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Poll workers (above) check in a couple of voters at the Chickasaw Event Center Tuesday morning, which is when Kali Roberson (below) cast her ballot “electronically” at the Fredericksburg Community Center.

# VOTERS MAKE DECISIONS

SUCKOW, TROYNA AND YSBRAND WIN CONTESTED RACES IN CHICKASAW COUNTY



**BY BOB FENSKE**  
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors will have two new members when the calendar flips to 2023; one was a given while the other was up in the air until Tuesday evening when the unofficial vote totals were tabulated.

In District 5, which covers much of the eastern part of the county, Republican challenge Travis Suckow knocked off Democratic incumbent Jason Byrne, who was seeking a third term on the county

board.

Suckow garnered 576 votes, or 54.9 percent of the vote, while Byrne was the choice of 473 voters, of 45.1 percent. Byrne had first been elected to the board in 2010, and after losing his seat to Dan Carolan in 2014, he won a rematch in 2018.

Suckow’s win was part of a red wave that roared through the county as Republicans were the choice of voters in almost every race.

The Fredericksburg resident

**SEE ELECTION, 3**

## City voters approve LOST changes

Voters in New Hampton gave the go-ahead for the city to use its local-option sales tax, commonly referred to as LOST funds, to pay its fee to be part of a new county-owned ambulance service.

The measure received 1,063 yes votes, or 76.6 percent, while 324 voted against the measure.

In the past, LOST funds were directed to infrastructure projects, which will still receive any remaining funds after the ambulance bill, which will be about \$350,000 in 2023, is paid.

## County still not sure which fund will pay for its share of EMS

Attorney says supervisors can use ‘rural money’ for new service but supervisors hold off on decision

**BY BOB FENSKE**  
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors got the legal go-ahead Monday from County Attorney David Laudner to pay its portion of the new ambulance service with Rural Services Basic (RSB) funds, but board members took no action on how or if they’ll contribute funds to Chickasaw County EMS.

“You’ve asked whether you can use RSB to cover these costs, and my answer is on the front page and it’s yes if you make some determinations and some limits,” Laudner told supervisors. “I’m not opining at all as to whether or not that’s good policy ... that’s up to you guys to decide. My only answer is a legal answer, not the political answer.”

The discussion about how the county would fund its portion of the service that is scheduled to begin on Jan. 1 came after board members approved a number of purchases — including liability insurance and laptop computers — and also approved two agreements with MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

Board members had asked Laudner to prepare an opinion on using RSB, which is funded through rural property taxes, to pay for ambulance service, and in a letter he wrote to supervisors, he said they could ... to an extent.

The idea behind starting a county-owned ambulance service began with the county paying 40 percent of the costs with the eight cities in the county contributing 60 percent on a per capita basis. When Alta Vista and Nashua decided not to join the new service, an agreement was reached in which the remaining cities would not be charged more with the loss of two cities.

Under 28E agreements the county signed with the cities of New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington, the cities agreed to pay the county the rates first proposed, but technically, the agreements only require to provide there service.

“The bottom line is you’re responsible for the service, you’re responsible for the service

**SEE AMBULANCE, 3**

## Weather turns out perfect for kicking off the holidays



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Schueth Ace Hardware Store employee Sanja Noehl talks with a customer Saturday morning, when New Horizons-Chamber celebrated its annual Holiday Open House.

Holiday Open House rain actually helps draw people

**BY BOB FENSKE**  
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This was not supposed to be the way the first big New Horizons-Chamber event was supposed to go for its new executive director, Liz Zweibohmer.

When she awoke early Saturday morning with the annual Holiday Open House just a few hours away, she didn’t even have to look outside. She could hear the rain.

“We were really worried that the weather might put a damper on things,” she said and then added with a laugh, “or at least, I was. I’m like, ‘No, be nice.’”

The fretting went for naught, though, as businesses, the annual Pub Craft Crawl and the Maker’s Market all reported brisk business on the day that New Hampton kicked off the 2022 holiday shopping season.

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City Council learns New Hampton Police Department moves closer to full strength  
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**All-UIC volleyball**  
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New Hampton has dozen players honored by district coaches  
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# Neighbors helping neighbors

A host of combines and semi-truck trailers can be seen in this aerial photo as a group of area farmers help harvest the crops on the Dale Rosonke farm earlier this week. Rosonke died in a tragic accident, and his neighbors have rallied around the family. For more on the story, see our Salute to Corn and Soybean Producers pages in next week's Tribune.

# It's one down; one to go for New Hampton police

Chief tells City Council that its actions earlier this year help the department land new officer

By BOB FENSKE  
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New Hampton Police Chief Zach Nobsch thanked the City Council on Monday night for actions it took earlier this year, actions Nobsch said has moved his department closer to being at full strength.

During a short — like 13 minutes short — meeting, Nobsch told the council that Nick Sylvester has accepted an offer to join the force, effective Dec. 5.

“I think both expanding the radius and increasing the pay helped a lot,” Nobsch said, “and honestly, I’m not sure if this applicant would have accepted without them.”

Earlier this year, the City Council bumped the pay of police officers by \$2 per hour and also changed a rule that stated city employees had to live within 10 miles of the city limits and bumped that radius up to 50 miles.

Sylvester, who currently

works as a guard at the state penitentiary in Anamosa, currently lives in Elkader but plans on moving to an area within the 50-mile radius.

But Nobsch told council members since the new officer's wife works in Elkader, without the 50-mile radius, he doubted Sylvester would have accepted the job offer without the rule change.

Following the meeting, Nobsch said that with the recent departure of Braxton Rash, who took a job as a deputy with the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office, the department is currently “down” two officers, leaving the force with just four.

“It's been stressful, I won't lie,” Nobsch said, “but I know we're all breathing a sigh of relief that we know we have one coming on board soon.”

He said testing and interviews will take place either late this week or early next week to get the sixth position filled as soon as possible.



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Voters (above) make their choices as they sit at “voting booths” Tuesday morning at the Chickasaw County Event Center while down the road in Fredericksburg, Tony Utley (below) feeds his “electronic receipt into a voting machine.

Dorothy Huber/Tribune

## Republicans dominate in Chickasaw County

### ELECTION: FROM 1

will be joined on the board by fellow Republican Scott Cerwinski, the former Nashua city councilman who knocked off incumbent Tim Zoll in the June primary and ran unopposed in Tuesday’s general election.

That will leave the board with four Republicans and just one Democrat, Steve Breitbach, who won a March special election by just two votes.

Meanwhile, the GOP also got a win in the race for country treasurer as Matt Ysbrand received 2,837 votes, or 58.3 percent, to easily turn back Democrat Keith Hoey, who received 1,684 votes, or 34.6 percent. Jackie Bohr, who lost the Republican primary, mounted a write-in campaign, and although the Auditor’s Office did not release the names of the write-ins, 349, or 7.2 percent, of voters did cast write-in ballots for the office.

Ysbrand will replace Sue Breitbach, the Democrat who announced earlier this year that she will retire at the end of the year.

The lone Democrat to win in the county was Recorder Shirley Troyna.

She received 2,891 votes, or 58.8 percent, while Zoll, who was nominated by a special Republican convention, garnered 2,016 voters, or 41 percent.

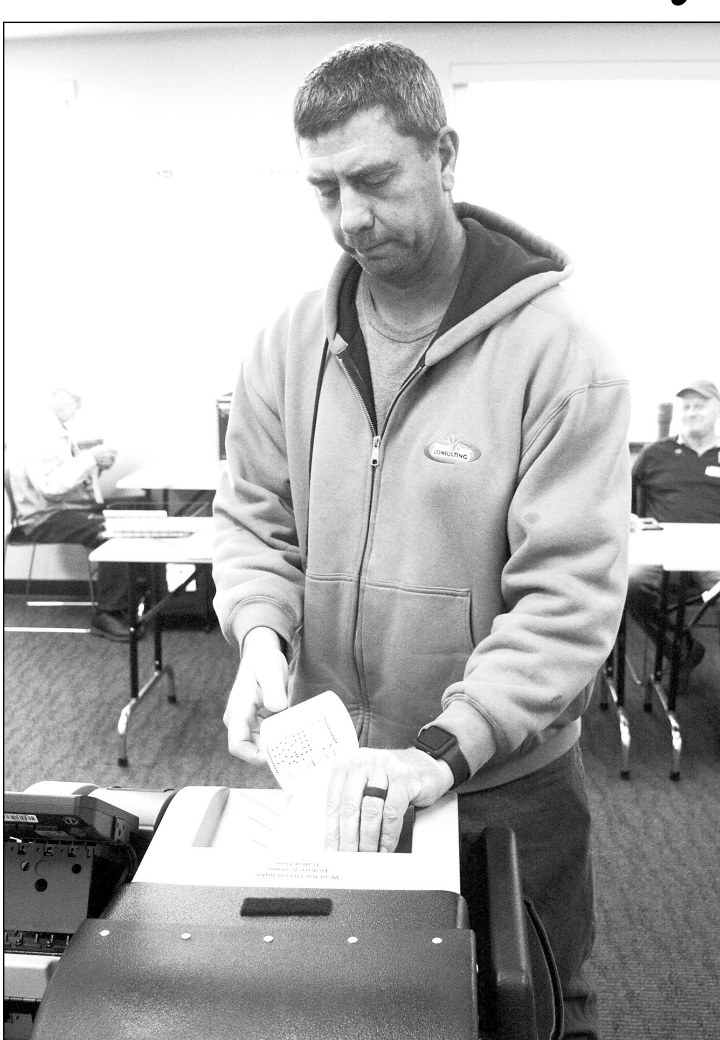
Auditor Sheila Shekleton and County Attorney David Laudner, both ran unopposed.

And Republicans dominated the rest of the county vote to, helping Charley Thomson win the Iowa House of Representatives District 58 race and current State Rep. Sandy Salmon claim the State Senate District 29 seat.

Turnout for the election was relatively high, especially for a mid-term election, as 5,026 ballots were cast, meaning 60.6 percent of registered Chickasaw County voters either voted early or headed to the polls on Tuesday.

The Auditor’s Office reported that it received 2,153 absentee ballots by the time polls closed. Under a law passed in 2020, absentee ballots must be returned to the Auditor’s Office by that time.

All results from Tuesday’s election are unofficial until the Board of Supervisors canvass the election, which is expected to take place next week.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

## Gearing up for the play

New Hampton High School students (from left) Kelli Jirak, Shelby Springer, Annala Elliott and Catherine Pethoud rehearse a scene from “Anchors Aweigh” that the Drama Department will present Friday and Saturday night at the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium.

The cast includes 25 actors, one student running sound and two more running lights.

The play is a comedy that Director Maggie Konecne says offer plenty of laughs for the entire family, and the curtain goes up at 7 p.m. each night.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door.

## Nashua to use ARPA for EMS service

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
Of the Reporter

The vote was unanimous. Nashua City officials all voted to accept \$237,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds that have been allocated to the city of 1,500 residents.

The funds can be used to replace public sector revenue to provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic.

Nashua created and then passed a resolution to accept the funds and the funds must be determined by Dec. 31, 2024

and expended by Dec. 31, 2026.

Other important action taken by all five Council members in attendance at last Monday’s meeting held at the Nashua Welcome Center included passing an ordinance to establish a volunteer ambulance service.

The city is hoping to have Nashua Area EMS operational and up and running by the start of the New Year after the contract with its current provider runs out on Dec. 31, 2022. The town has been in limbo and concerned about the future of its EMS (emergency medical services) after it chose to withdraw

from the Chickasaw County proposed publicly-owned ambulance service that is still trying to get off the ground.

Nashua is also working toward an agreement with AMR (American Medical Response), Floyd County and Charles City to use that EMS as a back-up to its newly-created volunteer ambulance service.

Nashua City Clerk John Ott stated the labor costs to run Nashua’s new EMS would run about \$10,000 a year based on the per-average call rate for a 12-month period from prior years.

## Attorney: County can use rural funds, with limitations, for EMS

### AMBULANCE: FROM 1

whether it costs you \$100,000, \$400,000 or \$4 million a year,” he said. “You’re responsible for the service with the assistance of the money from the cities so if the money is sufficient to cover the service, then that’s sufficient. Then you don’t have to kick in anything, quite frankly. ... That’s how the 28Es work.”

Supervisor Jake Hackman, who has opposed using RSB to fund the new service, asked what happens if the county has to cover more than it’s original costs?

“What my answer is that you can only use rural services money up to the extent that it’s covering ‘the rural people’ based upon the proportion of the people that are part of the 28E agreements and the project in general. So if in fact the cities are paying X and you’re rural services, if you decide, to pay Y and the bill is 2X and 2Y, then you’re going to have find the rest of that money from somewhere else.”

Hackman wondered aloud about the residents of the two non-participating cities if the county had to use General Basic/General Service funds to cover shortfalls.

“If it did have to come from GB/GS,” he said. “what about the poor cities of Nashua and Alta Vista? Because they pay into GB/GS.”

Laudner said “that’s a political question, not a legal question. If they feel like there’s legal action to be taken, so be it.”

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said that he supported using the RSB to fund the county’s share.

“I support up to that 40 percent, which is what we did the numbers off of, to come from rural Basic and County Betterment, as it is done now,” he said. “If there’s overages, if we need more than that 40 percent, then we have to do some thinking. Hopefully, we don’t get to that point.”

He got support from both Jason Byrne and Steve Breitbach.

“I’m with you,” Byrne said. “I think it’s our duty to put in our portion as well ... however, we’re doing it now.”

Breitbach chimed in with just two words — “I agree.”

Hackman, though, said before the county decides how to fund its portion of the service, the county needs to have a budget for the new service.

Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson said he has started working on a budget and when Hackman said the board needs to see a budget by next week, Knutson said he would try to have one ready.

Hackman also asked what would happen if rural townships decided to opt for EMS services out of Nashua or Elma, which will provide service to Alta Vista, and also brought up the 12 sections in the southeastern part of the county that currently use SEMS Ambulance Service.

In the end, when Kuhn asked if anyone wanted to make a motion, the room went silent.

## Briefs

### Sheriff’s Office makes drug arrest at Fredericksburg apartment

Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office deputies arrested a Fredericksburg woman Friday evening after executing a search warrant at an apartment.

Ashley Janette Kirby, 33, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance-second offense after authorities searched her apartment located at 1450 1/2 W. Main St.

Kirby was transported to the Chickasaw County Jail where she was held until her initial appearance in court.

According to a press release, the investigation is continuing, with further charges and arrests pending.

### Wisconsin man with active warrant arrested in Ionia

The Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office arrested a Wisconsin man who is a convicted felon and had an active arrest warrant out of Wisconsin’s Dane County.

Elijah Enoch John Caldwell of Delavan, Wisconsin, was arrested Monday after deputies received a report of an assault and a felon in possession of a firearm at 1525 210th Street, Ionia.

At 5:30 p.m., with the assistance of the Iowa State Patrol Tactical Team, an arrest warrant for a felon in possession of a firearm, a Class D felony, was served on Caldwell.

He was taken into custody without incident, and he was also charged with domestic abuse assault while displaying a weapon.

Caldwell is currently behind held on a \$25,000 cash-only bond.

In addition to the Chickasaw County Sheriff’s Office and the State Patrol Tactical Team, others assisting during the incident included the Iowa State Patrol K-9 units, the New Hampton Fire Department, Chickasaw Ambulance Service, the Wisconsin Department of Probation and Parole and the Chickasaw County Attorney’s Office.

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# Not a Christian holiday, but ...

## The glory of the Lord should be our focus as we celebrate Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

### The ‘First’ Thanksgiving

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

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

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

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

Pilgrims had perished, the remaining settlers celebrated a feast.

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

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

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

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

### Thanksgivings to the Lord

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

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

This celebration was seen as an official day of thanksgiving when the grateful Pilgrims praised the Lord for the rain after suffering the effects of drought. Such “holidays,” like the one in 1623, were sporadic and not held at the same time every year.

After the Puritans arrived in Plymouth in 1630, they quickly enveloped the Pilgrims and their settlement, and the Plymouth Colony soon became mainly Puritan. Like the Pilgrims, the Puritans would sporadically recognize days of thanksgiving.

However, in 1668, the Plymouth Colony decreed an observation of thanksgiving to the Lord, for the colony’s members to give thanks on the fourth Thursday in November. Evidently, this influenced the idea that Thanksgiving was a Christian holiday.

During the afternoon, they would say a prayer to give thanks and enjoy an abundant dinner. Through the influence of the Pilgrims and Puritans, celebrations of Thanksgiving would often include consideration of the poor, either by inviting them to the feast or the later practice of giving to charity.

Thus, in this sense, the earlier celebrations of Thanksgiving were impacted by the religious observances of the Pilgrims and Puritans. However, the later development of the holiday moved away from the Christian influences to instead support a nationalistic agenda.

### An Official National Holiday

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

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

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

Lincoln hoped the observance of Thanksgiving would encourage a reunion of the nation during the Civil War. As the President that officially inaugurated the holiday, Lincoln is credited with making Thanksgiving a national holiday.

Thanksgiving Day became enmeshed with the history of the “first” Thanksgiving in 1621, to provide a nationalistic narrative to the holiday. Especially in the 1800s and 1900s, children were taught about the events at Plymouth,

but with a simplistic view of the happenings.

The overarching idea was that the Native American Indians passed the land over to the new settlers, but this was not the case. Sadly, children in schools in the past and present were not taught about the colonialism behind the holiday and the bloody wars that followed the “first” Thanksgiving.

The colonies spread and thrived, eventually turning into America, at the expense and oppression of the Native Americans.

As is noted in a theological journal article about Thanksgiving, “We selectively recount the story of the pilgrims, their courage and valor, while at the same time selectively ignoring the cost their growing abundance and expansion meant for native peoples who were already living here even as some of us reap the benefits.”

Americans need to keep this in mind on the day we give thanks for our land and country.

### Christians and Thanksgiving

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

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

Even though Thanksgiving is not a Christian holiday, followers of Christ can choose to observe the day to the glory of God, thus making the day special even if other Christians choose to abstain from celebrating the holiday (Romans 14:6).

Either way, the glory of the Lord is the focus for Christians on Thanksgiving (1 Corinthians 10:31).

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*This article was written by Sophia Bricker for the website christianity.com*

## Church Services

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#### LITTLE BROWN CHURCH

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#### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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#### ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

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

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310 Main Street  
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602 Cedar Street  
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Father Nick Radloff  
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Student Pastor Sue Cira  
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222 S. Washington Ave.  
Pastor Ron Koch  
**Service time:** 9 a.m.,  
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221 Oak St.  
Pastor Scott Smith  
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#### WAUCOMA

#### ST. MARY CATHOLIC

218 3rd St. NW  
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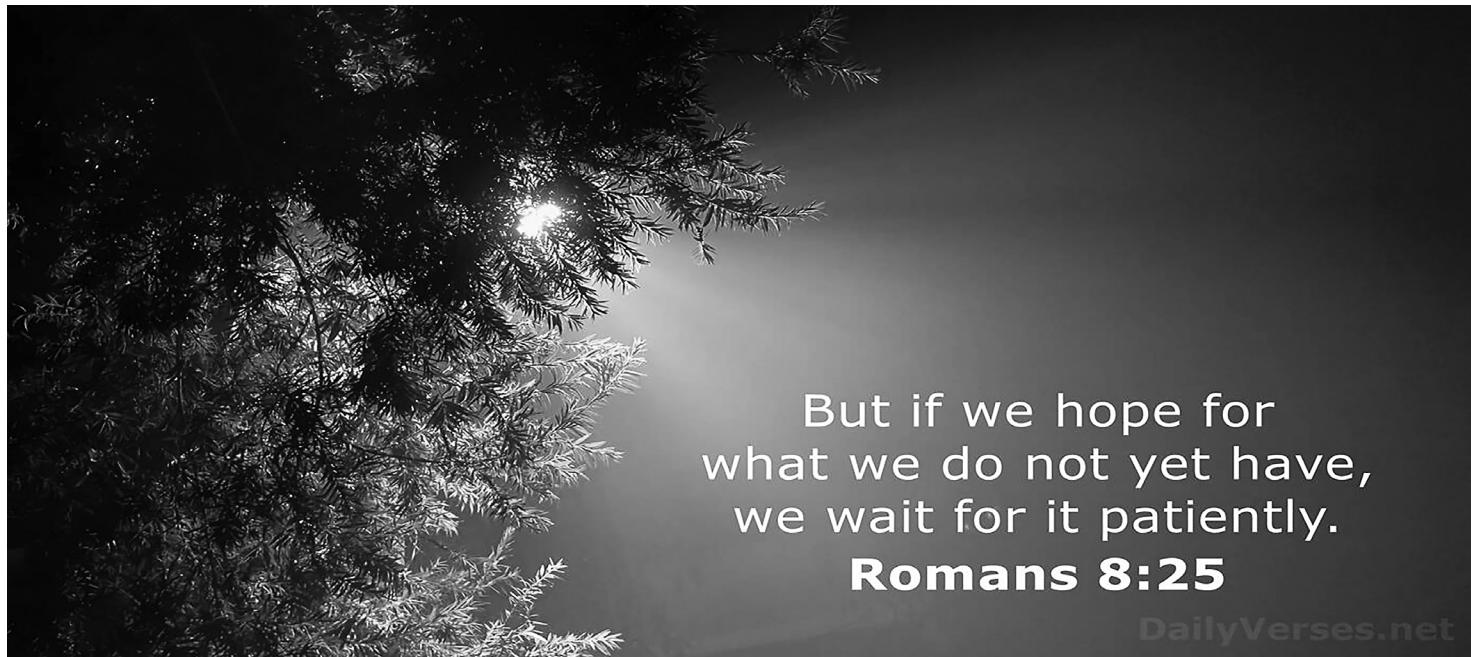
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# Here’s Your ‘Recession Survival’ Checklist

It’s unfortunate, but recessions are a fairly normal part of the economic landscape. When a recession occurs, how might you be affected? The answer depends on your individual situation, but regardless of your circumstances, you might want to consider the items in this recession survival checklist:

**Assess your income stability.** If your employment remains steady, you may not have to do anything different during a recession. But if you think your income could be threatened or disrupted, you might want to consider joining the “gig economy” or looking for freelance or consulting opportunities.

**Review your spending.** Look for ways to trim your spending, such as canceling subscription services you don’t use, eating out less often, and so on.

**Pay down your debts.** Try to reduce your debts, especially those with high interest rates.

**Plan your emergency fund.** If you haven’t already built one, try to create an emergency fund containing three to six months’ worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid account.

**Review your protection plan.** If your health or life insurance is tied to your work, a change in your employment status could jeopardize this coverage. Review all your options for replacing these types of protection. Also, look for ways to lower premiums on home or auto insurance, without significantly sacrificing coverage, to free up money that could be used for health/ life insurance.

**Keep your long-term goals in mind.** Even if you adjust your portfolio during times of volatility, don’t lose sight of your long-term goals. Trying to “outsmart” the market with short-term strategies can often lead to missteps and missed opportunities.

**Don’t stop investing.** If you can afford it, try to continue investing. Coming out of a recession, stock prices tend to bottom out and then rebound, so if you had headed to the investment “sidelines,” you would have missed the opportunity to benefit from a market rally.



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**Revisit your performance expectations.** During a bear market, you will constantly be reminded of the decline of a particular market index, such as the S&P 500 or the Dow Jones Industrial Average. But instead of focusing on these short-term numbers, look instead at the long-term performance of your portfolio to determine if you’re still on track toward meeting your goals.

**Assess your risk tolerance.** If you find yourself worrying excessively about declines in your investment statements, you may want to reevaluate your tolerance for risk. One’s risk tolerance can change over time — and it’s important you feel comfortable with the amount of risk you take when investing.

**Keep diversifying.** Diversification is always important for investors — by having a mix of stocks, mutual funds and bonds, you can reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. To cite one example: Higher-quality bonds, such as Treasuries, often move in the opposite direction of stocks, so the presence of these bonds in your portfolio, if appropriate for your goals, can be valuable when market conditions are worsening. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee profits or protect against all losses in a declining market.)

A recession accompanied by a bear market is not pleasant. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can boost your chances of getting through a difficult period and staying on track toward your important financial goals.

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*Edward Jones, Member SIPC*

# Salvation Army needs you ... to ring the bell

The Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army will begin its annual Red Kettle campaign next week, and bell ringers are needed for the fundraising drive that runs through Christmas Eve. The kettle will once again be

located at Fareway, and those who want to volunteer to ring the bell can do so by calling Liz Markham at 641-394-4331. Conway-Markham Funeral Home is the headquarters for the army’s Chickasaw County Unit.

Funds raised during the campaign are used to help county residents navigate emergencies and tragedies, and Kris Markham, whose family has worked raising money for the Army for a number of years,

said that “the more volunteers we have, the more we can help people.” Organizations can also sign-up for “a day” of bell ringing, and they can do so by calling the funeral home.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Shoppers look over merchandise and do a little “catching up” during the Pub Craft Crawl, which included one stop at the New Hampton Telecommunications building in downtown New Hampton.

# Chamber has more holiday events on tap

## HOLIDAYS: FROM 1

“I think the weather actually helped us a lot,” said Zweibohmer, who took over as the chamber director in late August. “It wasn’t exactly a day where you wanted to be outside, doing yard work and all that stuff. Instead, we actually had people tell us that they had a hard time finding parking spots. And, you know, that’s a good thing for an event like this.”

Of course, the joke for the Maker’s Market coordinators, Kerstin Schwickerath and Marisa Flick, was “if you ever need it to rain, just ask [us] to plan a market.”

But the number of people who walked through the market at the St. Joseph Community School Parish Center Saturday showed that Zweibohmer was on to something.

A dreary, rainy Saturday means there’s more time for shopping.

“I think a lot of people did really well,” the chamber director said. “It was a great day — maybe not the weather but everything else — to show how much local businesses have to

offer. It was a lot of fun.” And that holiday fun is just beginning.

The Holiday Open House kicked off the annual Holiday Punch Card program New Horizons and its members sponsor each year, and weekly drawings will be held each Wednesday, beginning Nov. 23, for six weeks. The chamber will be giving away more than \$4,500 in prizes, gift cards and bonus bucks.

“We really had amazing sponsors step up this year,” Zweibohmer said, “and we’re excited to start drawing some winners.”

The chamber is also planning Home for the Holidays and Small Business Saturday for Nov. 26 and the Live Windows Display will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1.

“It’s a great time of the year,” Zweibohmer said. “The Home for the Holidays, we think, works perfectly for everyone who’s back for Thanksgiving, and Live Windows is just one of those really cool things that we always look forward to. It’s a great way to celebrate New Hampton.”



Kerstin Schwickerath (above) talks with a customer at the Maker’s Market while Dak’s Tap (below) is the home to one of the Pub Craft Crawl stops.



Samantha Reicks and Jonathan Schulz

# Reicks-Schulz engagement

Samantha Sally Reicks and Jonathan Ronald Schulz, both of New Hampton would like to announce their upcoming marriage on Nov. 26, 2022.

Parents of the couple are Carl and Kristen Reicks, New Hampton, and Terry and Rhonda Schulz, Clear Lake.

Samantha is a 2016 graduate of New Hampton High School and a 2020 graduate of Iowa State University. She is working with the Plantpeddler in Cresco as a grower specialist.

Jonathan is a 2015 graduate of NHHS. He is working with Schulz Farms as a commodities specialist and swine manager.

The couple will celebrate with a dance at the Waucoma Event Center from 7:30 to midnight. The dance will be open to the public. Friends and family are invited to come celebrate with them!



Photo courtesy of Jason Rude/New Hampton Middle School

# It’s official: Mayor proclaims American Education Week!

New Hampton Mayor Bobby Schwickerath signs a proclamation declaring this week — Nov. 14-18 — American Education Week in New Hampton as New Hampton Middle School students — (from left) Kennadee Anderson, Sydney Laures, Ella Wassenar, Kayme Hackman, Lohen Tank, Ben Burke, Brooke Vestal, Capri Lester and Emma Elliott — look on Monday morning.



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Forecast

**Thursday:** Showers and thunderstorms likely with a high of 66 and a low o 23.

**Veterans Day:** Mostly cloudy and cold with a high of 31 and a low of 17.

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy with a high of 26 and a low of 14.

**Sunday:** Sunny but still cold with a high of 27 and a low of 14.

**Extended forecast:** We'll start the work week with sunny skies but it's still going to feel like winter with highs near 30 and lows in the teens.

Meetings

- MONDAY**
- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
  - New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications Boards, 5 p.m., Light Plant Board Room.

History

- In 1775, the Continental Congress passes a resolution stating that "two Battalions of Marines be raised" for service as landing forces for the recently formed Continental Navy.
- In 1928, the first installment of "All Quiet on the Western Front," Erich Maria Remarque's acclaimed novel of World War I, appears in the German magazine Vossische Zeitung.
- In 1942, in response to the Allied invasion of North Africa, German troops occupy Vichy France, which had previously been free of an Axis military presence.
- In 1969, "Sesame Street," a pioneering TV show that would teach generations of young children the alphabet and how to count, makes its broadcast debut on PBS.
- In 1975, the SS Edmund Fitzgerald, a ship immortalized by the Gordon Lightfoot song, sinks in Lake Superior, killing all 29 crew members on board.

Birthdays

- Martin Luther, the German theologian and key figure in the Protestant Reformation, was born in 1483.
- Country singer Miranda Lambert turns 39.
- Ellen Pompeo, star of TV's "Grey's Anatomy," turns 53.
- German film director Roland Emmerich turns 67.

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Allen G. Balk, 81

Allen G. Balk, age 81 of Waucoma, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, at Howard County Regional Health with his family by his side.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Little Turkey, with Father Nick Radlaff celebrating the mass.

Burial was held at St. Rose Cemetery in Waucoma.

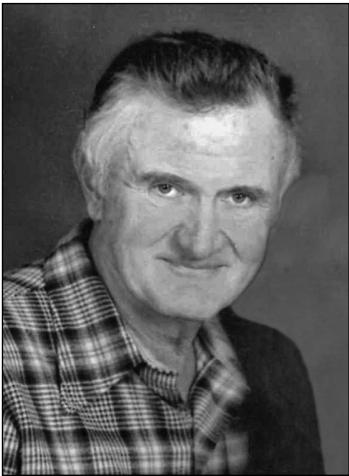
Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in New Hampton with a 3:30 p.m. Rosary and 7 p.m. Scriptural Wake Service. Visitation continued at the church one hour prior to the funeral mass on Tuesday.

Online condolences may be left at [www.conway-markham-fh.com](http://www.conway-markham-fh.com). Memorials may be directed to the family.

Allen Gene was born May 25, 1941, the son of Leo and Evelyn (Bouska) Balk in Lawler.

He attended and graduated from Lawler High School. After completing his education, Allen began his lifelong farming career alongside his brother, Joe.

While attending a donkey ball game, Allen met the love of his life and future bride, Neoma Miller. The couple was united in marriage on August 11, 1962 at St. Luke's Catholic Church in St. Lucas. Allen and Neoma made their home on their current farm where they welcomed their four children — Leo, Nancy, Marlin, and Gerald.



Allen Balk

Outside of farming, Allen loved seeking out the rare arrowhead and had a passion for conservation. Allen always enjoyed watching the crops progress and those who knew Allen knew he never met a stranger. He loved life, and nature but he could often be heard saying that, "Life is the more important thing."

Allen is deeply missed by his loving wife, Neoma of Waucoma; his children, Leo (Mary) Balk of Waucoma, Nancy Baker of Waterloo, Marlin (Barb) Balk of Lacona, and Gerald (Sarah) Balk of Waucoma; his grandchildren and great grandchildren; his sister, Marveline Schmitt of Fort Atkinson; his brothers, Melvin and Marvin Balk of Lawler; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Joe on Nov. 8, 2021; one grandson, Phillip Hayek; and his brothers-in-law, Gene Smith and Ernest Schmitt.

Paul Boedeker, 91

Paul Boedeker, age 91 of Fredericksburg, died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, at The University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics in Iowa City.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg with the Rev. Ronnie Koch officiating.

For those unable to attend in person, they could join the family via Livestream at the link <https://foveo.stream/hugeback-johnson/paul-james-boedeker>

Interment was held at Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg with Paul's grandchildren — Landon Muerhoff, Reid Boedeker, Jordan Boedeker, Whitney Brusich, Cade Hansen, Jeslyn Kleinschmidt, Grace Hansen, Madelyn Ackley, and Georgia Ackley — serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, at Hugeback - Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Fredericksburg. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the church on Monday.

Paul's remarkable life began on May 25, 1931, when his parents, Ernst and Clara (Bruns) Boedeker welcomed him into the world in Sumner.

Growing up, the family, which included Paul and his three siblings, moved a lot because of Ernst's job with Interstate Power. The family lived in Sumner, Calmar, Waverly, West Union and Alpha and Paul graduated from Fredericksburg High School in 1950, a year later than planned because of time spent in the hospital after being severely injured in an automobile accident.

From a very young age, all Paul wanted to do was farm. He loved spending time on his grandfather's farm near Denver, but he had to make his own way and start farming on his own, which he did on the farm he purchased north of Fredericksburg.

He met his perfect life and farming partner — a beautiful young woman named Evelyn — at a baseball game in Alpha, and the two fell in love and were married on Aug. 1, 1954, beginning a marvelous marriage that lasted for more than 68 years.

Paul and Evelyn had four children — Kerry, Randy, Linda, and Candace — who had a father whose life was centered around family and farming. He taught them the value of a good work ethic and the importance of a smile.

He loved his farm, and he so enjoyed having Evelyn and his children work side-by-side with him — be it working with the



Paul Boedeker

cattle and the hogs, baling hay, picking rock or driving tractors.

Paul believed it was vital to support all things agriculture and spent 15 years on the Fredericksburg Farmers Coop Board, served on the board of the Production Credit Association from 1972 to 1981, and spent several years on the Chickasaw County Soil and Water Conservation Board.

He was blessed to be able to stay on the farm all of his life but occasionally took a trip to see family or participate in an ag-related trip that enabled them to visit a few interesting places.

He was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg, where he attended parochial school as a youth and was instrumental in helping build the new church that is there today.

But his legacy will always be his family and his farm, that today is run by his son, Randy. He loved his children and grandchildren, who made his eyes light up and always brought out that warm, infectious smile that was Paul's.

This man who lived a full and rewarding life for 91 years will be deeply missed by those who knew him and loved him, but they have years of wonderful memories.

Paul is survived by his wife, Evelyn of Fredericksburg; his children, Kerry (Allen) Boedeker Muerhoff of Bloomington, Minnesota, Randy (Kay) Boedeker of Lawler, Linda Hansen of New Hampton, and Candace (Mark) Ackley of Fredericksburg; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two brothers-in-law, Hadwen Kleiss of Fredericksburg, Dale Edmonds of Mediapolis.

He was preceded in death and welcomed into Heaven by his parents; one brother, Roland (Barb) Boedeker; two sisters, Marion Boedeker and Louann Kleiss; his stepmother, Margaret; and a sister-in-law, JoAnn Edmonds.

Ronald James Bast, 65

Ronald James Bast, age 65 of Fredericksburg, died Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center. Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton have been entrusted with Ronald's arrangements. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Bruce Flatjord, 66

Bruce Flatjord, age 66, of Jerico, died Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, at home surrounded by his family.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at Immanuel Lutheran Church - Crane Creek rural Lawler, with Rev. Sue Cira officiating.

The service was streamed at <https://foveo.stream/hugeback-johnson/bruce-ray-flatjord>.

Interment was held in the Immanuel Lutheran Church -Crane Creek church cemetery with Gary Vikdal, Rick Vsetecka, Jim Gebel, Tom Fisher, Rick Clemens, Randy Vaala, Dan Tracy, and Aaron Johnson serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service at the church on Friday.

Bruce was welcomed into the world on Nov. 29, 1955, by his parents, Neal "Tucker" and Lorraine (Clites) Flatjord in New Hampton. He was the second oldest of the couple's six children and grew up on the family farm — helping his parents with chores ranging from milking cows to working in the fields — near Jerico.

He attended school in New Hampton and was a member of the Class of 1975 at New Hampton High School.

Bruce loved farming and had his own dairy herd until a fire destroyed his milking barn in 1995, but here's the deal about Bruce, he had a knack for always re-inventing himself. He wasn't the kind of guy who ever felt sorry for himself; instead, Bruce plowed ahead to the next chapter in his life and did so with that patented Bruce Flatjord smile.

He worked hard throughout his life. In addition to farming,



Bruce Flatjord

he worked various other jobs, helped his neighbors and, after the fire, Bruce began his adventure with B&R Sandblasting.

But work, in some ways, was just a small part of his life because his priority was always his family.

He married Ann Martin on April 7, 1984 bringing together her and his two daughters Jamie and Jessica. Christina and Amanda soon followed to complete his remarkable family.

Bruce and Ann were married 38 years, and they shared a very special relationship that was one of a kind.

He loved his daughters — Jamie, Jessica, Christina, and Amanda — and they will always fondly recall those impromptu fishing trips, the bonfires, and the time they spent with Bruce.

What Bruce could do so well was connect with people, and although his grandchildren range in age from 4 months to 19 years, he found a unique bond with each one of them. Put simply, he was a "great" grandpa.

Bruce had a wonderful personality, one filled with curiosity and happiness. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, playing

Rodney 'Rod' Friedrich, 67



Rod Friedrich

Rodney "Rod" Friedrich, age 67 of Alta Vista, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, at his home with his family by his side.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, at St. Paul's Maple Leaf Church in rural Elma, with Pastor Dan Christensen officiating.

Burial will be held at a later date.

Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022 at Conway-Markham Funeral Home in Elma and continued at the church one hour prior to the funeral service on Tuesday.

Online condolences maybe left at [www.conway-markham-fh.com](http://www.conway-markham-fh.com). In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Elma EMS Building Project as this was a cause near and dear to Rod's heart.

Rodney Allen was born March 31, 1955, the youngest son of Loyd and Maxine (Laue) Friedrich.

He attended and graduated from Riceville High School

Leslie Eugene Havens, age 66 of Plainfield and formerly of Fredericksburg, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at Waverly Health Center, surrounded by family.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg with Pastor Scott Smith presiding.

Interment will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022.

Leslie was born on Sept. 22, 1956, to Arthur and LaVonne (Graves) Havens in Osage, and he and his three siblings grew up in the Dysart area. He received his education at Dysart-Geneseo and was a member of the Class of 1976.

After graduating from high school, Leslie enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, and he served as an airplane mechanic and had postings in both Guam and Germany.

After he received his honorable discharge in 1981, he started taking classes in the automotive program at Hawkeye Community College and briefly lived with his parents, whom had moved to Fredericksburg, which turned out to be perfect for Leslie.

His brother was dating a friend of Rachel Gaede's and they introduced her to Leslie. The two hit it off and were married on July 16, 1983, at the



Leslie Havens

Peace United Church of Christ in Fredericksburg.

The couple began their married life in Mason City, where Leslie worked two jobs — as a mechanic at Sears and as a custodian at Newman Catholic High School.

The family grew to include two children — Amber and Loren — who had a father that provided them with a moral compass. He taught them the difference between right and wrong and how to be a good person. As Amber put it, "he was a role model to look up to and be like."

In 1994, the family moved to Fredericksburg, and Leslie took a job at what is now Bay Valley Foods as a dryer operator, and he worked at the New Hampton manufacturer for 23 years before health issues forced him to retire in 2017.

the slot machines at the casino, and coming up with the perfect prime rib or food on the grill.

He faced many challenges in his life. He was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1996 and adapted to his new world.

If you really want to know Bruce's outlook on life, it was the way he reacted to learning he had terminal liver cancer in May 2022 that tells you what kind of man he was. He didn't pity himself.

Instead, he made it a summer his wife, children, grandchildren, broader family and friends will never forget. They went fishing, attended fish fries, sat around numerous bonfires, cut a lot of wood, and stopped at a casino or two.

And all the while, that Bruce Flatjord smile — that one that radiated joy and confidence — never wavered. He was one of a kind, and as hard as it is to bid him farewell, the memories he left us will carry us through our grief. The lessons he taught each of us will lead us on the road ahead.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Ann of Jerico; four daughters, Jamie (Brad) Hart of West Des Moines, Jessica (Tucker) Anderson of Norwalk, Christina Flatjord of Jerico, and Amanda (Bryce) Druvenga of Jerico; nine grandchildren, Paige Hart, Madison Hart, Koii Miller, Tatum Miller, Graham Hart, Rynne Flatjord, Ozzlyn Anderson, William Druvenga and Waylon Druvenga; four brothers, Kim Flatjord of Jerico, Gene (Wanda) Flatjord of Jerico, John (JoAnn) Flatjord of Fort Meyers, Florida, and Randy (Vicki) Flatjord of Cresco; and one sister, Linda Johnson of New Hampton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tucker and Lorraine; and a brother-in-law, Dennis Johnson.

daughters. For the family, farming was viewed as therapy from the hectic schedules of life.

Away from farm life and plumbing, Rod enjoyed fishing, camping, bowling, playing cards and heading out for a ride on his Harley.

He was a lifelong member of St. Paul's Maple Leaf Church. Rod enjoyed being a part of the Alta Vista "Friendly Town" community and events including the centennial, the White Sidewalls, demolition derbies, 125th celebration, RAGBRAI, AV Days, fish fries, parade "pooper scooper" and 2021 co-Grand Marshal.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Toni Schroeder. After completing his education, Rod began his career in farming and laid the foundation to his future business working for Dick Gebel as a plumber. He eventually branched out on his own to establish Friedrich Plumbing and Heating.

Rod and Toni were united in marriage on May 13, 1983 at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. Together they welcomed four

Leslie Eugene Havens, 66

Leslie enjoyed camping, Westerns, country music, hunting, and playing cards. He loved playing his guitar while drinking coffee in the morning and looked forward to having a few beers after work. He was a wonderful grandpa to his four grandchildren, and everything he did throughout his life was for his family. He was always there for them.

He always wanted to know about everyone's day, and his family and friends knew he cared about them and loved them, as he was known to always say "Don't forget how much I love you."

And as tough as the past few years have been — Rachel was an exceptional caregiver during that time — Leslie will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

Leslie is survived by his wife of more than 39 years, Rachel of Plainfield; his daughter, Amber (Mike) Perkins of Benton, Wisconsin; four grandchildren, Scott and Kyle Perkins and Mikael and Eloise Havens; two brothers, Art (Brenda) Havens of Ionia, and Mark (Kristi) Havens of Marshalltown; one sister, Jeanette Kriz of Waterloo; and his mother-in-law, Lois Gaede of Sumner.

He was preceded in death by his son, Loren Havens in 2020; his parents, Arthur and LaVonne Havens; his father-in-law, Melvin Gaede; and two brothers-in-law, Dennis Hennings and Jim Kriz.



Joyce Mary Schlindwein, 86

Joyce Mary Schlindwein, age 86 of Protivin, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at Regional Health Services of Howard County in Cresco, surrounded by her family.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton

Interment will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at the Boyd Cemetery.

Joyce’s adventurous life began on June 9, 1936, when her parents, Earl and Gladys (Zahasky) Drewelow, welcomed her into the world at St. Joseph’s Hospital in New Hampton.

She grew up on the Drewelow farm near Boyd, and she fondly recalled helping her mother “cook for the men” and helping out wherever she could. She was born with a strong work ethic, one that remained with her throughout her life.

Joyce’s education began in the old one-room Boyd School near her home before she finished her schooling in New Hampton, where she played clarinet in the band and graduated with the Class of 1954.

She married Wes Ward, who was serving in the U.S. Navy, and they lived in both California and Waukegan, Illinois, while Wes finished his service before moving back to Iowa and settling on a farm near Boyd, where Joyce helped raise mink, hogs and cattle. Their family grew to include three children — Julie, Tom and Andy — but tragedy struck when Andy died at just 3-months-old. It was the heartbreak of Joyce’s life, but she persevered. She and Wes later divorced, and she married John Schlindwein and actually did so twice but even after their second divorce, they lived together for 20 years.

Joyce owned and operated



Joyce Schlindwein

the Village Inn in the 1970s, and after moving to Iowa City, she worked as a cook for the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, which was for undergraduate students. She loved that job and she was a mother to all of the fraternity brothers.

She then moved to Las Vegas, where she worked in a casino restaurant before moving back to New Hampton and then Protivin, where she worked at her son’s bar-restaurant, The Mint, making most of the desserts right up until a couple of years ago.

This woman had many interests, but at the top of the list had to be books. She had a floor to ceiling bookcase built in her home, and she was a voracious reader. Her books were organized by authors, and she’d read just about anything (although she’d also tell you those “Harlequin Romances” were not books). She especially enjoyed reading about history and reading a good thriller or mystery, but here’s the thing about Joyce. She may not have picked up a particular book in 15 years, but she could still rattle off the plot outline of any book she ever read.

In her younger days, she

enjoyed fishing, and throughout her life, she loved playing Bingo and card games. She liked to joke that she needed a little “color in her water” when she had her Scotch, and later in life, she loved watching her bird feeders and seeing the flowers that never failed to brighten her day.

She was an exceptional crocheter, making stuffed animals and Barbie Doll clothes that she donated to various toy drives during the holidays. She already had much of her 2022 Christmas crocheting done, and those kids who receive them should know that they came from someone special.

Joyce loved a good bargain and was one of those social people who could talk to just about anyone. She was feisty, but in a good way. Her motto in life may have been “I’m still going to do what I’ve always done.”

She lived a good, long life, one filled with hard work and love for her family that grew to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and those that were fortunate to have run across Joyce will have plenty of memories that will last a lifetime.

Joyce is survived by one son Tom (Lisa) Ward of Protivin; one daughter, Julie Ward of Wilcox, Arizona; four grandchildren, Mark Schmitz, Samuel Schmitz, Alexandria Becerra, and Sally Daily; three great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, Eric McDanel and Michelle McDanel; four step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Harvey Drewelow of New Hampton; one sister, Jean Woodring of Fredericksburg; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Andrew Wayne Ward on Dec. 15, 1965; and one sister-in-law, Faythe Drewelow.

Nancy Schlindwein, 81

Nancy Schlindwein, age 81 of Swisher and formerly of New Hampton, died Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at UnityPoint Health-St. Luke’s Living Center West in Cedar Rapids.

Interment will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

Nancy’s favorite activity was enjoying meals with family and friends, and in keeping with that tradition, friends and family are welcome to a memorial lunch for Nancy that will be held at The Pub in New Hampton at noon.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton have been entrusted with Nancy’s arrangements.

Nancy was born March 18, 1940, the first child to Edwin and Margaret Claudine (Edmondson) Pletsch in Henry, Illinois.

The family moved with Nancy’s younger siblings, Ben and Linda, to Blue Island, Illinois, where Nancy graduated from high school.

Nancy moved to Iowa to attend Upper Iowa University in Fayette where she met Leonard Schlindwein.

The couple married in 1959



Nancy Schlindwein

in New Hampton and lived in Clarion and Clear Lake, welcoming their three children — Jill, Julie and Leonard “Joe.”

The family moved to Joliet, Illinois, raising their young family before moving back to Iowa, living in several Chickasaw County communities.

Nancy enjoyed cooking, gardening and took on nearly every craft and needle-art she could master. She enjoyed making gifts for others and decorations for her home.

Nancy returned to school later in life and earned an

associate’s degree in accounting. Her most cherished job was her work with the Chickasaw County Emergency Management Agency.

She was proud of the work she did for the community and when she retired from that role. Nancy moved to Cedar Rapids to be near family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Len; and son, Joe; and her parents.

Joyce is survived by daughters, Jill (Henry) Reicks of Swisher, and Julie (Martin) Games of West Union; her grandchildren, Monica (Carel) Minjeur of Cedar Rapids, Therese (Joel) Gansen of Hiawatha, Victor (Chelsey) Reicks of Cedar Rapids, Theodore (Jess) Reicks of Navarre, Florida, Johanna (Monica) Reicks of Pensacola, Florida, Nick (Christy) Wurzer of Dysart, Kyle Wurzer of West Union, Sarah (Rafael) Soriano of Ames, Beth (Rob) Larson of Decorah, and Samantha (Stephen) Johnson of Nashua.

Nancy is also survived by a tribe of 28 beautiful great grandchildren. She is survived by her brother, Ben Pletsch of Naples, Florida, and Linda Pelka of Peru, Illinois.

James Ferkin, 96

James Ferkin, age 96 of Clarkdale, Arizona, and formerly of New Hampton, passed away Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, at the Verde Valley Medical Center Emergency Department in Cottonwood, Arizona.

Rosalee Dee Wagner, 79

Rosalee Dee Wagner, age 79 of Nashua, died Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, at Unity Point Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Funeral service were held 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Frey presiding. Interment will follow at the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Home & Crematory-Olson Chapel in Nashua with Pastor Scott Smith presiding.

Friends greeted the family from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022.

Winter Wonderland set for Sunday at Plum Creek

Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery is hosting a “Winter Wonderland” on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 115 W. Main St, Fredericksburg. Winter Wonderland began as an idea of sharing the holiday season in Fredericksburg.

Invitations were sent out to local organizations encouraging them to join in by entering a decorated tree that represented their holiday spirit. Prizes will be given for the best trees, which be decided by the vote of the public throughout the season.

Results will be announced the week of Christmas. All are welcome to see the decorated trees in the Connie Mohr Gallery classroom and enjoy the refreshments and music and Christmas spirit at the open house.

Admission is always free at Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery. Open hours are Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Scott Richard Visker, 65

Scott Richard Visker, of Lake Wales, Florida, passed away from cancer at age 65 on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022, at his residence.

He was born Dec. 12, 1956, in Waterloo and adopted at birth by his adoring parents, the late Richard and Betty Visker (Pflugradt).

He grew up in New Hampton and after graduation served in the US Navy.

After serving his country, he returned to northeast Iowa, where he married Shanda Hagen in 1981 and graduated from the Business Institute of Technology in Cedar Falls.

They moved to Lakeland, Florida in 1984 where he started a career in information technology with Publix Super Markets.

After 26 years in system engineering and IT management, Scott retired to Lake Wales, Florida, in 2010.

Scott was well-known as an avid hobbyist. He was an integral part of the Lakeland Bassmasters organization and served for many years on its board, fished (and won!) tour-



Scott Visker

naments for decades, and enjoyed countless hours on the lakes with his buddies.

In his retirement, he also discovered his love for soft-tipped darts – he would go on to run a weekly dart tournament with his beloved Camp Mack community at their local bar and compete at the state level. Scott and his family played as a team in a bowling league for several years, he loved to play Texas Hold ‘Em poker online, he helped form and run a fantasy

football league for 20 years, and somehow even made room to play golf and hunt (he was an excellent marksman to boot!).

Scott is survived by his wife of 41 years, Shanda Visker (Hagen); daughter, Jaime Visker Gibbons and husband Tristan of Bartow, Florida; son, Jesse Marzen and wife Kari of Waverly; sister, Virginia Visker of Iowa City; brothers, Kevin Hitsman of Perry, and Mel Hitsman and wife Rachel of Ogden; and four grandchildren – Tyler, Noah, Isaiah, and Liliana Marzen.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Camp Mack in Lake Wales, Florida.

Another celebration of life will be held on Saturday June 10, 2023, at Heartland Days in New Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you visit Scott’s memorial site at <https://everloved.com/life-of/scott-visker/> to post your favorite pictures and stories of Scott.

A memorial fund in his name will be created later, details to follow.



Unique way to learn about vets

New Hampton Elementary School fourth-graders gather around instructor Dennis Pagel (above) before the students take part in a “scavenger hunt,” that is an annual tradition during Veterans Day week for all the fourth-grade classrooms.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

News Bits From Our Past COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Nov. 6

1947 (75 years ago)

• Anthony G. Holm, a 66 year old retired farmer from Ionia will leave for Copenhagen, Denmark, on Dec. 1 to make arrangements for his wedding to Miss Anna Hoker, 44, of Germany.

Mr. Holm came to Chickasaw County in 1904, a naturalized American citizen of 36 years. He has several times traveled back to Europe to visit relatives. Just how long the couple will remain in Europe following their marriage is uncertain but Mr. Holm said after living in this country for 34 years, “I’m an American and this is the only country for me.”

Mr. Holm will leave from New York on Dec.1 and is scheduled to arrive in Copenhagen, Denmark on Dec.18.

• Friday night was a big night for New Hampton High School with the crowning of the homecoming queen at the football game here between Cresco and New Hampton. The “Chicks” handed the Cresco footballers a 21-0 lacing in front of a large crowd at East Park.

Vonnie Cero was chosen queen with Marjorie Howard, Norma Borlaug, Beverly Griffin ad Glenna Peters as attendants. The crown was carried by Dianne Wessels, age 3, and Terry Isaacson, age 5.

1972 (50 years ago)

• Chickasaw County appears to be headed toward a heavy turnout for today’s (Tuesday) general election. County Auditor Luella Lentz reported that as of Monday morning, 577 absentee ballots had been received by her office and more were expected before the deadline 4:30 Monday afternoon.

While no specific records were available, Mrs. Lentz said a previous total of 385 absentees cast one year was believed to be the high in the county prior to this election. Under new Iowa election law this year, absentee voting will be counted separately as an additional precinct, giving Chickasaw 16 precincts rather than the normal 15.

• Harry Carney of New Hampton was presented a life membership to the Elks Lodge at Charles City, during special ceremonies there Tuesday evening. He has been a member of the lodge for 32 years and has served on the board of trustees for 18 years. Requirements for receiving the honor include at least 30 years of membership and service to the organization.

1997 (25 years ago)

• New Hampton is about to have its own pictorial graphic. Town Square Graphics, Inc. representative Melissa Quesenberry will be calling on area businesses and organizations to develop a poster size, full color, artist’s rendering of the New Hampton area.

The pictorial graphic is suitable for framing and will depict the personality of the community

as it appears today. The graphic accentuates points of interest in the community, such as churches, schools, public buildings, landmarks, historical sights and the businesses in the area. Quesenberry will be in the New Hampton area taking over 200 photographs of the community to be used in the making of the graphic. Production time is 90 to 120 days.

2012 (10 years ago)

• A New Hampton pastor will temporarily step out of the pulpit and back into the ring next weekend. Harvest Church’s Family Life Pastor Keith McCray will join a handful of professional wrestlers from around the Midwest and beyond in an event very unique to New Hampton.

Champions of the Mat is set for this Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7 p.m. in the New Hampton Middle School gym. McCray described the event as hard-hitting, high-energy, family-friendly sports entertainment. Some wrestlers expected to compete are well known, while others are just beginning their careers.

• The New Hampton School Board will be losing one of its longtime members. Board President Terry Anderson worked his final day at First Citizens National Bank and started a new job with Farmers State Bank in Clear Lake and Ventura on Monday.

Anderson will serve as branch manager and vice president for Famers State Bank. It was a chance to go home, Anderson is a 1973 graduate of Ventura High School.

2017 (5 years ago)

• A candlelight vigil in memory of little Sterling Daniel Koehn was held Saturday night in Alta Vista. Kim Judge organized the event. Judge and a parade of speakers who shared a few words with a crowd of more than 150 people felt that the vigil started the healing process for the small town where Koehn’s body was found on Aug. 30.

Residents were shocked by the Oct. 25 arrests of the boy’s parents, Zachary Koehn and Cheyanne Harris. Alta Vista residents came together to not only remember Sterling but also to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect.

• They lingered on the field long after the game was over Friday night.

Teams were shed and the finality of it all sunk in for the members of the New Hampton football team after Waukon had rolled to a 34-13 victory over the Chickasaws in the Class 2A playoff quarterfinal round. New Hampton came into the game a decided underdog to the fifth-ranked Indians, but New Hampton had played Waukon tough in a 28-20 loss in early September so they had confidence they could pull off the upset.

On this night, however, Waukon’s offense proved to be too much for New Hampton’s defense. Head coach Scott Frierichs said the guys played with effort and heart.

Briefs

Lettermen canned food drive starts next week

Kick off day is Friday, Nov. 18 for the New Hampton Lettermen canned food drive, which benefits the Chickasaw County food pantry.

That Friday is the NHHS meet the team night, and spectators are asked to bring a canned food item or items to the event. Items needed include canned meats, veggies, fruits and soups, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, beans, sugar, paper products, laundry soap and pasta. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Then, starting on Monday, Nov. 21 and continuing through Wednesday, Dec. 7 — between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., those items may also be dropped off at any of the school offices. Lettermen sponsor Dennis Pagel would also like to see students PK-12 contribute.

“Please have your child show their way of caring by bringing in canned or boxed food items during the dates listed above,” said Pagel. “We would love to see the pile of food by the end of the drive that our students/staff



Recorder’s Office don’t want vets scammed

The Iowa County Recorders Association is reminding all veterans that recording or requesting military records or always free of charge.

In recent weeks, the association said there have been reports of a third-party company that has been charging veterans to record these documents.

Iowa law requires that recorder’s offic-

es have on permanent record military discharges that have been presented for recording by the veterans themselves.

Those records are confidential except for a few cases, and veterans are also eligible to submit legal copies of their DD214 to the county recorder’s office in the county in which they reside.

Veterans and entitled immediate family

members may request in-person or complete a military discharge application.

Association members are reminding veterans that all records not recorded in a local county can be requested from the National Personnel Records Center.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw County Recorder’s Office at 641-394-2336.

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**CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES**  
**October 31, 2022**

The Board convened on Monday, October 31, 2022, at 9:00 am with members Breitbach, Byrne, Hackman, Zoll, and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Bridget Edson, Kathy Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Engineer Roman Lensing, Custodian Dave Gorman, New Hampton Economic Development Megan Baltes and Tara Hackman, Vrzak Insurance Bob Vrzak

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for October 31, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to approve the meeting minutes from October 24, 2022 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Chairman Kuhn discussed why we did not go into close session last week. The motion failed due to needing a 2/3 vote to enter closed session.

Discussed Chickasaw County Ambulance Service insurance

VFIS came in with a bid of \$16,816.00 (Which includes Portable Equipment \$469.00, Auto \$8,373.00, General Liability \$3,667.00, Management Liability \$2,768.00 and Excess Liability \$1,539.00) and National indemnity Company came in with \$15,615.00 (Which includes Liability \$3,063.00, UM – BI only 252.00, UIM – BI Only N/A, Medical Payments \$102.00 and Physical Damage \$12,198.00).

Discussed recruitment event, November 3, 2022, at the Chickasaw Event Center, 301 North Water Ave, NH starting at 6:30 PM.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to pledge \$5,000.00 to the TRIBE Trail project phase 3 from Betterment Fund pending approval of the Enhance Iowa Community Attraction and Tourism grant and budget amendment. Roll Call Aye-Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman. Motion Carried.

Discussed the New Nashua Tower Project.

Discussed radio project and Jeff Bernatz has been updating firmware and helping everyone get up and going.

Discussed Northeast Iowa Response Group 28E and we are checking to see if we get a refund.

November 15, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Discussed letter to Department Heads about budget work session for FY23-24.

Discuss location for Rural Recycling is good at 910 E Main till December 31, 2022.

Committee Assignment

Supervisor Kuhn – Ambulance Advisory Committee 10-25-22

Supervisor Hackman- Pathways 10-24-22 CSS 10-26-22

Supervisor Byrne- Iowa Workforce 10-27-22

Supervisor Zoll – FMC Landfill 10-25-22 and Heartland 10-27-22

Supervisor Breitbach – NEI Community Action 10-24-22

Motion by Hackman, second by Breitbach to adjourn at 11:16 AM. Roll Call: Ayes- Hackman, Kuhn, Byrne, Zoll, Breitbach. Motion carried.

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton Secretary to the Board

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STATE OF IOWA		16201900700000	
2022		CITY OF NEW HAMPTON	
FINANCIAL REPORT		112 E Spring Street	
FISCAL YEAR ENDED		NEW HAMPTON IA 50659-9998	
JUNE 30, 2022		POPULATION: 3494	
CITY OF NEW HAMPTON, IOWA			
DUE: December 1, 2022			
NOTE - The information supplied in this report will be shared by the Iowa State Auditor's Office, the U.S. Census Bureau, various public interest groups, and State and federal agencies.			
ALL FUNDS			
	Governmental (a)	Proprietary (b)	Total Actual (c) Budget (d)
Revenues and Other Financing Sources			
Taxes Levied on Property	1,866,785		1,866,785 1,846,918
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	0		0 0
Net Current Property Taxes	1,866,785		1,866,785 1,846,918
Delinquent Property Taxes	0		0 0
TIF Revenues	206,815		206,815 220,731
Other City Taxes	625,883	0	625,883 521,576
Licenses and Permits	44,838	0	44,838 12,775
Use of Money and Property	38,761	63,547	102,308 84,324
Intergovernmental	869,857	41,371	911,228 563,323
Charges for Fees and Service	390,322	7,355,800	7,746,122 8,613,420
Special Assessments	0	0	0 0
Miscellaneous	534,236	230,606	764,842 161,100
Other Financing Sources	0	500,000	500,000 0
Transfers In	976,627	2,639,210	3,615,837 1,590,653
Total Revenues and Other Sources	5,554,124	10,830,534	16,384,658 13,614,820
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
Public Safety	854,712		854,712 850,445
Public Works	551,699		551,699 662,503
Health and Social Services	1,605		1,605 1,660
Culture and Recreation	779,387		779,387 808,690
Community and Economic Development	400,050		400,050 461,339
General Government	485,027		485,027 489,904
Debt Service	542,280		542,280 543,281
Capital Projects	241,364		241,364 286,700
Total Governmental Activities Expenditures	3,856,124	0	3,856,124 4,104,522
BUSINESS TYPE ACTIVITIES		12,249,073	12,249,073 13,766,317
Total All Expenditures	3,856,124	12,249,073	16,105,197 17,870,839
Other Financing Uses	0	0	0 0
Transfers Out	723,029	2,892,808	3,615,837 1,590,653
Total All Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	4,579,153	15,141,881	19,721,034 19,461,492
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/and Other Financing Uses	974,971	-4,311,347	-3,336,376 -5,846,672
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2021	3,016,525	17,609,098	20,625,623 20,849,359
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2022	3,991,496	13,297,751	17,289,247 15,002,687
NOTE - These balances do not include the following, which were not budgeted and are not available for city operations:			
Non-budgeted Internal Service Funds		Pension Trust Funds	
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Indebtedness at June 30, 2022	Amount	Indebtedness at June 30, 2022	Amount
General Obligation Debt	1,870,000	Other Long-Term Debt	0
Revenue Debt	17,885,000	Short-Term Debt	0
TIF Revenue Debt	0		
		General Obligation Debt Limit	12,006,698
CERTIFICATION			
The forgoing report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief			Publication 11/10/2022
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Briefs

Ernst to hold traveling office hours

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

Senator Ernst will not be at the traveling office hours.

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

Constituents seeking assistance with federal agencies who are unable to attend the traveling office hours can contact one of the senator's offices directly or submit a casework request online at [www.Ernst.senate.gov](http://www.Ernst.senate.gov).

Area sites are as follows:

- Chickasaw County: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the New Hampton Public Library, 20 West Spring Street in New Hampton.
- Fayette County: Thursday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the West Union Community Library Conference Room, 210 North Vine Street in West Union.
- Winneshiek County: Thursday, Nov. 17, noon to 1 pm., Decorah Public Library Public Meeting Room, 202 Winnebago Street in Decorah.

Applications open for heating bill assistance this winter

With the winter heating season around the corner, applications for the state-administered, federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, are open.

The funding is available for those who are struggling financially and qualify for state assistance.

In addition to LIHEAP, there may be other assistance available. Customers are urged to contact their local community action agency about payment assistance options, as well as the state agency that administers low-income energy assistance.

To be eligible for LIHEAP in Iowa, the total household income for an applicant must be at or below 200% of 2022 federal poverty guidelines.

For example, a single-person household is eligible with an annual gross income at or below \$27,180. A family of four is eligible with an annual gross income at or below \$55,500.

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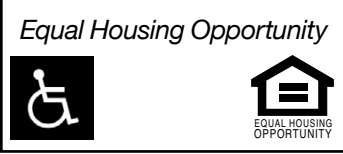
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*Applications may be picked up at the City Hall Business Office at 105 Milwaukee Mall, Charles City, IA or on-line at [www.cityofcharlescity.org](http://www.cityofcharlescity.org). Application deadline is November 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.*

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This vacancy has an opening date of **November 3rd, 2022, and a closing date of November 16th, 2022.**

There is an essay section requirement entitled; Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA). Applications that do not include KSA's will not be considered.

Applicants should apply at all pay grades. Questions regarding this position can be directed to Ron Pethoud at 641-394-5929 or by email at [ronald.pethoud@usda.gov](mailto:ronald.pethoud@usda.gov). **All applications must be submitted online by November 16th, 2022.** EOE

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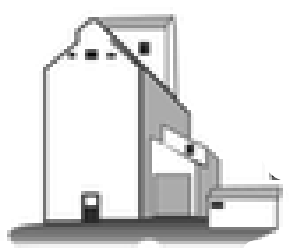
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# Cherish precious moments because they don't last long

As I drove back down to Fort Dodge a few Friday mornings ago, I was reminded that life is fleeting.

Seldom in this world do we get to hang on to memorable moments for very long. That's why it's obviously important to cherish them while we can and hope there are many more right around the bend.

That's why I'll remember this most recent drive to Fort Dodge, for dare I say forever, but for quite some time. An indelible memory was definitely planted in my memory bank.

Although my jaunt to Webster County and the state cross country meet took a little over two hours, it didn't seem like that much time had elapsed when Google Maps said I had arrived at my destination.

It's always good to have an alert or a message to let you know if you're in the right place or not – or even in the general vicinity. Because God forbid that we don't have the crutch of GPS technology to not get lost on the roadways and actually have to use a paper map. Or the "scary" proposition to have to pull over and actually talk to somebody in person to ask for directions.

Gone are those glory days – but modern advancements haven't stopped me from pulling into a Casey's in a small Iowa community to ask where a particular football field is or baseball

diamond. Because Google has led me astray on numerous occasions. Gravel roads – at least according to the built-in compass within the recesses of my brain – are not the quickest route to one's final resting stop. Plus, who wants to choke on dust for five miles before I find my way back to pavement?

I was in a reflective mood, as the monotony of a drive that isn't really all that scenic tends to make your mind wander and drift – not on the shoulder, mind you. Now I wasn't taking a deep dive into my psyche, but let's just say I had time to think. Which can be a good thing or a bad thing – depending on my mood.

But before I knew it, I pulled my car into a safe parking spot and my 2022 state cross country experience was about to begin.

So I grabbed my camera bag and headed toward the media tent with some time to spare. There was about two hours remaining before the start of the Class 2A girls race. I was excited as New Hampton was making its first appearance in 24 years since last competing in Fort Dodge as a team. That was 1998. It's funny how time flies. I still feel like I'm stuck in the 90s sometimes.

I really have no desire to explore other dimensions in time other than the one I'm currently living in. But on Friday, for whatever reason, I was in a nostalgic frame of mind. Maybe it was because I was about to witness history in the making as the Chickasaws were about ready to run amongst the state's best.

So I had some time to "gear up" for what can be a hectic 20 to 30 minutes of trying to take photos at the state XC

meet. When I say gear up or get ready, what really transpired is I chatted for about an hour with other reporters and editors of newspapers from across the state that I've gotten to know over the years.

There was Troy Hyde with the Newton Daily News. He's a changed man as he's lost a considerable amount of weight and is now very active and fit. Yeah, I'm somewhat jealous, but you have to put the work in if you want results like that. My resolve and discipline isn't where it needs to be in order to undertake such an endeavor.

I "chewed the fat" for another 30 minutes or so and then proceeded to map out my photography plan. How was I going to position myself in a logical and appropriate spot on the 5K course in order to snap quality pics without getting clipped by runners (or vice versa) or trampled by spectators? Good question. This can happen at state, but you have to use your head and have it on a swivel at all times once the starter gun is fired as close to 150 (give or take) or so runners come barreling down a path that is marked out by white lines.

So I followed my buddy, Doug Dornath, who used to be a full-time journalist, but now farms and helps take photos for several papers in north-west Iowa in a stringer capacity.

We walked clear out to the southern perimeter of the course where the runners cross and then the goal is to make your way back to the finish line.

Let's backtrack a bit. In order to get back to the finish line, one must not get run over by fans that are sprinting to follow the runners

they're rooting for. This means self preservation at its finest or more simply put – protect that camera!

Long story short, I managed to remain intact – at least physically. The mental part with me is often a work in progress and a day-to-day reminder that I need to go easy on myself in certain situations. I can be my own worst critic at times and there are probably far too many occasions that I don't allow myself the best opportunity to succeed.

In closing, New Hampton finished strong and placed eighth overall in the girls race. Campbell Kolbet also placed eighth individually and capped an incredible senior season that exemplified what hard work and aiming for your goals is all about.

Chickasaw senior P.J. Anderson also ran with plenty of heart as he had to overcome the always painful shin splints. He placed 50th – 15 spots better than his first run at state as a junior.

I enjoyed this meet probably more than I have compared to other state meets I've covered for other teams.

Before I walked back to my car – a large portion of fans, athletes and media members had long since gone. My former co-worker at the Courier – Scott Jackson – was still plugging away at his computer and talking to somebody on the phone. I shook his hand and went on my merry way.

And just as soon as the meet had begun, it was over. I almost had a sense of heartache over that fact. I wanted to prolong the moment.

The road home is always a bittersweet one when you want to stay at the celebratory party for longer than you should.

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Mid-Tech Machining 4, Geerts Plumbing 0
ExSalont 3, Dummy 1

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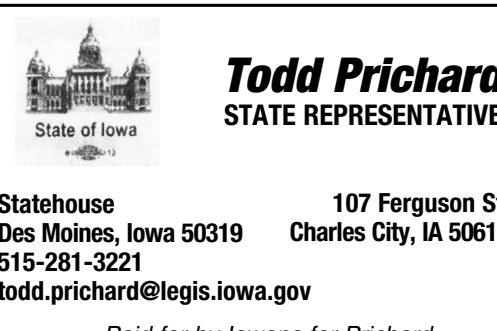


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# Chickasaws lead district in all-academic selections

NH FOOTBALL: FROM 14

Besides McShane, the other underclassman to make the first team was Gatlin McCumber, who Frerichs felt was one of the top offensive linemen in the district. The junior also finished with 13.5 tackles, including three for losses.

All three of the Chickasaws' honorable mention selections — Fettkether and Orthaus, who were seniors, and Zeien, a junior — were also linemen and helped New Hampton rush for 2,207 yards and lead the district in total offense with 346.8 yards a game despite the fact that returning all-district lineman Logan Peterman was lost to an injury early in the season. "I think our line played very well," Frerichs said, "especially with the injuries we had. We



New Hampton football coach Scott Frerichs talks with his team after the Chickasaws gave him his 200th career victory in a 28-18 win over Forest City last month.

had guys step in and do a great job and as good as Braden is, it does start with those guys up there."

New Hampton also led the district in all-academic selections as 17 Chickasaws sported at least 3.5 grade-point averages. The awards came after a sea-

son in which New Hampton started strong, winning its first five games, before suffering its first loss in a game at Osage.

The Chickasaws rebounded with a victory over Forest City that gave Frerichs his 200th career victory.

After a furious rally from

an early 21-0 deficit came up short against Clear Lake, New Hampton was forced to go on the road for the playoffs and despite being down by 10 points with just five minutes left, the Chickasaws almost completed a miraculous comeback before falling to Waukon 24-22.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

# Trojans' season highlighted by share of Upper Iowa title

TV VOLLEYBALL: FROM 13

UIC second team last fall as well at her defensive specialist/libero position, was one of the better servers in the conference. Her serve efficiency was over 95 percent and she led TV with 423 digs and was second on the team in ace serves (37).

Clare Courtney, a senior, was tabbed for the second-consecutive year on the honorable mention team. Courtney managed 221 digs and cranked out 13 ace serves.

Olivia Snyder, another senior for Shelby Balk's squad, was a newcomer on the all-conference team. She was selected on the honorable mention squad and



Courtney



Snyder

netted 82 kills and 66 digs. Turkey Valley played to a 17-16 record overall with a 7-1 league showing. The Trojans tied with Clayton Ridge for the league crown.

Turkey Valley lost its opening-round postseason match-up at home versus Edgewood-Colesburg in four sets — 25-23, 24-26, 11-25 and 23-25.

## Chickasaw Women's Pool

	W	L	GB
Butch's II	26	19	0
Butch's I	21	15	5
Josie's II	21	15	5
Bowlaway	20	16	6
Josie's I	17	19	9
Schucky's	16	29	10
Hide A Way	14	22	12

**RESULTS**  
Hide A Way 5, Butch's II 4,  
Schucky's 5, Josie's I 4  
Bowlaway Lanes 5,  
Butch's I 4  
Josie's II, Bye Week

**THREE-GAME WINNERS**  
Hide A Way - Helen Geerts & Candy Schoba  
Schucky's - Crystal Reddel & Jackie Edgar  
Bowlaway - Christine Venem & Carrie Barloon  
**8-BALL ON BREAK**  
Schucky's - Paula Bre-itbach

## Chickasaw Men's Pool

	W	L
HereZ 2 U	19	8
Big Willie's	18	9
Josie's 1	16	11
Josie's 2	15	12
Butch's I	13	5
VFW	12	15
Brite Spot	12	15
Butch's 2	9	18
Hide-A-Way	8	19
The Pub	7	11
Quigley's	6	12

**RESULTS**  
Josie's 1 6, Hide-A-Way 3  
Butch's 1 5, The Pub 4  
Butch's 2 5, Josie's 2 4  
Big Willie's 5, VFW 4  
Brite Spot 5, HereZ 2  
U 4  
Quigley's, bye  
**THREE-GAME WINNERS**  
Josie's 1: Lew & Tony  
VFW: Eric & Clint  
**TABLE RUN**  
Butch's 1: Butch  
Big Willie's: Les

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Cole Butikofer	Crestwood	Sr. Drew Tusler	Osage	Sr.
RUNNING BACKS		DEFENSE UTILITY		
Brayden Onken	Osage	Jr. <b>Brady Speltz</b>	<b>New Hampton</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
Titan Schmitt	Clear Lake	KICKER		
<b>Braden McShane</b>	<b>New Hampton</b>	Jr. Kinnick Clabaugh	Clear Lake	Jr.
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN		PUNTER		
<b>Gatlin McCumber</b>	<b>New Hampton</b>	Jr. <b>Carter Steinlage</b>	<b>New Hampton</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
Alex Rempfer	Crestwood	HONORABLE MENTION		
Jake Trenary	Clear Lake	Jr. Clear Lake: Hayden Rieck, LB; Cael Stephany, QB; Sam Dodge, Utility.		
Aaron Richtsmeier	Clear Lake	Sr. Crestwood: Maurice Powell, RB; Grady Juelsgaard, DL;		
Cole Jeffries	Osage	Sr. Zane Wemark, LB.		
Cade Machin	Osage	Sr. Forest City: Brock Good, L; Andy Olson, RB; Sam Klaasen, LB.		
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Ben Loge	Clear Lake	Sr. <b>New Hampton: Marshall Zeien, OL; Daniel Orthaus, OL; Logan Fettkether, OL.</b>		
Topher Bigalk	Crestwood	Osage: Jake Krebsbach, LB; Gabe Muller, LB; Max Gast, LB.		
Landon Arends	Osage	AWARD WINNERS		
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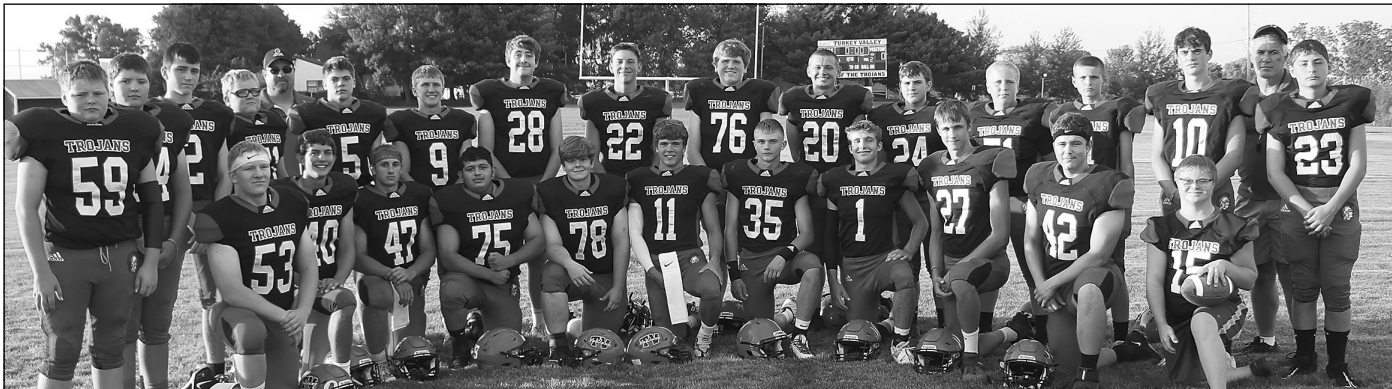
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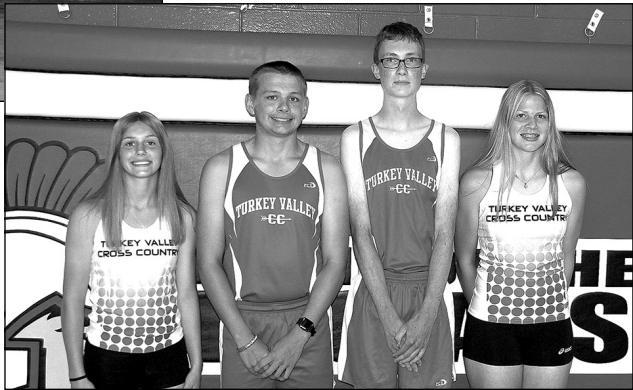
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The Turkey Valley football team went undefeated in their district to capture the title and finished 7-2 overall, while the volleyball team tied for the championship in the Upper Iowa Conference at 7-1 and went 17-16 overall. There were only a handful of cross country runners out for that sport, but each made great strides by improving their times throughout the season.

Volleyball, front, from left: Ryann Schmitt, Mariah Thronsdon, Halle Weber, Adrianna Tiedt; center, Addison Steinlage, Maici Weber, Kinsey Reicks, Morgan Vsetecka, Delaney Busta; back, Abigail Schmitt, Sierra Morris, Jacqlyn Schmitt, Clare Courtney, Brianna Busta, Olivia Snyder, Alison Leibold.



Cross country, from left: Haylee Hanson, Russell Nieman, Bode Balk and Morgan Wenthold.

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Turkey Valley’s Adriana Tiedt (left) and Brianna Busta pick up kills during matches played this season.

# Trojans land quintet on all-UIC teams

Turkey Valley’s Busta and Tiedt named to first team by Upper Iowa Conference coaches

## ALL-UIC VOLLEYBALL

### FIRST TEAM

Camdyn Deutmeyer	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Abby Squires	West Central	Sr.
Aly Feickert	Elkader Central	Sr.
<b>Brianna Busta</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Sr.</b>
Booklyn Hoey	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Rachel Powers	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
<b>Adriana Tiedt</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Jr.</b>

### SECOND TEAM

Grace Anderson	MFL-Mar-Mac	Sr.
Makenna Grove	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Morgan Kleve	South Winneshiek	Sr.
Lexi Loan	Elkader Central	Sr.
Kaydence Martin	West Central	Jr.
Haley Rork	Clayton Ridge	Sr.
Abby Wagner	South Winneshiek	Soph.
<b>Halle Weber</b>	<b>Turkey Valley</b>	<b>Jr.</b>

### HONORABLE MENTION

**South Winneshiek:** Morgan Kriener, Hailey Riehle.  
**Turkey Valley:** Clare Courtney, Olivia Snyder.  
**Central Elkader:** Lizzie Royer, Tori Sylvester.  
**North Fayette Valley:** Reagan Wymer, Justine Cowley.  
**MFL-Mar-Mac:** Brooke Gillitzer, Kadence Pape.  
**Kee:** Lilly Kolsrud, Alyssa Darling.  
**Clayton Ridge:** Devin Reimer, Morgan Pierce.  
**Postville:** Sayda Hernandez, Harlie Miller.  
**West Central:** Kassidy Bantz, Faith Steinbronn.

By KELLY TERPSTRA  
sports@nhtrib.com

There were some first-timers, some veterans and as it’s been in year’s past – plenty of Trojans that were awarded with all-league distinction.



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After claiming a share of the Upper Iowa Conference regular season title and winning the conference championship for the first time since 2007 this fall, Turkey Valley was rightfully honored with five players that garnered all-conference honors.

Trojan junior outside hitter Adriana Tiedt was selected to the UIC first team for the second year in a row. She led TV in kills (175) and was second on the team in digs (266). She also notched 26 ace serves.

Brianna Busta, a senior mid-

dle, had a fine final season for the Trojans with 127 kills. She led the UIC in blocks with 54. She also proved her worth with 100 digs and 32 ace serves. This was Busta’s first league honor in her Trojan volleyball career.

Halle Weber, who also made

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## Chickasaws to host Winter Meet the Teams Night Nov. 18

New Hampton sports fans will get a chance to meet some “old” and some “new” teams a week from this Friday, Nov. 18., when the Chickasaw Booster Club and the Activity Department put on the annual Winter Team Meet the Teams Night.

Fans are welcome to attend the bowling practice from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. at Bowlaway Lanes, wrestling practice in the wrestling room from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. (with a wrestling parents meeting at 6).

Events to be held in the competition gymnasium include the JV girls basketball practice from 5 to 5:45 p.m., the introductions of the bowling team at 5:55 p.m. and the eSports team at 6 p.m., the varsity girls basketball practice from 6:05 to 6:50 p.m., the freshman and JV boys basketball practice from 7 to 7:45 and the varsity boys practice that will wrap up the event and begin at 7:55.

The booster club will serve a meal during the event, and the cost is \$6. Tickets can be purchased from winter sports athletes.

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Two of the top linebackers in District 3 — New Hampton’s Isaac Howe and Ben Tenge (above) — combine for a tackle in a game at Osage while Braden McShane (right), the district’s offensive player of the year, picks up a big chunk of yardage in a playoff game at Waukon.



# REAPING THE REWARDS

CHICKASAWS HAVE NINE FIRST-TEAMERS, THREE HONORABLE MENTION SELECTIONS

BY BOB FENSKE  
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After putting together its best season since 2017, New Hampton reaped the rewards when it came to all-district football as the Chickasaws had 12 players honored, including nine players being named to the first team and another trio who received an honorable mention selection.

Topping the list was Class 2A, District 3’s Offensive Player of the Year Award winner in Braden McShane. The junior running back was joined on the first team by wide receiver Hunter Serie, defensive end Aiden Roberson, linebackers Ben Tenge and Isaac Howe, defensive back Evan Knowlton, “utility” player Brady Speltz, offensive lineman Gatlin McCumber and punter Carter Steinlage.

The Chickasaw honorable mention selections were linemen Daniel Orthaus, Logan Fettkether and Marshall Zeien.

“All of those guys in my mind were definitely worthy,” New Hampton coach Scott Frerichs said. “There’s always that feeling you’d like to get a few more kids honored, but I think when you have this many boys on all-district it shows you that the coaches thought we had a really good football team.”

New Hampton finished the season 6-3, and the wins were the most by a Chickasaw team since the 2017 team went 8-3 and advanced to the state playoff quarterfinals. And New Hampton was just a few plays from being 9-0 and advancing farther in the playoffs. A loss to Osage very well may have turned on a holding call, and in losses to Clear Lake and Waukon, New Hampton was a play away from taking the lead late in both games.

“We had a great year, and I’ll say it, this was a team that was better than 6-3,” Frerichs said after the season ended with a heartbreaking 24-22 playoff loss to Waukon. “A break here, a break there and we could be 9-0 right now. We played in a really good district and had a tough schedule.”

McShane had a brilliant junior season as he rushed for a Class 2A-leading 1,733 yards on 256 carries, caught 13 passes for 138 yards, scored 23 touch-



Defensive lineman Aiden Roberson (above) helps force a fumble in a game against GHV while Carter Steinlage (right) and Hunter Serie (below) score two-point conversions against Charles City.



downs and found the end zone on five two-point conversions.

“He definitely deserved to be the offensive player of the year,” Frerichs said. “He was our workhorse, and he had a great season of football ... on both sides of the ball, too.”

McShane, who was named to the first team as a running back, also starred on defense as he finished with 38.5 tackles and led the Chickasaws in both fumble recoveries (4) and interceptions (3).

The bulk of New Hampton’s first-team selections, though, were seniors.

Tenge and Howe joined McShane to form the best line-backing corps in the district.



Fettkether



Orthaus



Zeien

Tenge led the Chickasaws in tackles with 48.5 and also had a team-high 9.5 tackles for loss. Howe, meanwhile, was second on the team with 40.5 tackles and three fumble recoveries.

Both were key components on the offense, too, as Tenge, from his fullback position, provided the lead blocking for McShane, while finishing second on the team with 188 rushing yards. Howe was also a solid receiver and rusher as he caught 13 passes for 172 yards and had 137 rushing yards.

Serie had a breakout senior season as he caught a team-leading 17 passes for 200 yards while making 15.5 tackles on defense.

Speltz was solid in the defen-



sive secondary — as he posted 10 tackles and picked off two passes. In his first year as the Chickasaws’ starting quarterback, he was 65-for-106 passing for 869 yards and three touchdowns and also added three rushing TDs. He also threw for nine two-point conversions.

Roberson was another strong two-way player for New Hampton as he was excellent at “setting the edge” on defense and coming up with 13 tackles while making seven catches for 136 yards on offense.

Knowlton joined McShane, Tenge and Howe as repeat all-district players, and finished the season with 28.5 tackles and a pair of interceptions.

Steinlage made the team as a punter — averaging 32.4 yards a punt and often effectively pinning opponents inside the 20-yard line. The senior also was a solid receiving threat as he caught 14 passes for a team-leading 233 yards, and on defense, he led the New Hampton secondary with 32.5 tackles.

“We had an excellent senior class, there’s no doubt about that,” Frerichs said. “They were great leaders for our team, they loved the game and they worked at it. They will be hard to replace, not just because they’re good football players, either. That love for the game was a big part of our team.”

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Quarterback Brady Speltz (above) fires a pass during a game at Clear Lake while Gatlin McCumber (below) makes a block and looks downfield to make another against Charles City.



New Hampton defensive back Evan Knowlton races down the sidelines after making a key interception in a game at Clear Lake.



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# We all have veterans who mean the world to us

It's probably my most prized possession, and it's a daily reminder to me that we all have our favorite veteran.

It's really simple actually. A flag, a flag display case, a picture and dog tags that belonged to my father, who proudly served his country for 21 years in the United States Air Force.



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The display case was a gift from the members of the Forest City American Legion post and was given to me shortly after my father passed away in October 2005.

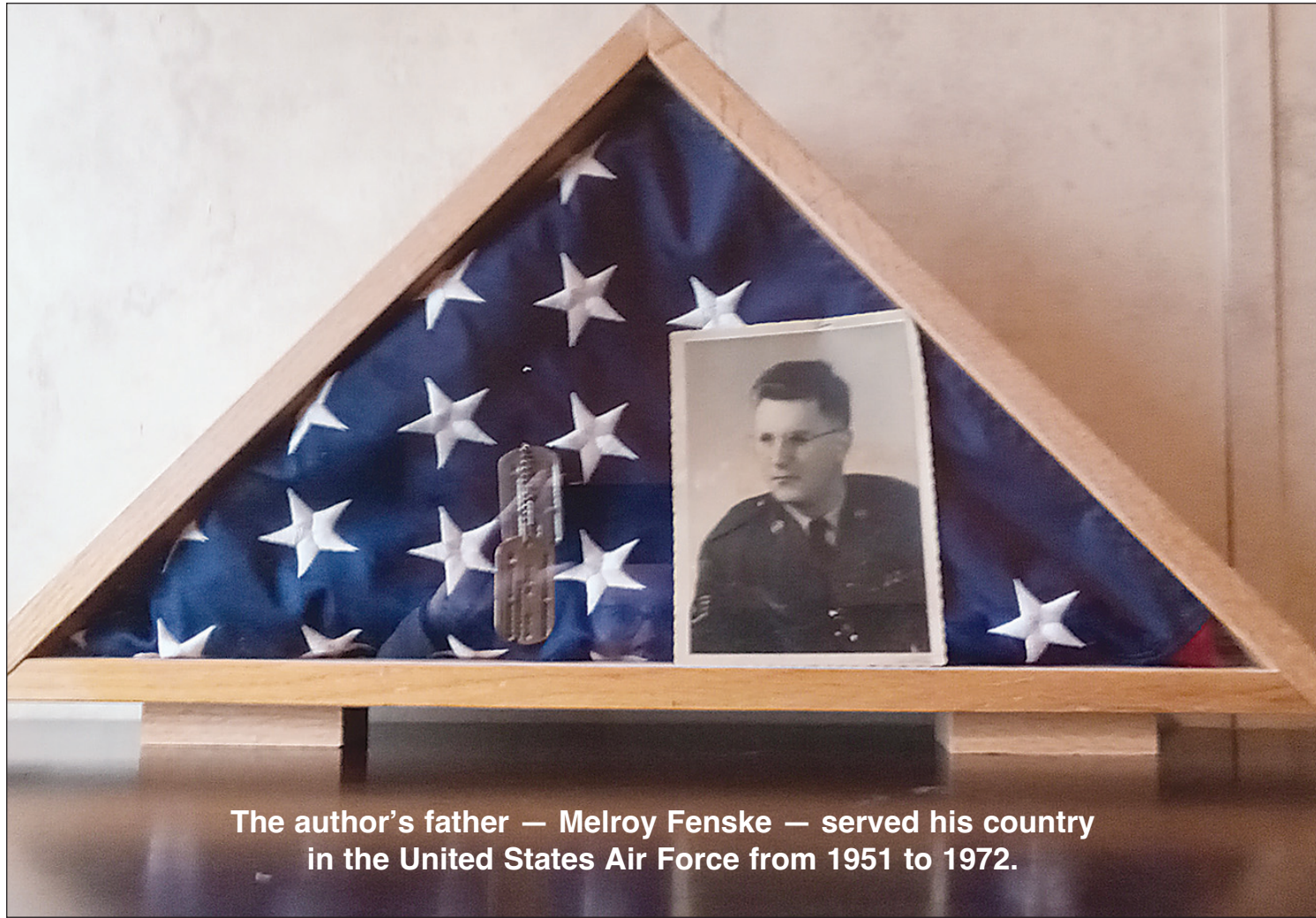
We hadn't lived in Forest City very long — less than a year — when my father lost his valiant battle against lung cancer, but in his one and only trip to see our new hometown, Dad had a chance to meet several of

the fellas.

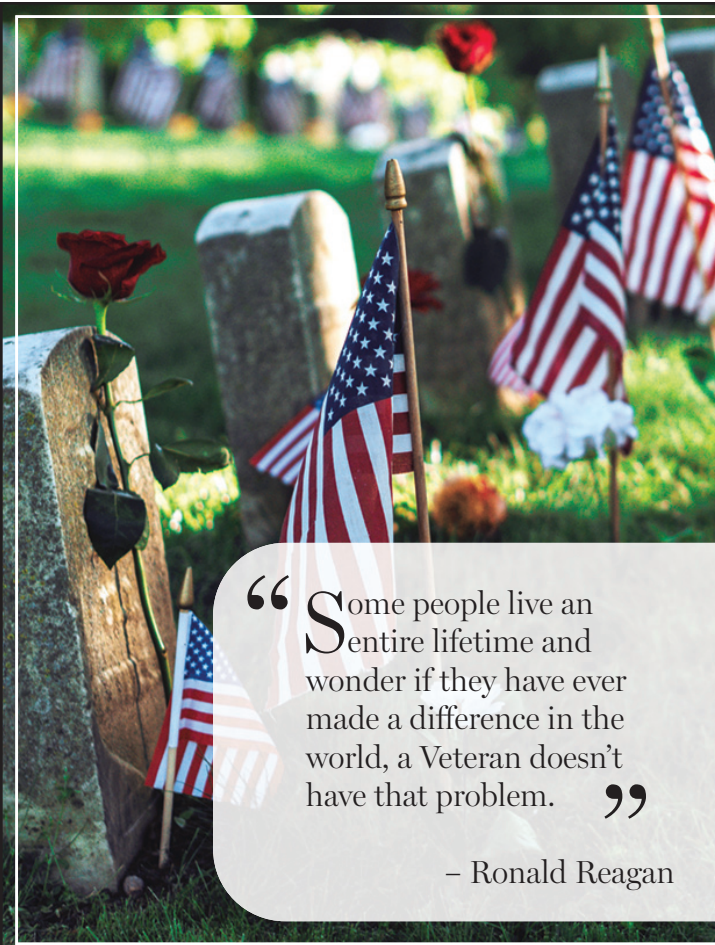
He and my step-mom, Nadine, had come down to visit one day, and after lunch, I wanted to show him my office at the Forest City Summit. Hell, I had spent a couple of hours cleaning it the day before just to make a good impression on him.

He never did see the office, because as we got out of the car, he noticed the sign for the Legion Hall.

"Hey, let's stop in and see if anyone's around," he said.



**The author's father — Melroy Fenske — served his country in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1972.**



“Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world, a Veteran doesn't have that problem.”

— Ronald Reagan

What do you see when you close your eyes and imagine a Veteran? Do you see the kindly old gentleman that might be handing out the Poppy Flowers at store fronts? Do you see those fellows with cap, shirts, or stickers that say “Vietnam, I was there”? Do you see the Grave Markers that say WWI, WWII, Korea or Gulf War? When I think about a Veteran, I see a young person sitting in a foxhole praying they might live another day or see their family and friends again. I think about the Veteran that suffers from PTSD and is contemplating ending the very life within themselves. When I think about a Veteran, I see a young individual that signed a contract with the United States of America to protect her and her residents from enemies, Foreign and Domestic, to such a degree that they would lay down their life for her! The next time you pick up your cell phone, get in your car or walk free down the street, Thank a Veteran for that right! Do it frequently and remember just what these people sacrificed so that you may have those freedoms that we take for granted. God Bless every Veteran, keep them safe, make sure they know they are appreciated! We owe them that as American Citizens!

*Keith Elenz*

Chickasaw County Veterans Service Officer





It wasn't really a suggestion because he was already headed toward the door, and sure enough, there was a card game or two or three going on.

I walked in behind Dad, thinking maybe I should introduce him to the guys, but if there was one truth about Mel Fenske, it was this: He was most at home when he was with his fellow veterans.

Before I could say a word, he was introducing himself to the veterans of Forest City.

I knew at that very moment that I had lost, and that my office — my sparkling, pristine office — was no match for a group of veterans and the stories they could swap.

"You play cards, Mel," Bob Rollefson asked? "Is the Pope Catholic?"

And with that, Dad sat down at the table and said, "Hey, you go get some work done and I'll be over in a little bit, OK? I'm just going to play a hand or two."

Two hours later, my cell phone rang.

My wife at the time asked me if I was teaching my dad how to put out a paper?

"He's at the Legion," I told Robin, and she couldn't help but laugh.

"That's your Dad to a T; tell him Nadine got up from her nap and she's wondering if her husband is going to ever return."

I trooped the two "storefronts" down to the Legion and told dad that we needed to get home. One of his new-found best friends had to leave, and they were in the middle of a game of 500.

"Hey Bobby, sit down and help me finish these guys off," he said. "It should only take a hand or two."

So I sat down, thinking we had like 450 or so points and I looked at the score sheet and saw we were at 450 ... a minus 450.

We hung on for about five or six hands — and about five or six dozen stories in between hands — before we finally went out ... as in reaching a minus 500.

A couple of months later, Dad would be gone, and as we greeted friends, family and enough Legion members to form a division, I looked up and saw six or seven guys from the Forest City American Legion.

I hadn't cried much, but for some reason, seeing those guys — knowing that they had given my dad one of the best days of his waning life — opened the tear ducts.

On these pages are the names of hundreds of veterans from Chickasaw County, some who served the Union in the Civil War; some who are serving our county today.

## Invitation to our Community for Veterans Day

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

**11:00 am - Program/Ceremony at Chickasaw County Court House**

The program will feature New Hampton High School Band, Brian Quirk, Clark Budweg & Firing Squad from Fae Stine Post 38. Keynote Speaker will be Nick Shatek, USAF, Sue Sira, Pastor with Zion Immanuel Lutheran Church for benediction and invocation. If inclement weather, the event will be held in the Chickasaw Event Center.

### THE NEW HAMPTON AMERICAN LEGION CLUB

Each year that we put out this Veterans Day Commemorative Edition, I see those names and realize that each one was or is someone's favorite veteran.

My favorite veteran isn't from Chickasaw County so there is no Melroy W. Fenske listed on these pages.

But I think his story is like so many others who are listed on these pages.

He grew up on a farm near the small southern Minnesota town of Gibbon — home to the coolest eight-lane bowling alley and the famous Gibbon Ballroom.

Dad enlisted in the Air Force soon after graduating from high school in 1951, and found a way of life he loved.

Well, after basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, he did.

"Hottest six months of my life," he told me one day, and I looked at him with a strange look. "Geez, Dad, how many times did you fail basic training?"

"Trust me," he replied, "when you're running around in 100-degree heat, you lose all track of time."

But he made it through basic and went on to serve his country until 1972.

The service was my Dad's life. He met his wife, my mom, in London. My older sis-

ter was born in the British capitol. I came along a few years later and said hello to the world in a hospital on an Air Force base in Wiesbaden, West Germany.

Dad was proud of his service, at a time when it was easy to serve. He volunteered to go to Vietnam, a war that tore this country apart. When he came home, they told him that it might not be wise to wear his uniform.

"The hell with that," he said. "I'm proud to be an American serviceman. Period."

It's been 17 years since Dad has told me a service story — be it about the many bowling tournaments he participated in, representing the Air Force, or the time he came to the base housing in London and told my mom that he was going to be gone for a while and he'd be home as soon as he could.

It was October 1962, and only 10 days later did my mom and her fellow service wives find out about the Cuban Missile Crisis.

I guess what I'm saying is I miss my favorite veteran, and as we get ready to celebrate Veterans Day, I'd like you to do me a favor.

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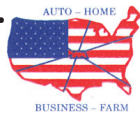


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Ron Pethoud, who served in the United States Air Force from 1987 to 2014, salutes the flag during the playing of the National Anthem at a Veterans Day observance that was held in the new commons area at New Hampton Middle School.

# NO REGRETS FOR THIS VETERAN

PETHOUD STAYS CONNECTED WITH FORMER MILITARY LIFE THROUGH THE AMERICAN LEGION

By BOB FENSKE  
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Ron Pethoud laughed when he was asked about the number of times he moved during his long career in the United States Air Force.

"Well, let's put it this way, when we moved to New Hampton, it was probably the first time Catherine [his oldest daughter] ever got a chance to re-arrange her room," he said, "because before that, we moved every two or three years. It's a different life, the service is, and families go through a lot."

But Ron Pethoud has no regrets about choosing the service back in 1986.

He was a year away from graduating from Harlan High School in southwest Iowa when he went through the Air Force's "delayed enlistment" program.

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— AIR FORCE VETERAN RON PETHOUD  
ON HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN LEGION

"Basically, I signed up, went to school for my senior year and then went to Lackland for basic training," the New Hampton resident said. "The idea was it would help me get my college paid for, and honestly, I was a kid who probably needed to grow up and mature a little."

But the Air Force turned into a career for Pethoud, and he still got plenty of his college covered — earning an associate's degree, a bachelor's and two master's degrees (in criminal justice and military science — while serving his country.

He spent much of his Air Force career with security forces, beginning as a law-enforcement officer and then serving in nuclear security. He spent years overseas — including three years in England and four tours in the, as he put it, the "desert."

For 27 years, Pethoud traveled the country and the world. He met his wife, Shannon, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and both his children — Catherine, a senior at New Hampton High School and Ron III, who goes by RW and is a high school freshman — were born while he was serving his country.

"I think one of the things that people don't always



understand about the service is how much your family goes through," Pethoud said. "We joke about Catherine's re-arranging her room, but we moved to New Hampton when she was in sixth grade and it was her fifth school she had attended. I'm so appreciative that they supported me. Families are the unsung heroes in the military."

When Pethoud retired in 2014, he landed a job with the Farm Service Agency, which brought him back home to Iowa, albeit in a different corner of the state.

He is one of the more active members of the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38, and it's not an uncommon sight to see Pethoud at events ranging from Veterans Day and Memorial Day observances to parades to serving on the color guard at various sporting events.

In other words, he's a big believer in the Legion in particular and all veterans groups in general.

"I think it's one of those things where you find that same camaraderie you had in the service," he said. "We've been through the same things, we've faced a lot of the same challenges and obviously the Legions and VFWs and the groups do a lot for veterans."

Veterans Day is a special day for Pethoud, and not just because it's a day in which he and millions of other Americans who have served in the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard are honored.

"I love Veterans Day," he said, "but then again, it's my son's birthday so that's another big reason to love Nov. 11."

But he also appreciates one more thing about his son's birthday.

"You know, it is nice when people come up and say thank you," he said. "It means a lot to all of us veterans, and it's appreciated. I went into the military to grow up and help get my college paid for, but I got so much more out of it. Even without the thank yous, I'd have no regrets, but it's nice to hear people appreciate what you did."



**Air Force veteran and American Legion Post 38 member Ron Pethoud presents a folded flag to the family members of James L. Woods Jr. II during a Memorial Day observance.**



**Members of the firing squad fire the salute during the 2021 Veterans Day observance, and this year's program will be held this Friday at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial on the courthouse grounds in New Hampton.**

Bob Fenske

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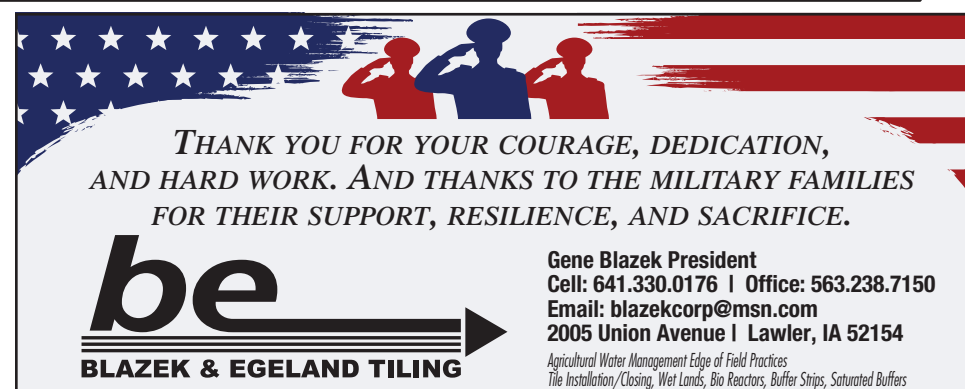


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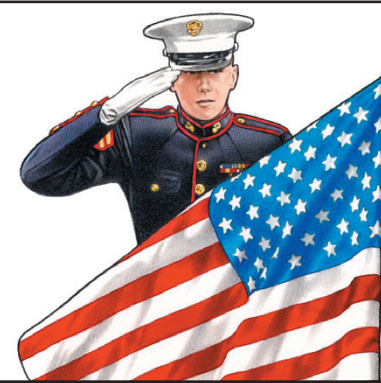
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On the day that he was promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army, Noah Stoichl (above) poses for a family picture with his wife, EmmaGrace, and their son, Owen, at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, where Stoichl and a group of his Army buddies get ready to go for a "jump" in an effort to earn their airborne wings.

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Noah Stochl is "geared up" inside a hangar and ready to take part in airborne training at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. Photo courtesy of Noah Stochl

35-22 win over the Cougars, but what made the game special wasn't the stats or even the score; instead, it was the fact that the two teams kicked off at 7 p.m. and didn't hear the final horn until 1:06 the following morning.

So the reporter posed the question: If I would have told you back then you'd be doing what you do now, would you have believed it?

"The attorney part, definitely, and the army part, probably," Stochl said with a laugh, "but the jumping out of airplanes? That might have been a different story."

Ten years after that football night that would never end, Stochl is serving his country as a member of the U.S. Army's Judge's Advocate General's Corps. He's come a long way in a relatively short amount of time — graduating from Central College in 2017, finishing law school at the University of Iowa in 2 1/2 years, getting married, having a son and rising to the rank of captain.

And he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer," he said during the recent phone interview from his home near Fort Bragg, North Carolina, "and the more and more I thought about it, the more and more the JAG Corps felt like the right fit to me."

He recalled interning at a law firm and asking one of the firm's attorney

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neys what her goal was for the next year.

“I still remember her saying something like ‘I really hope I get to do a deposition’ and that really hit me,” he said. “I mean, I wanted to be a lawyer, I wanted to get right into it. And with the JAG Corps, that’s exactly what I get to do.”

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But what really hooked Stochl was what the website terms “the army lawyer advantage.”

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The JAG Corps also offers attorneys like Stochl a chance to rotate through different legal disciplines giving him a wide range of experiences.

The day before the interview, for example, he wrapped up a three-day trial in which he prosecuted a sexual abuse case.

“I’ve had the chance to do a lot of things I know I wouldn’t have been able to do in a civilian firm,” he said, “and that’s what really drew me to JAG. I didn’t want to write memos for partners for 10 years. I can’t think of a better way to start a legal career than with what I get to do here.”

**HE ENTERED MILITARY** service after a whirlwind weekend in May 2017.

He played his last baseball game for the Central Dutch, asked EmmaGrace Walter to marry him, received his Central diploma and headed to basic training.

“I got engaged, graduated, left for the Army and when I came home, I started law school,” he said. “Yeah, kind of a busy weekend, kind of a busy summer.”

While he headed to law school, his fiancée finished up her final year at Central — EmmaGrace graduated in three years — and then set off for Des Moines University to earn a degree as a physician’s assistant.

Even after they were married in May 2019, the Stochls lived in separate cities — Noah in Iowa City and EmmaGrace in Des Moines



Noah Stochl has come a long ways in 10 years — going from the quarterback (above) who led his team to victory on “The Longest Night” in New Hampton to earning his airborne wings (below) with his Army buddies.

— but the fact that Noah had an internship with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Des Moines helped.

“We’re both very goal orientated people so we knew we’d have to get through that part,” he said. “We went into it eyes wide open.”

Stochl, though, had a decision to make. Would he remain in the National Guard, work in a field like intelligence and practice law in the civilian sector or would he go into active service as a member of the JAG Corps.

And in the end, he chose to join a firm unlike any other.

**IN SOME WAYS,** Noah Stochl is blazing his own trail.

Yes, his father has built a career in the law — first as an attorney and now as a district court judge, but the Stochls are not a family steeped in military tradition.

Yet, he says his parents — Rich and Kathy — taught their oldest son values like “love of country” and “love of service.”

“I don’t think they were really surprised that I went into the military,” he said, “and I think when it came right down to it, neither was I. It’s something — I wouldn’t say I was called to do — I thought would fit for me.”

Granted, he probably doesn’t want to relive his basic training days at Fort Jackson in South Carolina.

“Going from college athletics and being a college graduate to drill sergeants wasn’t always fun,” he said before adding with a laugh, “you know, getting yelled at and then getting yelled at more because someone did something stupid. Law school had nothing on



a drill sergeant.”

**WHEN HE MADE** the decision to join that firm unlike any other, it was — as he puts it — a “joint decision.”

“You know, there’s no way the Army works if EmmaGrace wasn’t for it,” he said. “It’s a different life. There’s a chance we’ll get moved around. OK, that’s just a fact, right? I am really grateful that she was willing to ‘sign on’ for this because it isn’t always easy.”

Today, EmmaGrace Stochl works as a physician’s assistant at an urgent care clinic near Fort Bragg, and the couple stays busy not only with their careers but with their 18-month-old son, Owen.

“He’s always on the go, hitting golf balls, running around like a crazy man,” Stochl said. “He’s fun being around, but I’ll tell you, I’m glad he takes naps because he tires the old man out.”

**FORT BRAGG IS** one of the

world’s largest military installations in the world, with more than 54,000 military personnel. It is home to scores of units, including the famed 82nd Airborne Division.

And that is how Stochl became a paratrooper.

“It’s kind of a badge of honor around here,” he said, “and you know if you don’t have your airborne wings, I don’t know if I’d say they look down at you ... well, trust me, they do.”

So he went through airborne school not just to earn that badge of honor but because one day, he may literally have to jump out of a plane in a combat zone to answer legal questions Army officers might have.

“I wouldn’t say I’m used to it,” he said with a laugh, “and I haven’t done it a lot but let’s just say, the 11 or so times I’ve jumped, yeah, there’s been an adrenaline rush. I’ll tell you this much, landing’s nice.”

**THE FUTURE IS** bright for the young Stochl family, but where it leads is anybody’s guess.

They enjoy returning to Iowa, and Noah Stochl especially enjoys returning to his hometown each summer for the Josie’s Midsummer Classic.

“I watched my dad and grandpa play in it for years,” he said, “and it’s just like a tradition. Trust me, unless I’m deployed, which very well could happen, I’ll be back every year. It’s like the perfect homecoming.”

In many ways, he’s still competing, just like he did in high school, when he played football, basketball and baseball for the Chickasaws.

“It’s one of the things I really love about the law,” he said. “It’s competition.”

He does, however, lose out to one member of the family when it comes to military rank.

One of the Stochls’ dogs is named Captain, and based on the date of rank, the four-legged captain out ranks the two-legged one.

“Yeah, I can’t get around that one,” he said with a laugh.

But as much as he enjoys the almost year-round golf that North Carolina provides, he’s just as happy that he took up the Army and joined that firm unlike any other.

“I think it’s the best experience for a young attorney,” he said. “It’s different, don’t get me wrong. It is very formal, we have rules and regulations that are different, and our soldiers have more rights probably, but I’m learning a lot. We’ll see where it goes from here, but I can tell you this much ... I have no regrets.”



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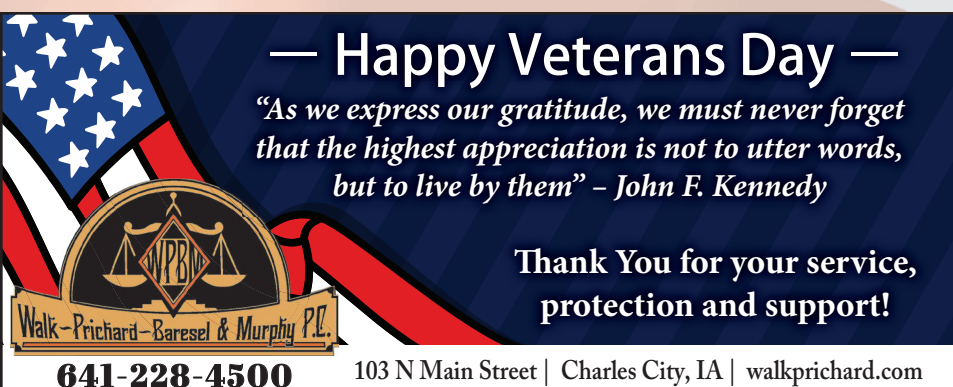
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Nashua veteran Dan Bilharz joins fellow veterans in a receiving line in which Nashua-Plainfield High School students thank area men and women for their service.

# The history of a holiday filled with ‘thank yous’

By **BOB FENSKE**  
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Shortly after the annual Veterans Day observance came to an end at Nashua-Plainfield High School last year, Dan Bilharz was stopped for a quick interview — emphasis on quick.

“It’s probably my favorite part of the program,” the Nashua VFW quartermaster said, “so I’ve got time for one or two questions ... at the most.”

That’s because he had a receiving line to get to.

It’s tradition at Nashua-Plainfield to have two Veterans Day programs, one is put on by the students of the elementary school while the second takes place in the high school gymnasium, and when the latter is complete, when the firing squad has done their salute just outside the gym doors, the Nashua-area veterans gather in the corner of the gym and scores of students go through the line.

“I think what gets to me the most is that it’s so genu-

ine,” Bilharz said, “and for a lot of us guys, that means the world to us because some of these fellas didn’t get a very nice welcome home back in the day. To have young high school students shake your hand and look you in the eye and say ‘thank you for your service’ means the world to us.”

**VETERANS DAY IS** a holiday that doesn’t “move around” on the calendar.

Each year, it is celebrated on Nov. 11. It doesn’t move to the second Monday or the last Monday; it’s always on Nov. 11, the day that marks the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when World War I unofficially ended in 1918.

World War I — known at the time as “The Great War” — officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied





Dorothy Huber

Veterans appreciate having a chance to meet students on their special day, and many area schools — including Turkey Valley — often hold observances and receptions for their favorite veterans.



nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

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One of the ways Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School "personalizes" its Veterans Day program is to have students bring in photos of family members who have served or are continuing to serve there county in the armed forces.

*of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and*

**Whereas** it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

**Whereas** the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

**AN ACT APPROVED** May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday — a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans."

With the approval of this legislation (Public Law

380) on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on Oct. 8, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

**THE UNIFORM HOLIDAY BILL** (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day,



Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978.

This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls.

The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the import-

ant purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

**THAT BRINGS US** back to that receiving line that one sees every year when Nashua-Plainfield students say thank you.

As Bilharz stood in that line in 2021, he smiled more than a few times.

"Sometimes a simple thank you," he said, "is just perfect."

A couple of hours earlier, he sat in the multi-purpose room at Nashua-Plainfield Elementary School and a young student walked up to him and said, "Thank you for what you did."

The veteran smiled; in fact, his face beamed.

"You're welcome, young man."

And that is a Veterans Day memory that will last a lifetime.

— *This story includes information from the Veterans Affairs Department's Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs*



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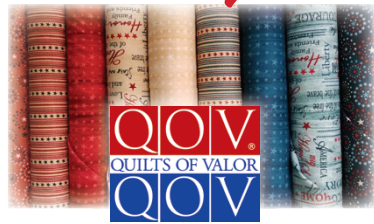
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Remarks ..... Clark Budweg, Fae Stine Post 38  
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