opener in Waukon, though, showed New Hampton's experience and character.

"I mean we still thought we could win," Marr said, "and yeah, 10-2 doesn't make it easy but we just got to work, you know what I mean? No one was down, it was just like, 'OK, let's dig out, man.'"

That 2024 run to the runner-up trophy at the Class 2A state tournament certainly helped.

"They've been in a lot of big games the last couple of years," New Hampton coach Cory McDonald said, "so playing catch-up in Waukon, Iowa, is not going to rattle these boys. ... I was really proud of the maturity they showed both Friday and Monday over in Charles City."

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Trojans recall that magical 1985 title

Coaches, players say 'closeness' was key for Turkey Valley's first-ever state championship

By Bob Fenske
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Forty years after that magical summer, the boys of Turkey Valley picked up right where they left off.

They're not boys anymore; they're not even young men, but they will forever be bonded by that 1985 season when they made a spirited run all the way to the Class 3A state baseball championship, the first-ever team crown won by Turkey Valley, a school district that back then was just 24 years old.

Yet, as they gathered recently to be honored by the Lawler Historical Society during Irish Fest, they didn't talk so much about the wins over Johnston and Cedar Rapids Regis at the state tournament that was held in Marshalltown.

Oh, those games – the 4-0 semifinal win over Johnston and the 3-1 title game victory over Regis in the finals – were special, but almost to a man, they talked about the fact that the 1985 Trojans, born out of bitter

disappointment from the year before, were just that – a team.

"We did everything together," said Mike Bentley, "and I think that's what I remember about that summer the most. We worked hard at baseball, don't get me wrong, but we had a lot of fun, too. To be a part of a team like that – where team was everything – that's pretty dang cool. No one cared about stats; everyone just cared that we won."

That's what made that Irish Fest Saturday so magical at the Starlite Ballroom.

After a short ceremony to honor the team on the 40th anniversary of the state title, the Trojans gathered together and told stories with their coaches, Ron Wymer and Kirk Benda.

There were a lot of "remember whens" going around the old ballroom in Lawler.

Remember when they hurried back from a road game so they could play in the semi-fast-pitch softball league?

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