

Achievement Show kicks off next week

Annual event at Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua will shine spotlight on county's 4-H and FFA members

The 2023 4-H and FFA Achievement Show is quickly approaching; in fact, it kicks off its seven-day run this coming Tuesday at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.

4-H and FFA members from across Chickasaw County will exhibit horses, dairy cattle, sheep, dogs, swine, beef cattle, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, and their pets. Members will also be showing off their work on static exhibits and field crops.

This year there will be many extra events added to the schedule amidst the usual static judging, livestock shows, and auction.

Some of these events include Fun at the Fair day camp bouncy house, a celebrity beef showmanship class, a Costume Contest, and the Conservation Station. There will also be other games and activities available at the fair office throughout the fair. The entertainment on Saturday afternoon, July 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. will be Turn and Burn Ranger Racing sponsored by the Big 4 Fair Board.

On Saturday, July 15, the 4-H & FFA Family BBQ will be from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The events taking place during the BBQ will be an awards ceremony, Clover Kids Graduation, celebration of our nine-year 4-H members by receiving their crystals, and the crowning of the Chickasaw County Fair Queen and Little Miss and Mr. Chickasaw.

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The Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show is having a Celebrity Beef Showmanship Contest!

The contest will take place on Friday, July 14, following the Bucket Bottle Show, at 2 pm.

The contest is open to anyone 19 years of age or older who is not currently a 4-H or FFA member. Participants will need to read and sign a liability waiver in order to participate. Contestants will use a current 4-H or FFA member's show animal that is present at the 2023 Achievement Show. Cattle will be shown on halter. Show attire is required: Shirt, jeans, and hard-soled boots/shoes.

Each contestant will need to find a sponsor of \$100 (payable to Chickasaw County Extension) with all proceeds going towards the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA youth and livestock programs, including Herdsmanship Awards. Businesses and individuals can also nominate their favorite "Celebrity" to participate! The winner will receive a \$50 cash prize.

Registration closes July 14 at noon.

If you have any questions or would like to register, please stop by the Chickasaw County Extension Office in New Hampton, 506 W. Milwaukee St., or call us at 641-394-2174.

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A major part of the Achievement Show are the many livestock shows. These shows give our youth the opportunity to learn how to properly take care of animals and understand the process of taking their animals to market if they choose.

This year, the Livestock Auction for the Achievement Show will be on Monday, July 17, at 9 a.m.

Buyers are encouraged to come for the free breakfast beginning at 7:30 am, sponsored by Homeland Energy Solutions.

The auction is open to the public, and we encourage people to support the 4-H and FFA members by attending the auction and bidding on livestock. The animals that will be sold are beef, swine, sheep, meat goat, top broiler, and top fryer rabbit pen.

You may purchase the animals for resale or to fill your freezer. There are several lockers to choose from and the fair offers free transportation.

If you have further questions, please contact the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 641-394-2174.

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Here are some of the highlights on the 4-H and FFA Achievement Show schedule:

- TUESDAY, JULY 11**
- 4 to 8 p.m.: Static Show and Johnny Southern Grill Food Truck open.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**
- 8 to 10 a.m.: Dog and Pet Shows.
 - 4 to 8 p.m.: Good 2 Go Beef on the Mooovoo Food Truck,
- THURSDAY, JULY 13**
- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.: Exhibit Hall open.
 - 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Horse Show.
 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Fun at the Fair Day Camp (pre-registration is required).

- Noon to 4 p.m.: Bounce House open.
 - 4 to 7 p.m.: Meat Goat and Sheep Show.
- FRIDAY, JULY 14**
- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.: Exhibit Hall open.
 - 8 a.m. to noon: Beef Show.
 - Noon to 1 p.m.: Bottle Bucket Show.
 - 2 to 4 p.m.: Celebrity Beef Showmanship Contest.
 - 5 to 7 p.m.: Rabbit Show, followed by Easter Egg hunt.
 - 7 to 9 p.m.: Horse Games.

- SATURDAY, JULY 15**
- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.: Exhibit Hall open.
 - 8 to noon: Swine Show.
 - 1 to 3 p.m. Turn & Burn Ranger Racing (Sponsored by the Big 4 Fair).
 - 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.: Poultry Show.
 - 3 to 4:30 p.m.: Ag Olympics.
 - 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.: Family Pork BBQ; tickets available from any 4-H member.
 - 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.: Awards Ceremony, Clover Kids Graduation, Chickasaw County Fair Queen and Little Miss & Mr. Chickasaw crowning..
 - 7 to 9 p.m.: Fair Dance - Sky Kone Ice Cream food truck will be selling ice cream treats.

- SUNDAY, JULY 16**
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Exhibit Hall open.
 - 11 to noon: Dairy Show.
 - Noon to 2 p.m.: Costume Contest sponsored by Nashua-Plainfield FFA.

- MONDAY, JULY 17**
- 7:30 to 9 a.m.: Achievement Show Pancake Breakfast Sponsored by Homeland Energy Solutions.
 - 9 a.m.: Livestock Auction begins.



Tori Bearman



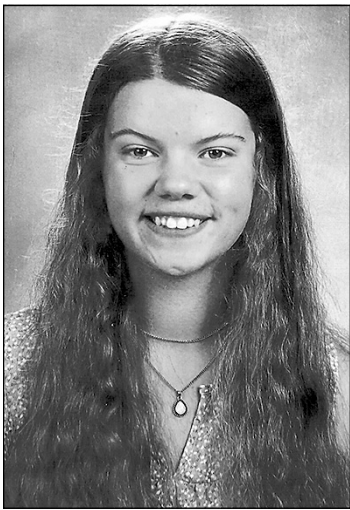
Kandice Eggerichs



Josie Fuerstenberg



Emily Geerts



Kimberly Jordan



Hailey Klassen



Elaina Rosonke



Abby Zabel

Eight vying to be Chickasaw County fair queen

Eight young women are seeking the title and the crown of the Chickasaw County fair queen that will be decided during the 4-H and FFA Achievement Show's annual Family BBQ.

The new queen will replace the 2022 winner, Trinity Brincks, and will represent the county at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines next month.

Those seeking the crown include:

Tori Bearman
Parents: Billy and Jenni Bearman.

School: Will be a senior at New Hampton High School..
Sponsor: Bearman Trucking.

Youth group: New Hampton FFA.
Activities: FFA chapter president, helped on numerous FFA events including kids tractor pull, National Honor Society, yearbook, Letterettes, Interact Club, FFA, trapshooting.

Kandice Eggerichs
Parents: Jamie Wickham and Jim Eggerichs.

School: 2023 graduate of New Hampton High School.
Sponsor: Wickham Properties.

Youth groups: Ionia Rustlers, New Hampton FFA.
Activities: 4-H club president and treasurer, FFA reporter, treasurer and FFA Week chair, volleyball, cross country, basketball, track and field, softball, National Honor Society, Letterettes, ELP and SADD.

Josie Fuerstenberg
Parents: Josh and Steph Fuerstenberg.
School: 2023 graduate of

New Hampton High School who will attend Northeast Iowa Community College.

Sponsor: Fuerst Trucking.
Youth group: New Hampton FFA.

Activities: Attended Ignite and Amplify conferences, basketball, volleyball, softball and trapshooting.

Emily Geerts
Parents: Leon and Liz Geerts

School: Will be a senior at New Hampton High School.

Sponsor: The Nu-Look (Jim and Marguerite Ashley)

Youth groups: Alta Vista Aces 4-H, New Hampton FFA.

Activities: Has served as club president, secretary, photographer, vice president, historian and treasurer, choir, FFA.

Kimberly Jordan
Parents: Robert and Tammy Jordan.

School: Will be a senior at New Hampton High School.

Sponsor: Kellogg's Honey.

Youth group: Little Wapsie Legends.

Activities: 4-H, FFA and trapshooting, club president and secretary.

Hailey Klassen
Parents: Jennifer and Jake Klassen.

School: Will be a senior at New Hampton High School.

Youth group: Jolly Blue Bells 4-H Club.

Activities: 4-H club president, choir, football cheerleader, large-group speech, Iowa BIG North.

Elaina Rosonke
Parents: Al and Nikki Rosonke.



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Trinity Brincks is crowned the 2022 Chickasaw County fair queen.

School: 2023 graduate of New Hampton High School who will attend Iowa State University.

Sponsor: The Blue Iris.

Youth groups: New Hampton FFA.

Activities: Active in FFA, Star Greenhand Award, served as the assistant secretary and recorder, FFA Iowa Degree softball, volleyball, basketball, Letterettes, ELP, Interact Club, Student Senate, large-group speech, CYG, National Honor

Society and Prom Committee.

Abby Zabel

Parents: Trent and Rebecca Zabel.

School: 2023 Summer-Fredericksburg graduate who will attend UNI.

Sponsor: Vern Laures Auto Center.

Youth group: Trinity Lutheran Youth Mission Trip Group.

Activities: Track, cross country, basketball, Get a Grip, Cougar Leadership Group.

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by the Chickasaw Co. Pork Producers

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Tickets can be purchased at the Chickasaw County Extension Office in New Hampton

The Proceeds Benefit All 4-H Programs

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Saturday Events Will Include:
8am-12pm: Swine Show
1:30pm - 3:30pm: Poultry Show
4:30pm: Awards & Recognition Program
3:00pm: Ag-Olympics
4:30pm - 6:30pm: BBQ Supper
6:00pm: Crowning of Chickasaw Co. Fair Queen
7pm-9pm: Fair Dance

Menu: Grilled Pork Loin Sandwich
Potato Salad, Beans, Chips, Lemonade
Ice cream donated by Farm Credit Service of America

Come early to see the 4-H and FFA Exhibits/Presentations

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Saturday, July 1, 2023
4:00pm Baseball: Varsity Districts

Tuesday, July 4, 2023
Independence Day

Wednesday, July 5, 2023
Softball: Varsity Regionals

10:00am Baseball: JV J.V. vs. Cresco
@Crestwood High School
4:00pm Baseball: Varsity Districts

Friday, July 7, 2023
Softball: Varsity Regionals

Saturday, July 8, 2023
4:00pm Baseball: Varsity Districts

Monday, July 10, 2023
Softball: Varsity Regionals
7:00pm School Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2023
5:30pm- 8:00pm Football Camp

Wednesday, July 19, 2023
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God's gift of grace

A reminder that the church is the people, not the building

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

– Ephesians 2:8

God's grace, the gift of freedom from our sins made possible because Jesus died for our sins on the cross.

Grace is such a wonderful gift – the blessings from God which we see as forgiveness and healing – and, it gives us a way to feel God in action.

Whenever we experience a problem or challenge that we can't imagine how it can be resolved or how a bad

situation would improve, God is there and handles it.

Grace is a way to feel the love and power of God – the assurance that no matter what we go through, we are not alone ... God is always with us. God has chosen you as His child, loves you, and provides you with the gift of grace.

Grace is the inspiration we feel to pay forward the spontaneous kindnesses that we encounter.

It might exhibit as a stranger helping in some way that lightens my load – which then I can pass along to another.

It might be the nudge you feel from the Holy Spirit to ignore the small irritations in life by extending patience rather frustration. It might be when we give and serve cheerfully with expectation of anything in return.

The gifts of love and compassion expressed from God to others through us is how God's grace can be spread throughout the world ... from one person to another.

Each person as if a flower – all shapes, sizes, and colors – accepted and loved and cared for



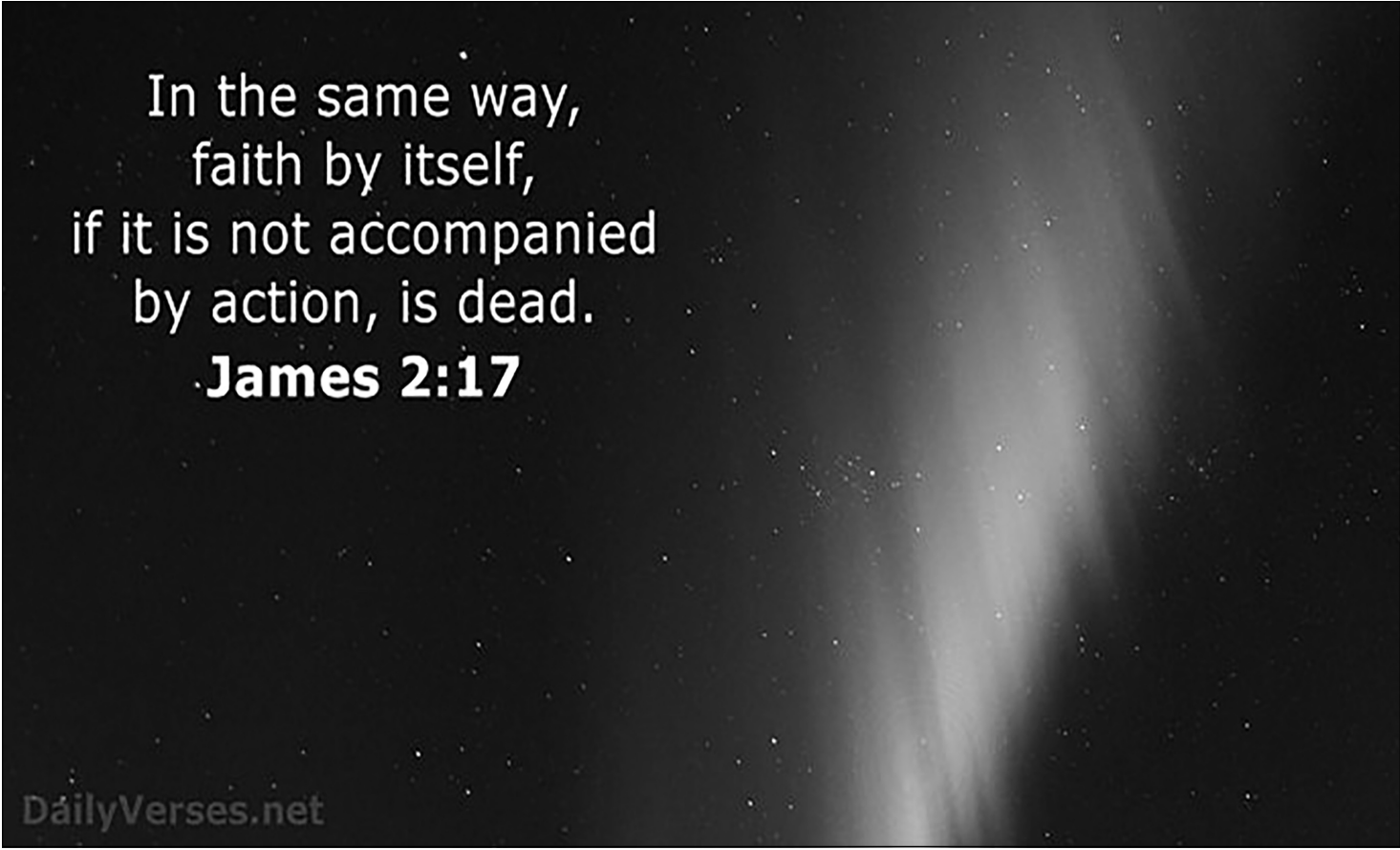
Pastor Sue Cira serves Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church in rural Lawler and Zion Lutheran Church in Alta Vista.

to allow God's grace to shine from within as a blessing to everyone we meet and everything we think, say and do.

Go and share the love!

The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121:7-8



In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. James 2:17

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Service time: 10:30 a.m. joint service at New Hampton UCC.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC

Father Jim Goerend
Mass time: Saturday, July 15, 6 p.m.

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC

Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass time: Saturday, July 15, 4 p.m.

ALTA VISTA

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC

Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass time: Saturday, 6 p.m.

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Pastor Sue Cira
641-364-2115
Service time: Sunday, 8 a.m.

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Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass: Sunday, 7:15 a.m.

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Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m. Sunday.

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Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.

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Pastor Drew McHolm
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Pastor Todd Burrichter
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Pastor Darin Cerwinski
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Can you build an estate plan like a house?

If you’ve ever been involved in building a house — or even if you’ve just heard about it — you know that there’s a well-defined process to be followed. But here’s something to think about: Some of the same steps connected to constructing a home are the same as those needed to build an estate plan.

What are those steps? Here are some to consider:

• **Get the right “builder.”** Unless you’re an experienced do-it-yourselfer, you’ll probably have to hire someone to build a house for you. Of course, you’ll make your wishes known about what you want your house to look like, but you’ll be relying on the builder’s expertise. And the same is true with estate planning — you’ll want to share your goals and vision with a legal professional who’s experienced in creating comprehensive estate plans.

• **Build a strong foundation.** “Every house needs a strong foundation” isn’t just a metaphor — it’s true for every house that’s built. And when you create an estate plan, you also need a foundation that includes whatever basic elements are appropriate for your situation — a will, a living trust, power of attorney and so on.

• **Make the necessary additions.** Even if you’re pleased with your new house, you may eventually decide to make some changes, such as adding on a new bedroom or bathroom. And the structure of your estate plan may need to undergo some modifications, too. For example, if you drew up a will two decades ago, but haven’t looked at it since, it may be out of date — especially if you’ve experienced changes in your life, such as new children or a divorce and remarriage. That’s why it’s a good idea to review your estate plans at least every few years.

• **Protect your investment.** Of course, when you build a new house, you’ll have to insure it properly. And while there’s no actual “insurance



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policy” for an estate plan, you do have ways to protect it. For one thing, you need to make sure beneficiary designations on retirement plans, investment accounts, insurance policies and other assets are correct. These designations are powerful and can even supersede the instructions in your estate-planning documents. So, as mentioned, if you’ve had significant life changes involving your family, you need to ensure your beneficiary designations are updated if you want to protect how insurance proceeds, investments and other assets are distributed.

• **Watch for mistakes.** It’s unfortunate, but mistakes do happen in home construction. Water stains can indicate that water is seeping through cracks in the foundation. Or cracks in retaining walls and garage floors could be a sign that the concrete structures were installed improperly. Estate plans can also contain errors or bad choices. Some are inadvertent, such as failing to put intended assets into a trust, but others are done with the best of intentions, such as naming adult children as joint owners of your assets. Even if your children are quite responsible, this move could give their creditors access to your money. If you want your children to be able to step in as needed, you could find other methods, such as giving them power of attorney.

Following these “construction” techniques can help you create an estate plan that can last a lifetime — and beyond.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Members of the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors discuss an upcoming budget amendment during Monday’s meeting.

Supervisors begin work on budget amendment

Decisions made by board after budget certified necessitates amendment early in fiscal year

BY BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors held their first meeting of the new fiscal year on Monday and went to work on amending the budget that was a mere 3 days old.

But it didn’t come as a surprise to the county leaders, for they approved a number of purchases in recent months that they knew would require a budget amendment early in the fiscal year.

“We knew this was coming,” Supervisor Jake Hackman said. “With what went on the last couple of months in the last fiscal year, a budget amendment has to be in the mix.”

The board approved purchases ranging from \$209,372 for new in-car and body cameras for the Sheriff’s Office to \$350,000 for a building to house Chickasaw County EMS to \$55,578 that were approved after the 2023-24 budget was certified in April.

That led board members on Monday to begin work on a budget amendment that will be published as a legal notice later this month.

Board members discussed a number of issues that they wanted to see cleared up.

Start with the Sheriff’s Office purchase of the new cameras.

County Auditor Sheila Shekleton’s worksheet showed an increase in expenses of \$209,372, but supervisors received clarification from

Sheriff Ryan Shawver that his office has received \$5,000 from the Iowa Governor’s Traffic Bureau for the cameras and that he could take \$5,000 from his budget that had been earmarked for camera systems for a new vehicle.

“So we’re talking \$199,000 and change,” Hackman said. “I can live with that.”

Supervisors also discussed any changes that would need to be made with the purchase of the building at 204 E. Prospect St. that will serve as the home for the county-owned ambulance service. Board members plan on using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to buy the building from New Hampton residents Jeremy and Lacey McGrath.

But they also discussed how the county will pay for remodeling of that building so that it will have living quarters.

Shekleton also asked board members about the \$50,000 supervisors voted to give the city of Nashua for dam repairs. She pointed out that no written request has been received by the county for the \$50,000 that board members earlier this year said could be taken out of the interest the county’s ARPA dollars have generated.

New Hampton resident Terry Johnson again asked the board to tap the brakes on the dam money.

“I think before the \$50,000 goes out for Nashua,” he said, “there needs to be some reporting and some homework done

on that on who actually owns the property.”

Monday’s agenda item was for discussion purposes only and the supervisors are expected to take up the budget amendment in next week’s meeting.

Also on Monday, the board approved a change in how the county’s payroll will be processed. In effect, the county’s elected officials will be paid “currently” while there will remain a one-week “lag” for all other county employees.

“Like when we got paid on Friday, the 30th, I could have left today and you would have owed me nothing,” Shekleton said. “We just wanted to pay the payroll simpler for the deputies doing it ... We’ve had nothing on paper on here’s how we do this.”

County Attorney David Laudner admitted it was confusing — saying “it’s a mess” — but that the county needed to proceed because under state law, elected officials need to receive their salaries during a particular fiscal year.

In the 2022-23 fiscal year, he pointed out that there were 27 “pay” periods, which caused issues.

“The problem was last year is that with the 27 pay periods, which is very odd, all the elected officials got paid on July 1, 2022, 1/27th of their salaries, which they only worked for one day of the fiscal year or been in office for one day of the fiscal year,” he said. “The auditor said that’s a no-no, paying someone basically in advance.”



Betten 95th birthday

JoAnn Betten of New Hampton will celebrate her 95th birthday on Friday, July 7, and her family is holding a card shower for her.

JoAnn and her husband, C.H. Betten, had three children — Roger (Anna) Betten of Grand Terrace, California, the late Douglas (Trish) Betten of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Jody (Rick) Dosser of Osage. After C.H.’s death in 2009, JoAnn married Carmen Miller, who passed away in May 2022.

She has seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Cards can be sent to JoAnn Betten at 504 Short Ave., Apt. 116, New Hampton, IA, 50659.



Farmers Market is open today

The New Hampton Farmers Market will be held today (Thursday) from 4 to 6 p.m. near Riley’s.

The market is held every other Thursday and those interested in being vendors should contact New Horizons-Chamber at 641-228-2021.

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The Chickasaw County Extension and Outreach office will be closed Tuesday, July 11th thru Monday, July 17th during the Chickasaw County Achievement Show.

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Student Briefs

Hawkeye CC dean’s list

Hawkeye Community College announces the dean’s list for the spring 2023 semester. The dean’s list is an official recognition of outstanding academic accomplishment by full-time students.

To make the list, an individual must be a full-time student and successfully complete 12 or more credits in the fall or spring semesters with a semester GPA of 3.50 or better for courses taken at Hawkeye.

Students from the area include:

Fort Atkinson: Breanna Busta, Marcus Herold.

Fredericksburg: Morgan Pleggenkuhle.

Hawkeye: Kylie Wurzer.

Lawler: Garrett Kurtenbach.

Nashua: Chase Rust, Megan Weidler, Brynn Wright.

New Hampton: Sanja Noehl, Gavin Rings, Colton Rochford.

Waucoma: Kourtney Schmidt.

DMACC president’s list

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Spring Semester President’s List.

To be eligible, a student must have completed a minimum of six credits and earned 4.0 grade point average for that semester.

Those recognized from the area include: Cade Murray, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology of New Hampton.

Coe College graduates

Nearly 300 Kohawks graduated from Coe College in the 2022-23 academic year. Area graduates include: Abby Fox of Sumner and Kaci Rausch of Fort Atkinson.

Lawsuit stemmed from comments made in 2020 meeting

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the laws, policies and procedures to win this case. This is something I will always do.”

Johnson, as he often does, attended Monday’s meeting but did not comment on the case.

He filed his lawsuit over comments Hackman made during an Aug. 17, 2020, meeting in which Johnson’s future on the county’s Board of Health was being discussed.

During the meeting, Hackman said that “sexual harassment comments, sexual harassment issues” by Johnson had been brought to his attention. Johnson was not removed from the Board of Health at the time, but a month later, board members did vote to remove him from the board.

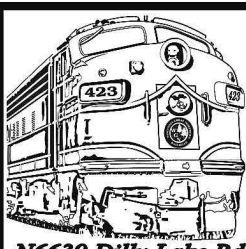
Johnson then filed suit

against both Hackman and the county, claiming that he was libeled and slandered during the county’s attempt to remove him from the board.

Johnson claimed that Hackman’s comments were, according to court papers, “false and defamatory statements that were publicized and publicly disseminated which statements have denied Terry Johnson

the benefits of public and personal confidence and social dealing and have injured in the pursuit of his life and/or occupation.”

The lawsuit sought “compensatory damages, actual damages, general damages and special damages as well as an award of punitive damages and exemplary damages” from the county and Hackman.



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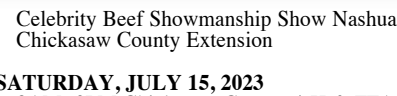
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New Hampton Calendar of Events

July 2023

- SATURDAY, JULY 1, 2023**
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Districts TBD vs. MFL Mar Mac @ MFL MarMac HS
- TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2023**
- 8AM - 4:30PM Office Closed New Hampton/ Chickasaw County Extension
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023**
- 5:00pm Baseball: Varsity Districts vs. TBD @ New Hampton High School Baseball Field @ Mikkelson Park
- THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023**
- 4 - 6 pm New Hampton Farmers Market on Main St & Chestnut
 - 5:00pm Softball: Varsity Regionals vs. Sumner-Fredericksburg @ S-F HS
- SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023**
- 8 - 11 am New Hampton Farmers Market at Mikkelson Park
 - 7:00pm Baseball: Varsity Districts
 - 7:00pm Softball: Varsity Regionals TBD vs. Benton Community @ Benton HS
- MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**
- 8:30am - 10:00am Girls' Basketball Camp Middle School Gym Chickasaw

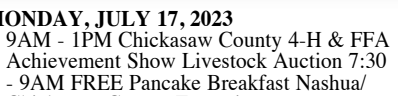
- TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023**
- 9:00am - 10:30am Girls' Basketball Camp Middle School Gym Chickasaw
 - 3PM - 9PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show, Static Judging Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension
 - 7:00pm Baseball: Varsity Sub State IHSAA vs. TBD
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023**
- 8AM - 9PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show, 8-10AM Pet & Dog Show Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension
 - 8:30am - 10:00am Girls' Basketball Camp Middle School Gym Chickasaw
- THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023**
- 8AM - 8PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension
 - 9AM - 1PM Fun at the Fair K-3rd Grade Summer Day Camp Nashua/ Chickasaw County Extension
 - 9:00am - 10:30am Girls' Basketball Camp Middle School Gym Chickasaw
- FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023**
- Ionina Fire Department Fish Fry, Ionina
 - 8AM - 9PM Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show 2-4 PM



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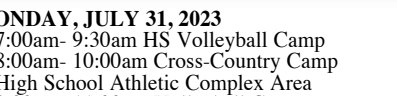
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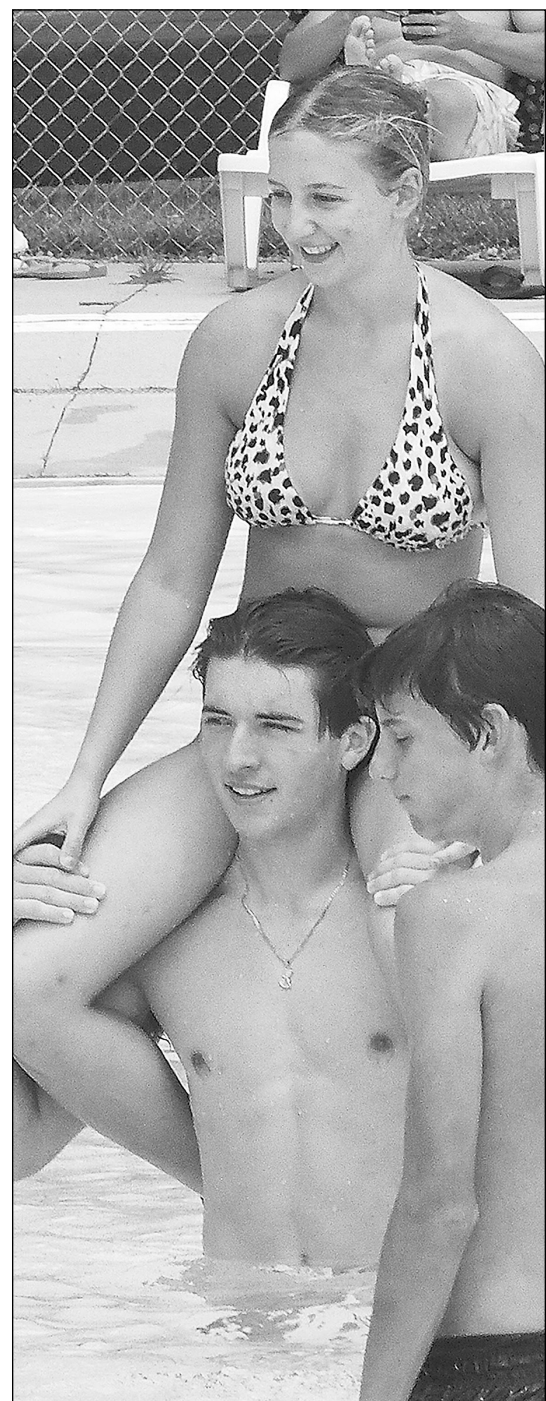
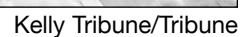
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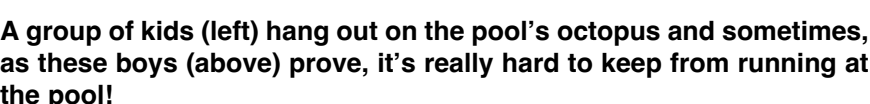
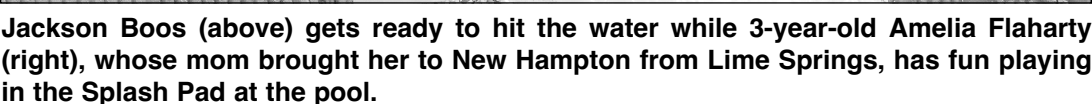
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Kaden Abbas (above) waves to the Tribune's photographer as he comes out of the "drop slide" while Natalie Marr (right) catches a "ride" from Treyce Orr on a warm and steamy Fourth of July, which meant the New Hampton Municipal Pool drew a pretty good crowd. But after the warm and muggy holiday, it might feel a little fall like — especially in the evening hours — as the week comes to an end. The National Weather Service is forecasting highs in the 70s and overnight temperatures in the lower 50s through at least Friday.



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The big photo on this page makes umpiring look easy, but trust me, the out New Hampton first baseman Kael Meyers recorded with his stretch was one of those proverbial bang-bang plays.

Trust me, I know. I not only took that picture but I spent much of the last six weeks driving to and fro to umpire high school baseball games.

At 1 p.m. last Friday afternoon, I called — or, so I thought but more on that later — my last out of the 2023 baseball season, and despite the fact that I had spent the previous three or four days telling anyone and everyone I was ready to be done with the blue for this year, I'll admit it I had a bittersweet feeling as I headed off the diamond at Charles City High School.

For the past three summers, I've spent the last couple of weeks of May and the entirety of June criss-crossing north-central Iowa to calls balls, strikes and outs.

I had umpired a ton of American Legion ball in Minnesota and taken a turn or two or 300 behind the plate or in the field for youth baseball games when, in the spring of 2021, Craig Snider of the North Iowa Officials Association gave me a call.

"We're desperate," he said of the group that "assigns" umpires to games in conferences ranging from the Top of Iowa to the Iowa Star to the North Central.

I couldn't help but laugh. When I was done chuckling, all I could come up with was this: "You must be desperate if you're calling me."

But I had worked for Craig when he ran the Kiwanis Youth Baseball Tournament up in Osage, so I think besides being desperate, he felt like I could, at the very least, be serviceable.

For the most part, I've had a blast the past three summers doing games from Forest City to New Hampton and from Northwood to Allison. I've learned a lot, too.

Baseball is a hard sport to officiate. There are a million rules — most of which will come into play once, maybe twice, in the career of a long-time umpire. But I've had great partners help me out over the past three summers and that's been one of the best parts of putting on a chest protector, snapping on the shin guards and donning a mask.

There are also the kids, who more often than not, make not only me but my fellow umpires smile. Out of all the people who come out to the park, it's the kids — ages 14 to 18 — who seem to understand that "it's a game."

The banter between umpire and catcher, for example, can be the difference between enduring a hot, sultry night at the ballpark or enjoying another beautiful summer evening. The same goes for the little jokes traded between the kids and the base umpire.

A couple of weeks ago, I was on the bases for the New Hampton JV tournament, and a Decorah freshman Mason Avila smacked a no-one-on triple.

That means, as a base umpire, I had to run from my position behind first base across the diamond to make it to third in case there was a play.

There wasn't and as Avila popped up from his slide, I gave him a mischievous grin and said, "Mason, I almost beat you here."

He laughed and had a ready retort.

"Blue, you got to cut across the diamond and I had to slow down because you were cutting in front of me."

And then there are the coaches — 90 percent of whom are classy and respectful. Look, I get that we're not always going to agree, but having a shouting match with 90 feet separating us is, well, it's just stupid.

It also does this old man's heart good to see kids I covered — Charles City's Luke Anderson, my son Josh, Osage coach Matt Gast (OK, he's not a kid but I did cover him in the mid-1990s) be so invested in the game and, more importantly, their kids.

That leaves the fans, and while I still believe they have some work to do, maybe it's just me but I believe they have finally realized that if they want their kids to play they need to have umpires.

Not once this year did I have to go to a game-site administrator and ask him or her to either go talk to someone in the crowd or have that someone removed.

I get it. We are not going to agree on every single call, but as an umpire, if I could ask every fan to do one thing it would be simply to think before they speak.

We all have our favorites. The guy sitting 100 feet down the line complaining about a pitch that from behind the catcher is clearly a foot off the plate. Or there's the gal who suddenly is a balk expert and screaming loud enough for everyone in the park can hear her.

Again, maybe I just got really lucky this year, but fan behavior this year was leaps and bounds ahead of where it was even two years ago.

I won't lie. I umpire for a number of reasons. Usually, I save the paychecks so I can help out the boys or go watch Noah's football games in the



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New Hampton first baseman Kael Meyers (above) stretches to record an out in a game against Waukon while Chickasaw catcher Talyn Bohaty proves to be an umpire's best friend by catching a low pitching in a game against Decorah.

fall. This year, the paychecks are pretty much gone, thanks to a deer that totaled my car on the way home from a game in Osage early last month.

But the money isn't great. My last varsity game of the year was last Wednesday in Lake Mills, which meant I left New Hampton at 3:30, drove 90 miles, umpired, drove another 90 miles home and arrived back in New Hampton at 11:15. For that almost eight-hour day, I got a check for 130 bucks. Not bad, but take the mileage rate the IRS gives out and I made less than a few bucks an hour.

I'm not complaining, mind you, but before fans go ballistic on an umpire, remember that he or she probably has another job, might have to take a vacation hour or two to get to the game, will get home late at night and has to get up early the next morning to go to their real job.

And I guarantee you that I've yet to meet an umpire who has met me at the park and said, "Let's screw this team tonight."

By and large, like I said, I think we made real progress this year, at least when it

comes to the high school baseball games I worked.

But we still have to do better, especially at the youth sports level.

On Sunday, I filled in for a friend at a tournament in Dyersville, umpiring 12-and-under and 11-and-under games and I started questioning my sanity.

Some of the coaches were, in a word, awful.

So, too, were a lot of the parents. And don't get me started on one grandpa in particular.

But as we headed to the car for the long drive home, I had a check in my wallet to help pay off the totaled car and the realization that, once again, it was the kids who saved the day.

During the final game I worked, a team's first base coach was, in a word, relentless. If it would have been a high school game, trust me, I would have been writing an ejection report.

Yet, when the game ended and that coach's team had lost, all 13 kids came out, gave us fist bumps and genuinely thanked us for being there.

The check was nice, but that, my friends, was even better.



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U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR TRUMAN 2016 SC6 TITLE TRUST,

Plaintiff, vs. BRIAN D. HACKMAN, CASEY L. HACKMAN, LARHEA A. TROUTNER, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, HAUGE ASSOCIATES INC., PLAINFIELD VETERINARY SERVICE, MIDLAND FUNDING LLC, CAPITAL ONE BANK USA NA, AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants. CASE NO.EQCV004408

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default in making contractual payments on a promissory note; for judgment in rem against the mortgaged premises for the principal amount of \$60,747.43 plus interest as provided in the Note and as may have been subsequently adjusted thereafter, fees, costs, and attorney's fees, for a declaration of the sum due as a lien on the premises, a declaration that the mortgage is prior and superior to all of the other liens on the property, for a special execution to issue for sale of the Mortgaged Premises at sheriff's sale, for the issuance of a writ of possession, for a appointment of a receiver upon plaintiff's application, and for such further relief the Court deems just and equitable.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES June 26, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinski and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Summit Carbon Solutions Sherry Timmins and Kaylee Langrell, Terry Johnson, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Engineer Roman Lensing, Assessor Raymond Armel, Kathy Shekleton, City of Bassett Mayor Jim Ashley. Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve the agenda for June 26, 2023 with a deletion of Resolution 06-12-23-46. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2023 with a change. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner went to the City of Fredericksburg's city council and the council did authorize the mayor of Fredericksburg to sign agreement between Chickasaw County EMS and City of Fredericksburg for \$1.00 and no contingencies. Along with a lease agreement with Secondary Roads and City of Fredericksburg for \$1.00 and no contingencies.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve RESOLUTION 06-26-23-50 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINOR SUBDIVISION PLAT OF: PARCEL 2023-19 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SE1/4, AND PARCEL 2023-20 IN THE SE1/4,

ALL IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, ON THE 26 th DAY of June, 2023 at a regular meeting by the Board of

Supervisors, Chickasaw County, Iowa a minor subdivision plat of PARCEL 2023-19 IN THE SW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 AND IN THE NW1/4 OF THE SE1/4, AND PARCEL 2023-20 IN THE SE1/4, ALL IN SECTION 13, TOWNSHIP 94 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 5 TH P.M., CHICKASAW COUNTY, IOWA Has now been considered and should be approved. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Supervisors, Chickasaw

County, Iowa that said Minor Subdivision Plat be approved, accepted and the Chairman is hereby directed to certify this Resolution of Approval. PASSED AND APPROVED on this 26 th DAY of JUNE, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski, Breitbach. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

Discussion with Summit Carbon Solutions Sherry Timmins and Kaylee Langrell about project updates.

Discussion with Engineer Roman Lensing about department updates.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to approve 28E Agreement between Chickasaw County and the City of Alta Vista for a Multimodal Project

Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Project on V18 and authorize signatures of Chairman and Auditor. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Permission to Enter Premises Agreements with Patrick Rosonke for FHWA BR#111611 Stream Bank Stabilization Project and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve Permission to Enter Premises Agreements with Robert Rosonke for FHWA BR#111611 Stream Bank Stabilization Project and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve and authorize chair's signature on a letter to New Hampton to end our lease agreement July 31, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion of building layout options with EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve RESOLUTION NO. 06-26-23-51 A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR WHEREAS, Resolution No. 06-12-23-47 set forth a list of appropriations for fiscal year 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, a typographical error incorrectly identified the "DEPT. NO. 71" as "DEPT. E-911" rather than "DEPT. 911 Service Board"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors acknowledges the typographical error in Resolution No. 06-12-23-47, and in so doing affirms the intent to appropriate \$514,105.00 to the DEPT. NO 71 as 911 Service Board for fiscal year 2023-2024. HEREBY RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County

Board of Supervisors this 26th day of June, 2023. /ss/ Matthew Kuhn, Chair, Hackman, Cerwinski, Breitbach, Suckow. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to acknowledge the hire of part-time dispatcher Bridget Edson for \$20.43 per hour starting July 1, 2023 for Sheriff's Department. Roll Call: Ayes; Breitbach, Cerwinski, Suckow, Hackman, Kuhn. Motion carried.

Discussed and no action on appointment to the City of New Hampton's Planning and Zoning Board.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinski to approve IPAC Iowa Precinct Atlas Consortium FY 23-24 for \$3,826.32. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman seconded by Cerwinski to approve claims \$79,384.02. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT UPDATES

Supervisor Hackman-June 22-CSS Motion by Cerwinski seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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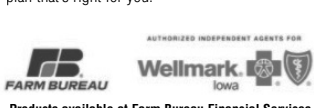
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Briefs

Rainfall helps but area still dealing with drought conditions

Rainfall late Monday night into Tuesday morning was welcomed by area farmers whose concerns about the drought gripping much of the state have increased in recent weeks. Although the National Weather Service did not release an official rain total for New Hampton, residents in and around the city reported that anywhere between three-quarters of an inch to 1.75 inches of rain filled their rain gauges. The rain came just after the USDA's National Agricultural Statistical Service released its weekly Crop Progress and Condition Report that showed 11 percent of topsoil moisture was "very short" and 41 percent was "short" in the Northeast Iowa District. Subsoil moisture content was 9 percent "very short" and 45 percent "short" in the district. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's weekly report released last Thursday, the southern third of Chickasaw County is experiencing severe drought conditions while the rest of the county is in moderate drought. The report showed that all 99 counties are dealing with some kind of drought, with southeast Iowa and a small portion of western Iowa dealing with extreme drought conditions.

Grow Your Future Award gives young farmers a chance for cash

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), the state's largest grassroots farm organization, encourages young farmer entrepreneurs between 18-35 years old with an ag-related business to enter the Grow Your Future Award for a chance to win \$7,500. This competition is focused on Farm Bureau members with enterprises that tap into niche production, agritourism and specialty services. "The Grow Your Future Award was created by the IFBF young farmer committee who understand the need to diversify and can appreciate the challenges that come with efforts to bring additional income to the farm," says Amanda Van Steenwyk, Iowa Farm Bureau's farm business development manager. Interested entrepreneurs should apply at www.iowafarmbureau.com/growyourfuture by Sept. 1. Up to ten applicants will be selected and narrowed down by public vote. The top finalists will compete in a live pitch-off during the 2024 Iowa Farm



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Going up quickly

New Hampton's new Dollar General store, which is being built on land that once was occupied by a Chickasaw County office building at 910 E. Main St., is taking shape and expected to open later this summer.

Bureau Young Farmer Conference on Feb. 2, 2024. Winners will be announced Feb. 3. First, second and third place finalists will receive \$7,500, \$5000 and \$2,500, respectively. Last year's Grow Your Future Award winner was a mushroom grower who used his winnings to purchase a delivery van and walk-in cooler.

17th annual Iowa Women in Agriculture Conference set for Aug. 3

"Growing Connections" is the theme of the 17th annual Iowa Women in Agriculture Conference at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny on Thursday, Aug. 3.

The 2023 conference will explore challenges posed by agriculture's current economic and environmental climate: the 2023 Farm Bill, marketing scenarios, soil and water quality initiatives, financial outlook, social media advocacy, transition/succession planning strategies, and the roles of ag women in this dynamic and growing industry. A complimentary Welcome & Networking Reception is set for Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Reiman Gardens in Ames. Early bird registration is \$55 until Aug. 1, and \$75 after that date. Registration includes the pre-conference tour, evening welcome reception, and continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks at the conference.

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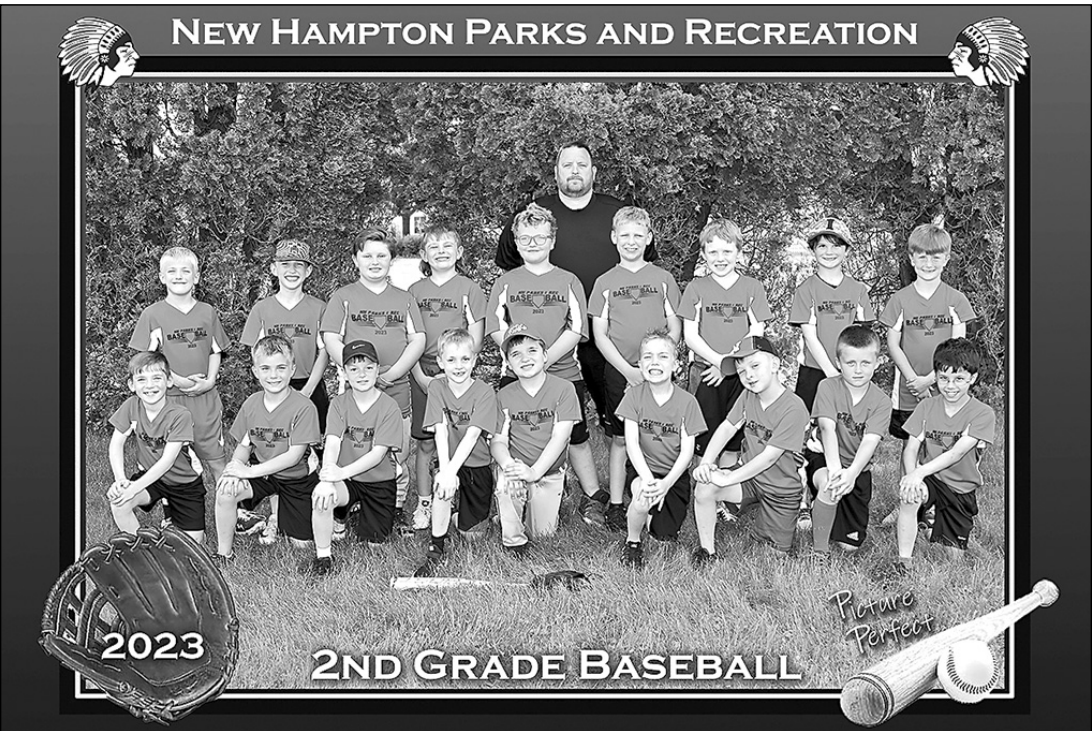
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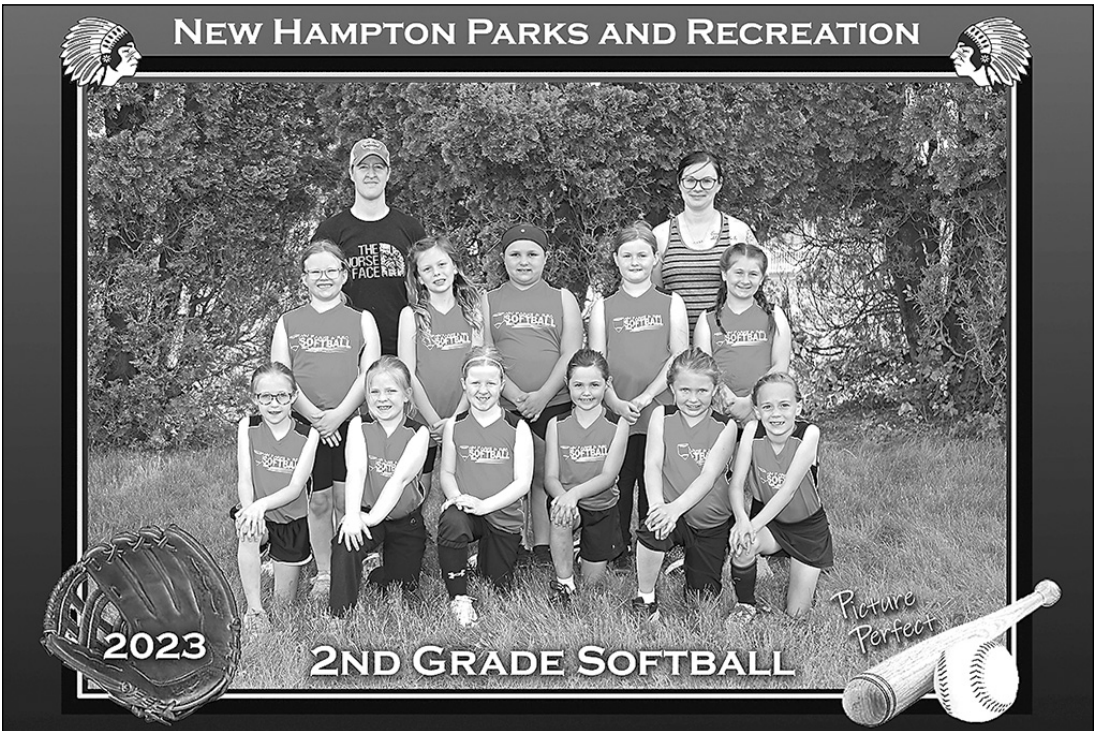
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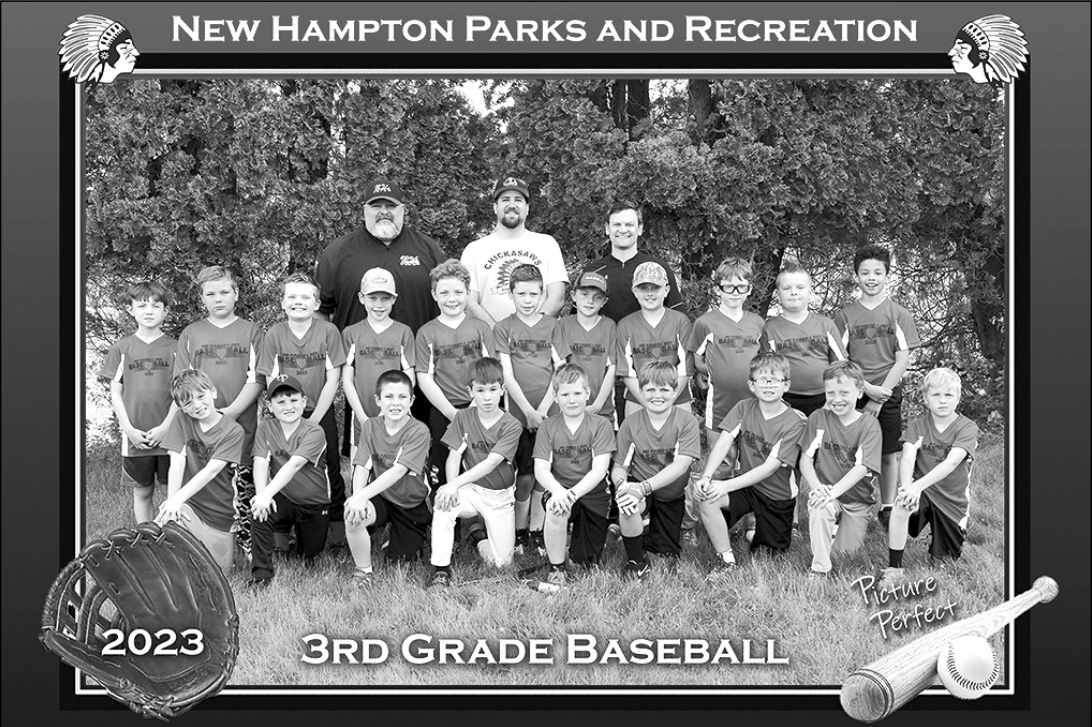
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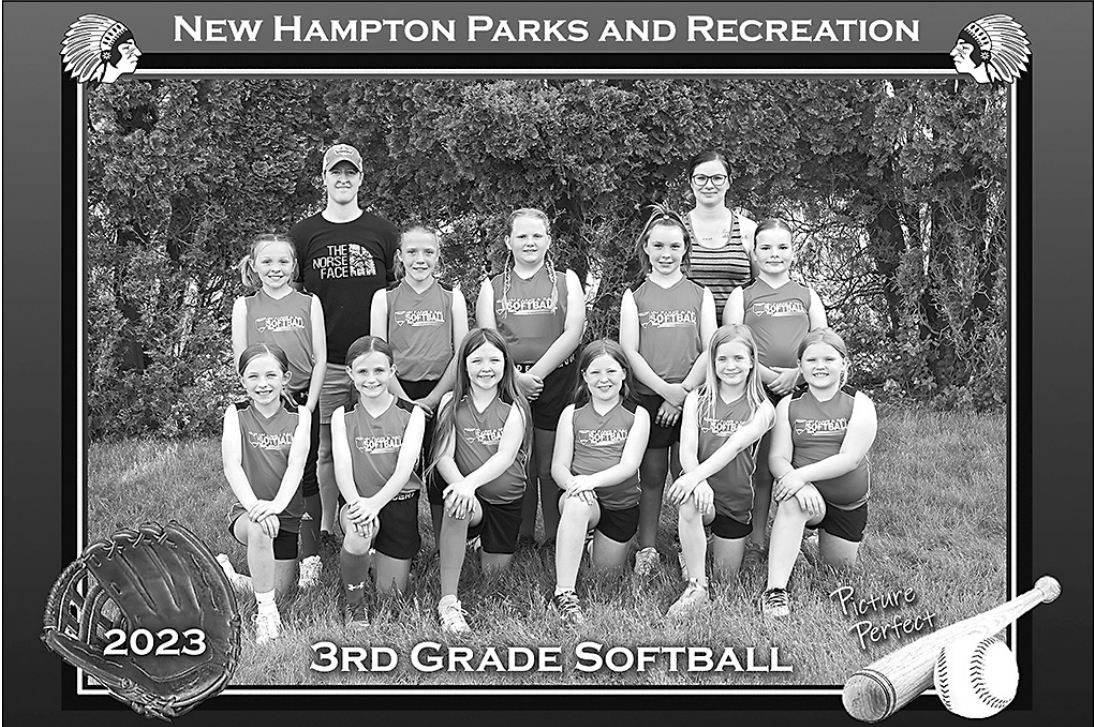
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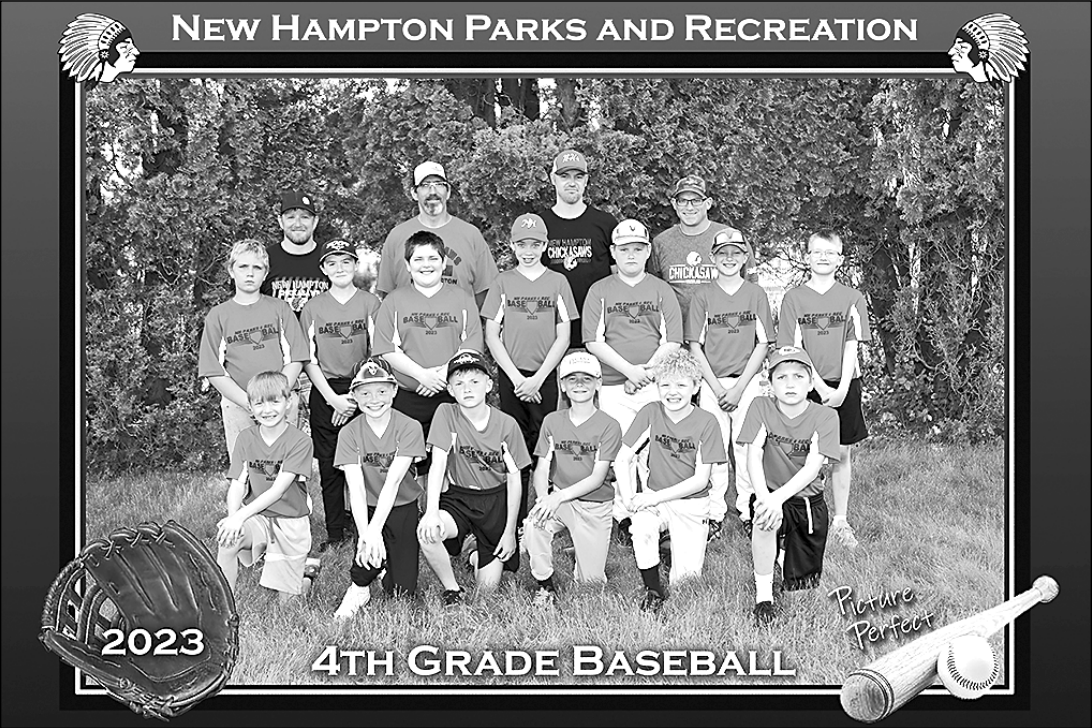
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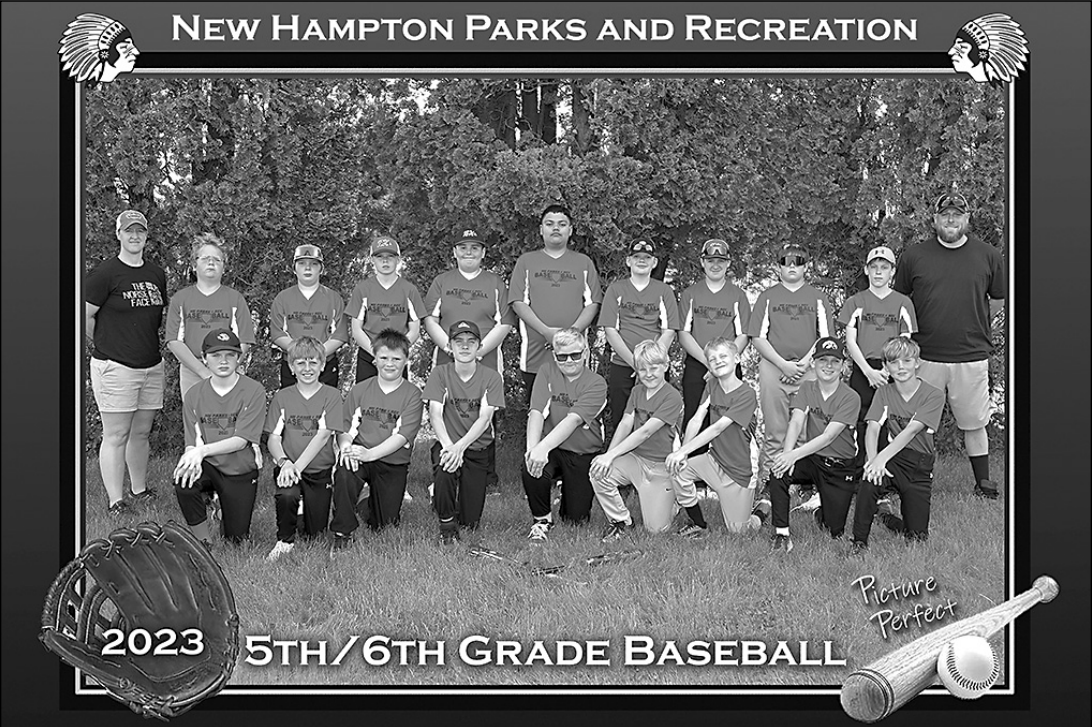
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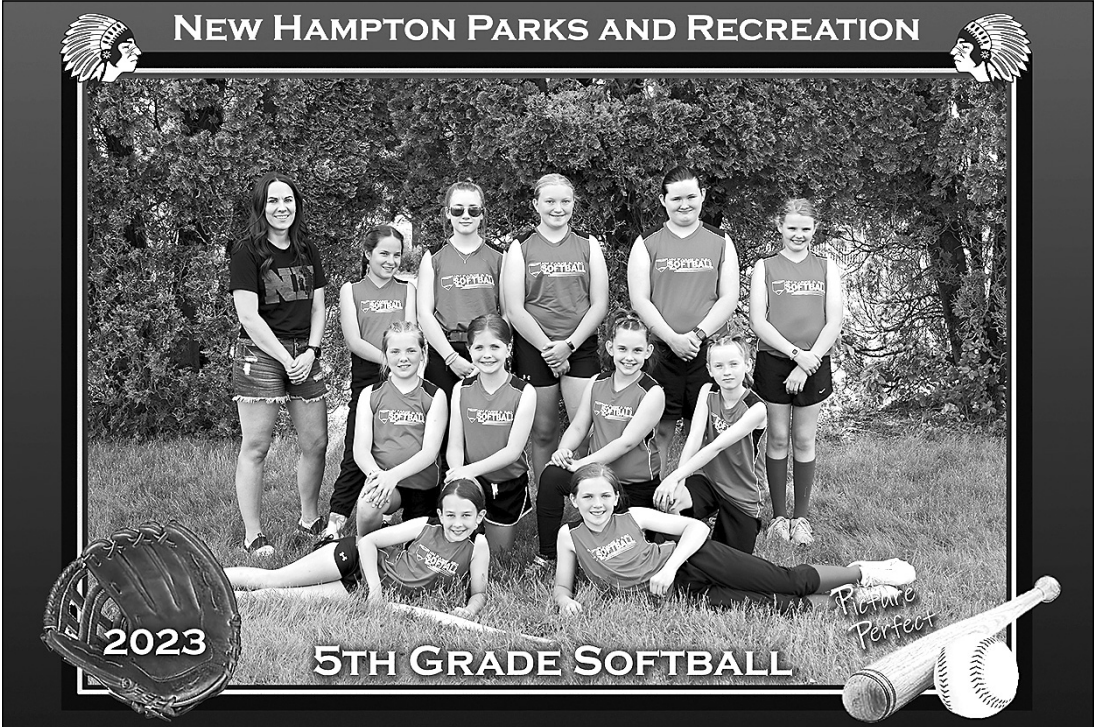
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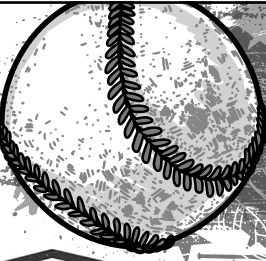


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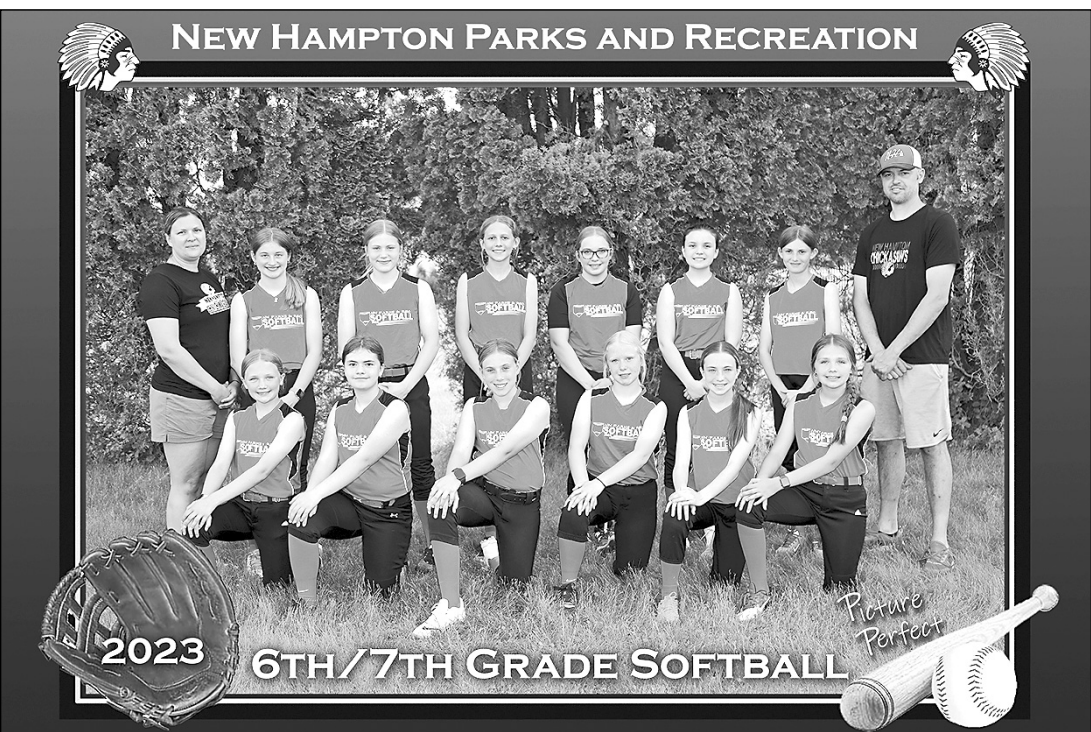
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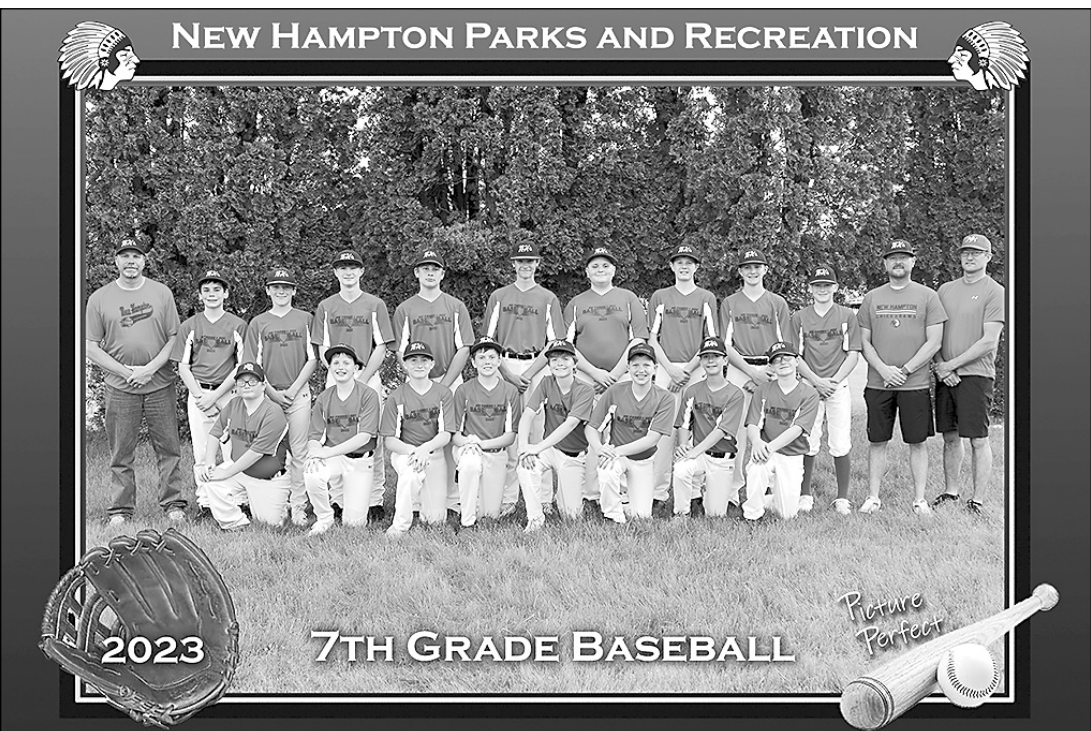
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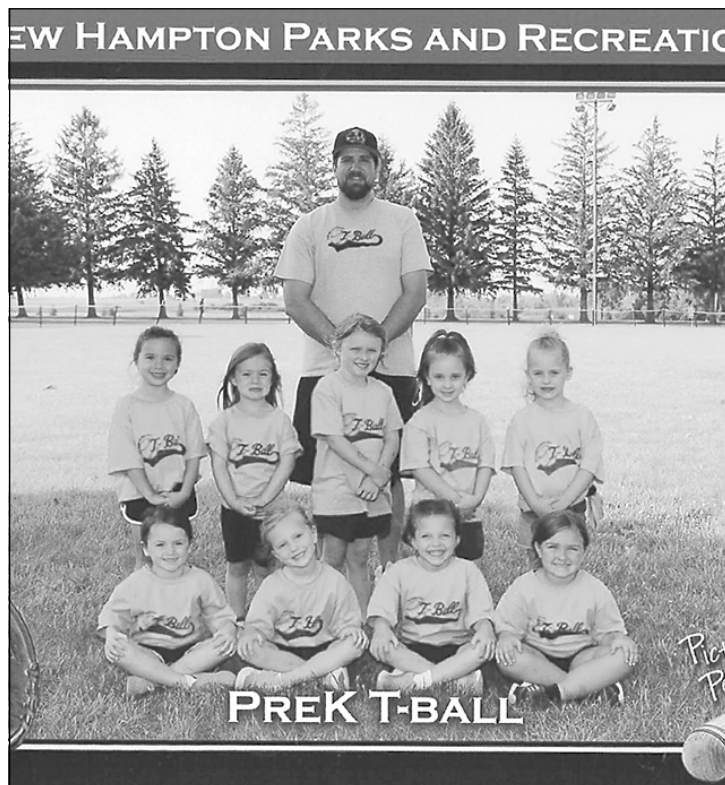
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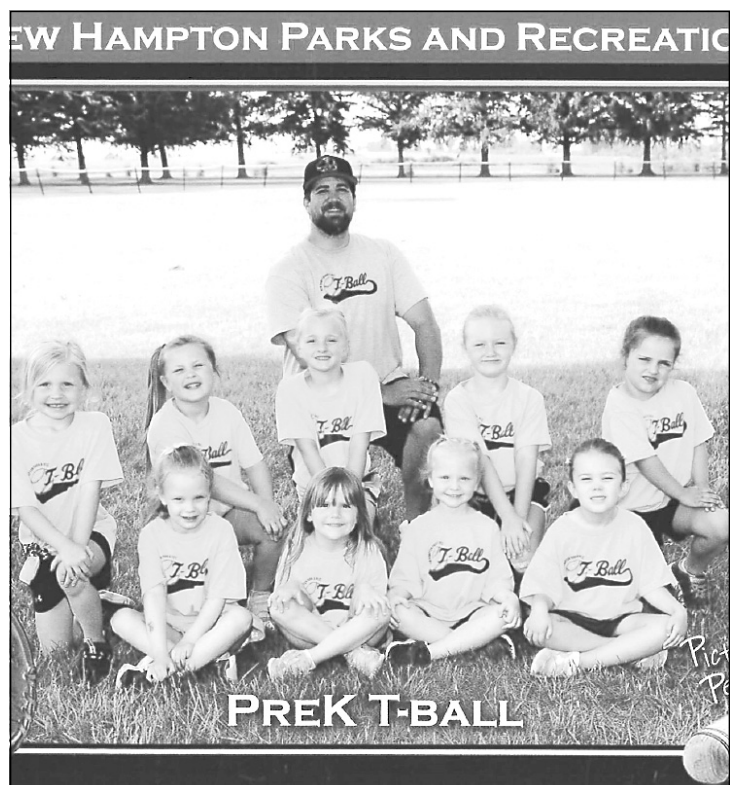
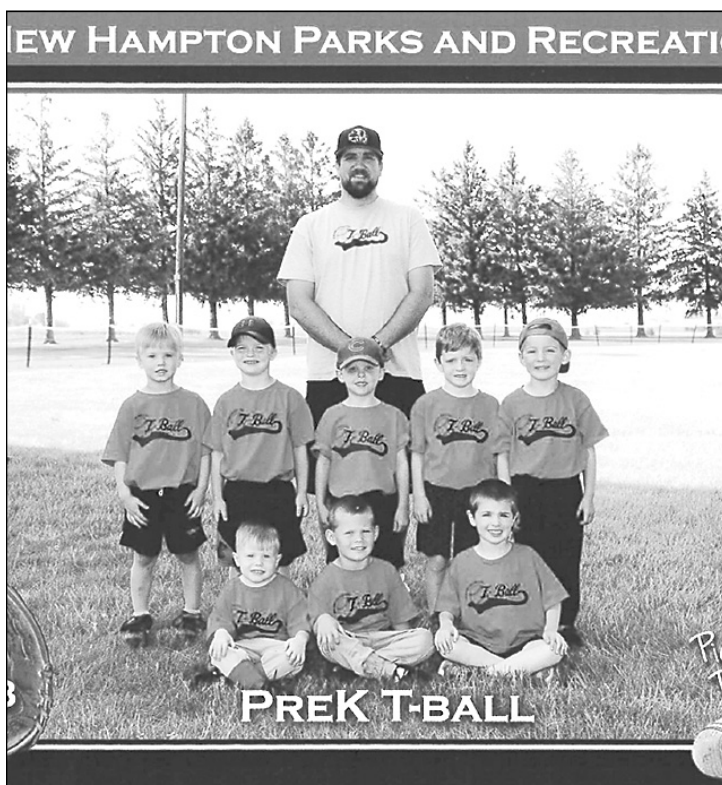
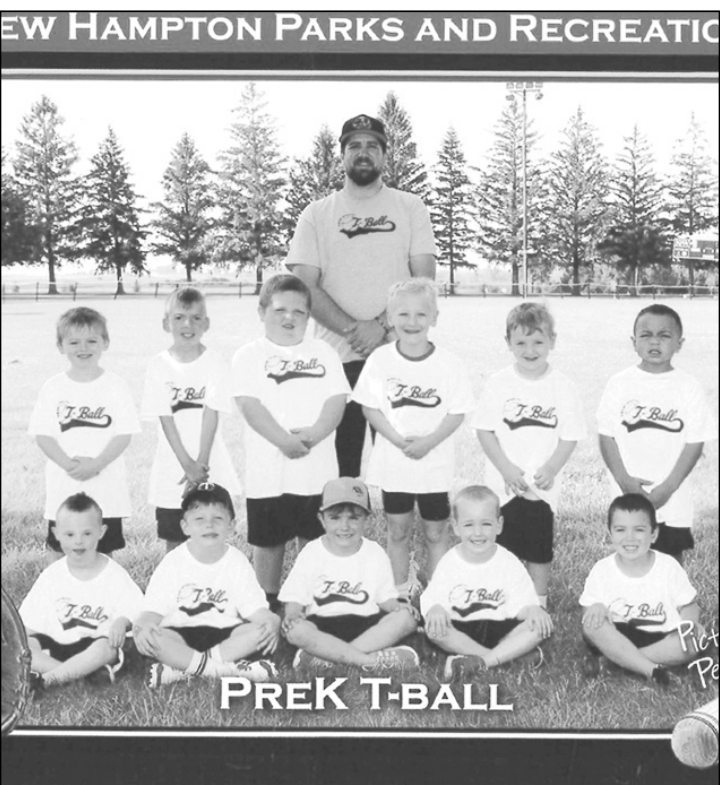
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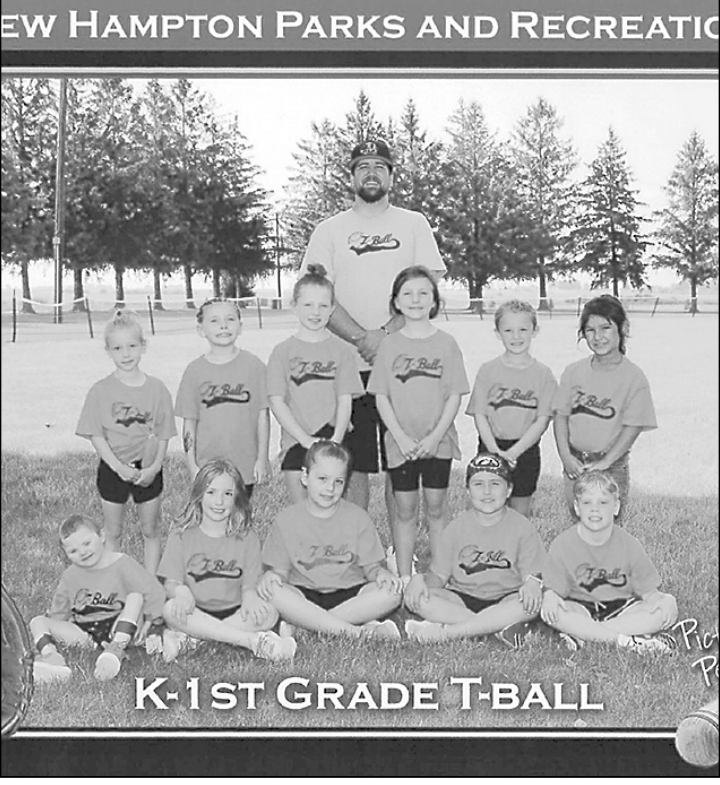
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TV SOFTBALL: FROM 16

on an unquestioned power in Class 1A softball – the Lynx of North Linn.

“The underdogs,” said TV sophomore shortstop Morgan Vsetecka after her team throttled Central by a score of 12-1 and hoped to play the role of David vs. Goliath when the two teams collided in Troy Mills on Wednesday in the next round of small-school class regional play.

TV (13-19) – which ended the regular season with a doubleheader sweep of Clayton Ridge and a non-league loss to Sumner-Fredericksburg – zoomed into the next round of the postseason after thoroughly dominating the Warriors from the first pitch in the elimination contest that lasted just five

innings.

“That’s the first time we’ve played as a team – 100 percent,” said Leibold, who collected three hits and knocked in two runs.

Snyder and freshman Maici Weber – one of the UIC’s best hitters – stroked deep doubles into the right-center field gap to get this Trojan party started in the first inning. Snyder’s long fly hit the base of the wall, while Weber’s blast appeared to do the same.

“It set the tone,” said Hackman, who guided his Trojan squad to a three consecutive UIC championships prior to this up-and-down season that has seen TV play to a sub-.500 record for the first time since 2018.

After going up 2-0 after a half an inning, TV added four

more runs in the third inning against senior Warrior starter Katelyn Scherf. She was pulled in the ensuing inning after TV enacted the mercy rule with six runs plated in the bottom of the fourth.

“We were all in it today. Everybody was in a good mood and we all played together. We had a lot of fun with it,” said Snyder, who like Leibold and Vsetecka, is red-hot at the plate.

Vsetecka, who knocked in three runs, slammed a two-RBI double over the center fielder’s head in the third. That made it 4-1. Brianna Busta – another senior on Hackman’s squad and one of eight on his roster – laced a single past second that plated two as well, the score now 6-1 in TV’s favor.

Snyder obliterated a pitch from Scherf that led off the fourth inning. The screaming liner dusted the chalk down the left field line for another double. Snyder amassed four doubles in a win last week Monday in the opener against South Winneshiek – a 10-6 TV triumph.

She talked about the task of trying to topple North Linn – ranked second in Class 1A and 33-6 overall. The Lynx finished in fourth place last summer in Fort Dodge, where the state tournament has been held since 1970 – 53 years ago.

“I feel like it’s all just really going to be kind of a mental game. We have to go into it saying hey, ‘we can do this,’” said Snyder. “If we all played like we did tonight – I feel like we could have a chance.”

After Snyder’s second double of the evening – which saw sprinkles fall from the sky in the third inning, only to subside 15 minutes later – Weber laced her second double as well. This one – like Vsetecka’s two-bagger earlier in the game – chased Central’s center fielder back toward the wall to try to snare the extra-base hit, but to no avail. By that time the score was 8-1, TV.

“Everybody was ready to play tonight,” said Hackman.

Vsetecka cranked an RBI shot past second to reach double-digit runs as the scoreboard read – 10-1, TV.

TV hit the ball and they fielded it as well. “We played our positions,” said Vsetecka.

It didn’t hurt matters that

senior hurler Sierra Morris tossed a one-hit gem – arguably her best performance inside the circle this season.

“I haven’t gone scope by scope, but she put us down for one error. For a team that’s been averaging five or six every game, that’s a big difference,” said Hackman. “Sierra only gave up one hit. They’ve got a darn good hitting lineup.”

Hackman squelched any question as to whether or not this was his team’s best outing on the year – in the most important tilt of the summer.

“I don’t think there’s n debate on that. I told them, ‘where’s this been all year?’” said Hackman. “Wasn’t this fun?”

**TURKEY VALLEY 10,
CLAYTON RIDGE 4**

TV	401	031	1	-	10
CR	020	101	0	-	4

Pitching - Sierra Morris 7 IP, 11 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 K.

Runs - Layni Schuchhardt 2, Morgan Vsetecka 2, Brianna Busta 2, Jacqlyn Schmitt 1, Alison Leibold 1, Kinsey Reicks 1, Halle Weber 1. Hits - Aubrey Hoffer 2, Olivia Snyder 1, Schmitt 1, Maici Weber 1, Vsetecka 1, Leibold 1, Busta 1. RBI - Leibold 2, Busta 2, Hoffer 2, Snyder 1, Clare Courtney 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 20,
CLAYTON RIDGE 14**

TV	700	041	8	-	20
CR	222	105	2	-	14

Pitching - H. Weber 5 IP, 10 H, 9 R, 9 ER, 5 BB, 3 K, Morris 2 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

2B - Courtney 2. HR - Courtney. Runs - Courtney 3, Reicks 3, Hoffer 3, Snyder 2, Abigail Schmitt 2, H. Weber 2, M. Weber 1, Schuchhardt 1, J. Schmitt 1, Leibold 1, Jenna Thronsdon 1. Hits - Courtney 4, M. Weber 4, A. Schmitt 3, Reicks 2, Leibold 2, Snyder 1, Hoffer 1. RBI - Courtney 6, A. Schmitt 3, Hoffer 2, J. Schmitt 2, Snyder 1, H. Weber 1.

**SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG 12,
TURKEY VALLEY 1**

Sumner-Fred	303	15	-	12
Turkey Valley	001	00	-	1

Pitching - H. Weber 2 2/3 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 2 BB, 0 K, Morris 2 1/3 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 2 K.

Runs - Reicks 1. Hits - Mariah Thronsdon 2, M. Weber 1, J. Schmitt 1, Hoffer 1. RBI - Hoffer 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 12,
CENTRAL ELKADER 1**

Central Elkader	010	00	-	1
Turkey Valley	204	6x	-	12

Pitching - Morris 5 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

2B - Snyder 2, M. Weber 2, Vsetecka. Runs - Snyder 2, J. Thronsdon 2, J. Schmitt 2, Courtney 1, Leibold 1, Reicks 1, Vsetecka 1, Hoffer 1, H. Weber 1. Hits - Leibold 3, Snyder 2, M. Weber 2, Vsetecka 2, Hoffer 1, Busta 1. RBI - M. Weber 3, Vsetecka 3, Leibold 2, Busta 2, Snyder 1.

Trojans finish .500 for first time in five seasons

TV BASEBALL: FROM 16

“We tried to slow him down. That was our plan. I think that kind of got us out of a little bit of rhythm,” said Stepan, whose team en. “Then the fourth inning we just kind of said let’s do what we do.”

Turkey Valley came into the game with plenty of momentum, thanks to a 13-2 win over Riceville last Wednesday when the smacked 13 hits – including doubles by Caleb Kurtenbach and Garrett Dietzenbach and a triple by Carson Busta – against Riceville pitching.

But Kee’s Cota popped the mitt repeatedly with his lively fastball and reliable off-speed pitches. He struck out seven through three innings.

He sent down the TV lineup in order in the first three frames and struck out the side in the third.

“We did everything we could. We just couldn’t put it together. When you face top-end pitching, you gotta maximize your opportunities,” said Stepan. “We just didn’t have a ton of them to do that.”

TV (14-14) finally got to Cota in the fourth with two outs. Calvin Bodensteiner managed the only hit of the game for TV, which was a grounder past second. Oliver Schmitt would walk in the next at-bat and TV had a rally brewing with runners on first and second with two outs. Cota induced a grounder to first to end the threat.

Kee High climbed on top in the very first inning after Cameron Lind’s single shot out to left field and got past Dietzenbach. Carter Seitz, who singled to lead off the inning, came all the way home from first on the misplay. Kee would add its second run on a sac fly later that inning.

Kee would put the game away in the third as the opportunistic Hawks capitalized on a key Trojan error to score two more runs and make it 4-0.

Cota was pulled because of the inning’s limit in the top of the sixth with two outs. He had walked Carson Busta with one out prior to getting

Bodensteiner to ground out on a force play at second. In came Drape and Oliver Schmitt swung at the first pitch – which ended up being another force out at second.

TV finally broke through in the final frame as Hayek’s leadoff slow roller to third was thrown far wide of first base. He advanced all the way to second with no outs. Caleb Kurtenbach’s grounder to second advanced him to third and he scored on a wild pitch a few pitches later.

TV freshman Logan Busta pitched well enough to keep his Trojans in the game. He allowed four earned runs and eight hits.

Turkey Valley played to its first .500 record since the Trojans went 16-15 in 2018.

“First thing I told them is I’m not sad we lost a game. I just don’t get to hang out with them anymore,” said Stepan. “Most of ‘em I taught in sixth grade and had them in football. You get attached to good groups of kids and they always have each other’s back.”

**SOUTH WINNESHIK 2,
TURKEY VALLEY 0**

TV	000	000	0	-	0
SW	002	000	x	-	2

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

Hits - Noah Hanson 1, Carson Busta 1, Caleb Kurtenbach 1, Brennen Drilling 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 13,
RICEVILLE 2**

Turkey Valley	017	32	-	13
Riceville	000	20	-	2

Pitching - Russell Nieman 5 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

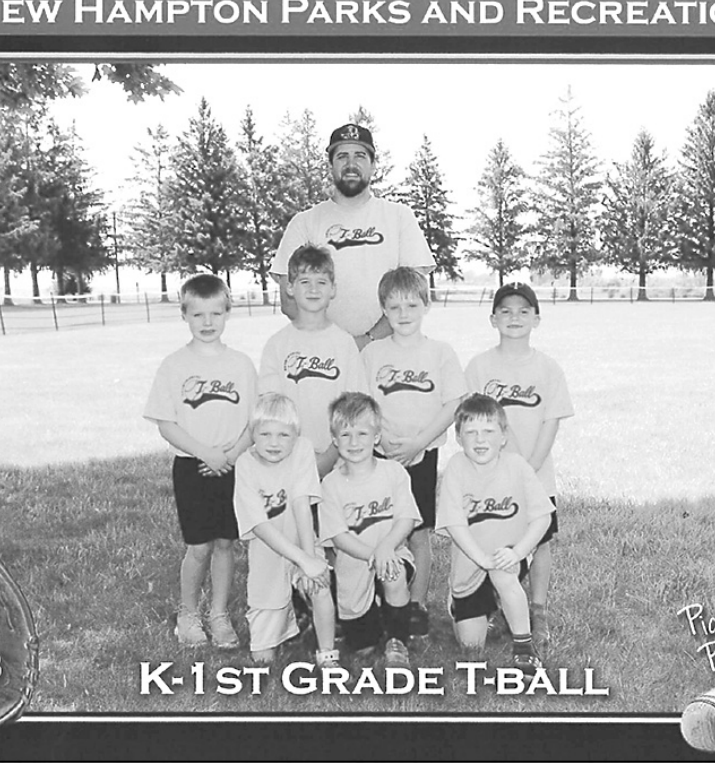
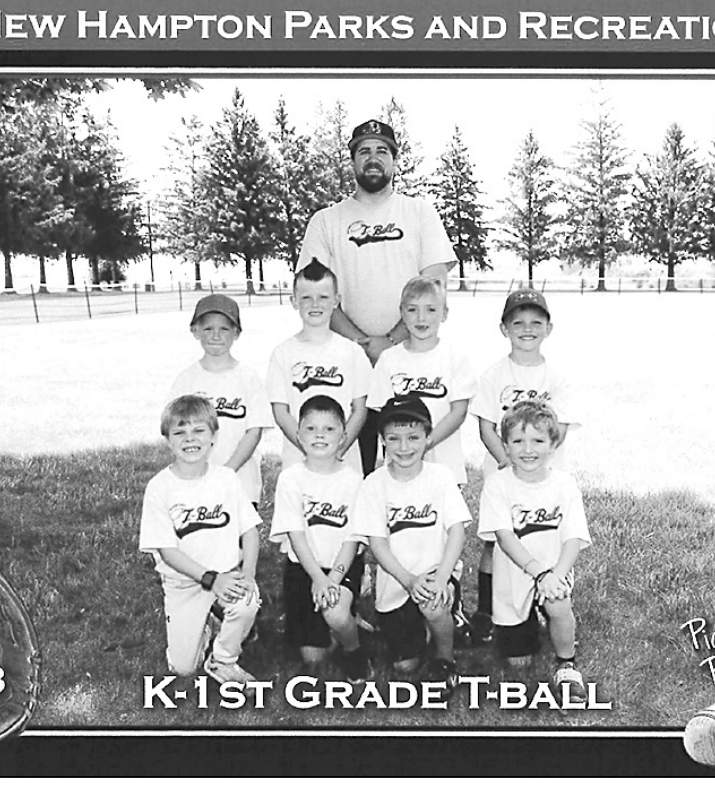
2B - Kurtenbach, Garrett Dietzenbach. 3B - Busta. Runs - Chase Hayek 4, Oliver Schmitt 3, Kurtenbach 2, Busta 1, Bodensteiner 1, Dietzenbach 1, Drilling 1. Hits - Kurtenbach 3, Schmitt 2, Dietzenbach 2, Hanson 1, Busta 1, Bodensteiner 1, Hayek 1, Drilling 1, Nieman 1. RBI - Kurtenbach 3, Schmitt 2, Dietzenbach 2, Hanson 1, Busta 1, Drilling 1, Nieman 1.

**KEE HIGH 6,
TURKEY VALLEY 1**

TV	000	000	1	-	1
Kee	204	000	x	-	6

Pitching - Logan Busta 6 IP, 8 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

Runs - Hayek 1. Hits - Bodensteiner 1.



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Seniors play well on their night, but Chickasaws drop regular season finale

NH Softball: From 15

solid in the pitcher's circle — giving up just three hits while striking out three and walking none.

But the nightcap was a different story as New Hampton gave up six unearned runs in a 7-2 loss. Eggerichs had two hits, Geerts doubled, but the Chickasaws couldn't overcome three costly errors.

Two nights later, it was the same story as New Hampton errors led to three North Fayette Valley unearned runs in a 3-2 loss.

Still, New Hampton came into the regular season finale with plenty of incentive. Not only were the Chickasaws' two seniors playing for the final time on the Mikkelson Park diamond but a win would give New Hampton a .500 record.

Eggerichs' homer in the first and her two-run single in the third helped New Hampton take a 4-3 lead and when eighth-grader Caycee Crawford smacked a two-run homer — her fourth of the season — New Hampton had a 6-3 lead.

But it wouldn't be enough as the Cadets rallied to give New Hampton its third-straight defeat.

"You want that win for the seniors, you want that win for some momentum heading into the playoffs," Hofmeister said after his team wrapped up the regular season 11-13 overall and 5-10 in the Northeast Iowa Conference. "I thought both our seniors had really good nights, and I'm glad for that. You just want them to get the win, but sometimes, you don't get what you want."

Still, the second-year coach believes his team is heading into the playoffs in the right frame of mind.

"We had a good, really good, two-hour practice yesterday,"

he said on Tuesday morning. "I gave them the day off today for the Fourth, and we'll get a good practice in tomorrow. This has been a very resilient group, and I know they want to keep playing. I think you'll see our best effort Thursday night."

So, too, does Eggerichs. "You know me, I like to win," she said, "but this has been a really fun season — win or lose. I think what's made it that way is all the girls really get along. We're all in this together. I know Sumner's good, but we can beat them. We have to go into the game with confidence and forget about the records and play loose. If we do that, I know we can hang with them."

NEW HAMPTON 5, WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 3
NH 000 002 3 - 5
W-SR 100 100 1 - 3
Chloe Weigel 7 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

2B - Claire Geerts. HR - Kandice Eggerichs. Runs - Eggerichs 2, Cora Schwickerath 1, Ava Leichtman 1, Kayme Hackman 1. Hits - Schwickerath 1, Eggerichs 1, Geerts 1, Elaina Rosonke 1. RBIs - Eggerichs 2, Geerts 2.

WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 7, NEW HAMPTON 2
NH 000 020 0 - 2
W-SR 013 030 x - 7
Caycee Crawford 3 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 0 K; Jackie Pickar 3 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

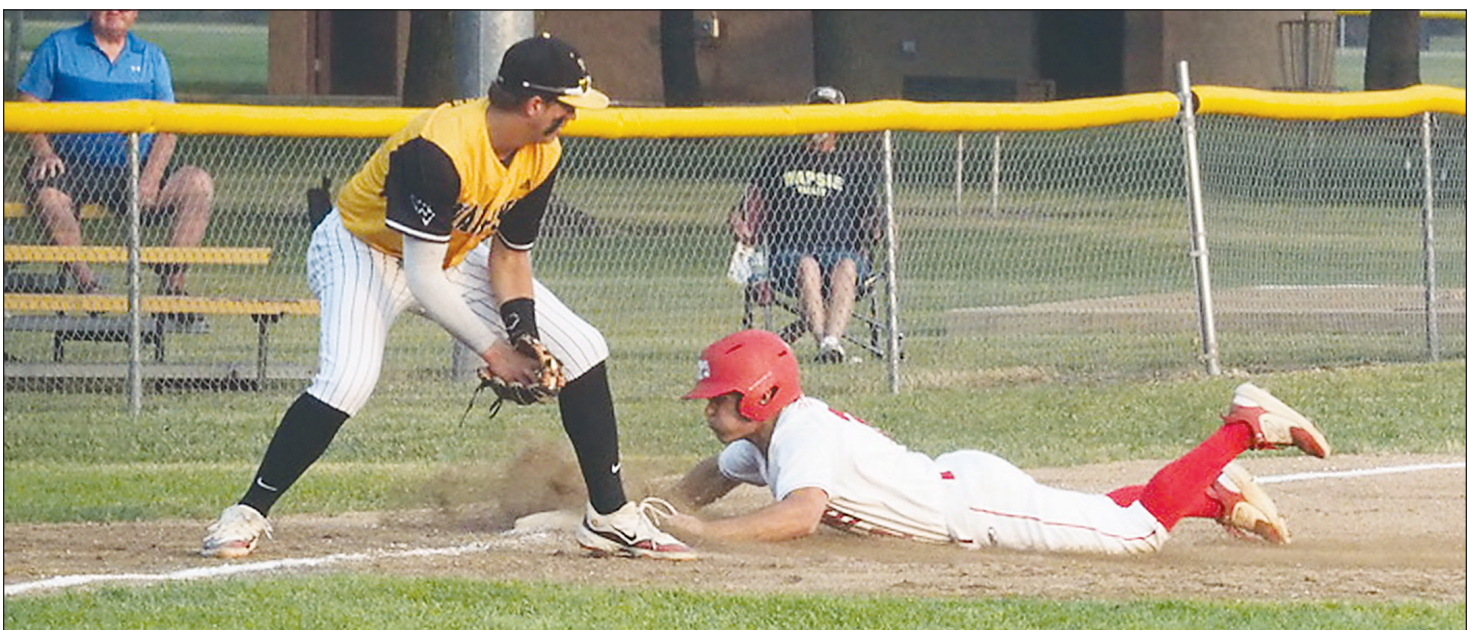
2B - Geerts. Runs - Leichtman 1, Eggerichs 1. Hits - Eggerichs 2, Geerts 1, Sydney Laures 1, Leichtman 1. RBIs - Geerts 1, Crawford 1.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 3, NEW HAMPTON 2
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CRESTWOOD 9, NEW HAMPTON 6
Crest 201 060 0 - 9
NH 103 200 0 - 6

Weigel 7 IP, 11 H, 9 R, 6 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

2B - Eggerichs, Geerts, Jenna Heeren. HR - Eggerichs, Crawford. Runs - Eggerichs 1, Heeren 1, Crawford 1, Sophie Glaser 1, Pickar 1, Laures 1. Hits - Eggerichs 3, Heeren 2, Glaser 2, Elaina Rosonke 1, Crawford 1, Geerts 1. RBIs - Eggerichs 3, Crawford 2.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton sophomore Jaxon Eckley slides safely into third base with a stolen base in the Chickasaws' win over Wapsie Valley last week.

Coach lauds resilient group of Chickasaws

NH Baseball: From 16

shutout. He struck out six and walked just two.

"Gannon is the epitome of true player development and Chickasaw baseball," said McDonald. "He'd be the first to admit control was an issue last year and that's why we couldn't pitch him as much. What a difference a year makes."

McDonald, in his 15th year at the helm, talked about how far Shekleton has come on the mound. Shekleton has allowed just four earned runs in over 46 innings on the hill this summer.

"An 8-0 record — undefeated is undefeated," said McDonald. "He's faced every team's ace and he's beaten every team's ace — knocked 'em out. I mean, wow."

The ball bounced New Hampton's way against Wapsie in the first inning with the bases loaded. Aiden Roberson's high chopper to third was air mailed past first and rolled into the bullpen in right field after the errant throw. That cleared the bases and gave Shekleton all the run support he would need.

"Everybody's starting to put it in play more and that brings 'em around," said NH junior shortstop Ben Gilbert. "Being loose really helps. Don't play tense — make the plays."

Shekleton hit an RBI ground-out to second to plate New Hampton's final run of the evening in the third.

"We're just having a lot of fun. I think that's what it is," said Shekleton. "We love each other and we're good teammates to each other."

The final frame perhaps personified how well New Hampton is playing. Facing the heart of the Wapsie batting order, the Chickasaws made play after play.

NH senior center fielder Peyton Anderson ran what seemed a country mile to track down a shallow fly ball in left-center for the first out of the inning. After a 1-out walk to Bryar Bellis, Blake Hesse smoked a ball to deep center-field. That put Anderson on the run again, but he lassoed in the rocket off the Warrior bat for an amazing over-the-shoulder catch on the dead run.

Was that one of the catches of the year for the all-state wrestler and standout cross country runner?

"Probably — definitely," smiled Anderson.

NH did not commit an error versus the Warriors.

"We've really cleaned up the errors," said Gilbert.

New Hampton ran roughshod over the Huskies as New Hampton's leadoff hitter and one of the best batters in Class 2A — Kael Meyers — continued his onslaught of opposing pitchers.

Meyers cranked his third home of the season versus Oelwein and knocked in three runs. He also scored three times and collected three hits.

Meyers is fourth in Class 2A with a .630 on-base-percentage and led the NEIC in hitting with a .468 batting average.

Meyers — who was supposed to be NH's ace this season — was lost as a pitcher in the first few games of the season with a torn ligament in his elbow. Couple that hurdle New Hampton has had to overcome with the injury of star outfielder/pitcher Braden McShane — one of the best overall athletes in the state of Iowa — and it's easy to see why McDonald is super proud of how his group has responded to challenges in 2023.

"This group has been one of the most resilient teams that I've coached — one of the most overachieving teams I've ever coached — and they have had so much fun playing baseball together. We don't want it to end."

NH sophomore Jaxon Eckley shut down the Huskies bats as he cruised on the hill against the Huskies. He struck out nine and walked two in his three-hit complete game. Shekleton knocked in four runs and doubled.

The Chickasaws — which earned the No. 1 seed and bye in Class 2A, District 6 — played Osage on Wednesday after this edition of the Tribune went to press. If it won, New Hampton will play host to either MFL-Mar-Mac or Waukon — who played in the other semifinal Wednesday — in the district

title game on Saturday.

"We ended on a high now going into the playoffs. It's a good feeling to win before we go into the playoffs and we want to keep going," said Shekleton.

NEW HAMPTON 11, OELWEIN 1
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Pitching - Jaxon Eckley 5 IP, 3 H, 1 E, 0 ER, 2 BB, 9 K.

2B - Gannon Shekleton. 3B - Aiden Roberson. HR - Kael Meyers.

Runs - Meyers 3, Eckley 2, Taly

Bohaty 1, Shekleton 1, Roberson 1, Carsyn Leistikow 1, Peyton Anderson 1, Ben Gilbert 1. Hits - Meyers 3, Eckley 2, Roberson 2, Shekleton 1, Anderson 1. RBI - Shekleton 4, Meyers 3, Roberson 1, Leistikow 1.

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Pitching - Shekleton 7 IP, 3 H, 0 R,

0 ER, 2 BB, 6 K.

2B - Meyers. Runs - Eckley 2, Bohaty 1, Shekleton 1. Hits - Meyers 1, Eckley 1, Roberson 1. RBI - Roberson 3, Shekleton 1.



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New Hampton catcher Claire Geerts tracks a pitch to the plate during the Chickasaws' final regular season game against Crestwood last week.

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