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## Supervisors tackle jail quandary

State jail inspector, consultants meet with board to discuss what's next

BY BOB FENSKE  
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The Chickasaw County Jail is living on borrowed time, which isn't exactly breaking news, but during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, the state jail inspector said he will be "patient" with the county as long as he sees that it is moving "forward."

Supervisors spent 30 minutes with

that jail inspector, Delbert Longley, as well as officials from the Samuels Group and both Sheriff's Office personnel and New Hampton Police Chief Zach Nobsisch discussing the facility that was built in the 1950s and a possible replacement of the building located across the street from the Courthouse.

During the discussion, Supervisor Jake Hackman said that since he was first elected in 2016, Lumley has

consistently said the county needs to have a five- or 10-year plan in place to replace the existing jail, and as Hackman put it, "I guess that today is the day we need to get that plan."

"I would certainly agree with that," Lumley said but he added that "if you make some movements to move forward, I have a lot of patience."

Earlier this year, county leaders approved using a small portion

of its American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to hire the Samuels Group to conduct a feasibility study on the current jail and its potential replacement.

When the current jail opened, it not only included a jail and offices but also living quarters for the sheriff and his family, and as current Sheriff Marty

Hemann put it on Monday, "in all practical purposes ... we've outgrown it, and we kind of outlived its practical purposes."

**SEE JAIL, 2**

## Old building, new name and new tenants

Chickasaw Heritage Building Center welcomes new offices

BY BOB FENSKE  
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The newly-named Chickasaw Heritage Building Center is now open for business, or at least it will be by the end of the week as a number of offices that have been housed at a building on East Main Street in New Hampton will complete their move to the former county home.

The Board of Supervisors on Monday voted to change the name of the building that will, for now at least, house the offices that were located at 910 E. Main St., a building that the county has agreed to sell to a company that plans to build a Dollar General store on the property.

Supervisor Jake Hackman said during Monday's meeting that the Northeast Iowa Community Action Corp./Chickasaw County General Assistance had already moved into the building. By the end of the week, the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs, Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services offices will have completed their moves to the building located just to the south of New Hampton.

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## Salvation Army desperately needs Red Kettle bell ringers

BY BOB FENSKE  
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Here was the good news Tuesday for the Salvation Army's Kris Markham.

The schedule for the first day of bell ringing, which was Wednesday, was full.

Now, for the bad news. She has 219 "open spots" that she desperately needs to be filled.

In other words, the Chickasaw County unit of the army — which is based out of Conway-Markham Funeral Home — has more than a week's worth of slots to fill.

"We're really hoping that people will step up and help us," Markham said, "because

**SEE BELL RINGERS, 3**



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Horizons-Chamber Executive Director Liz Zweibohmer and Quilters Window owner Denise Sinnwell (above) clear their respective Main Street sidewalks of snow Tuesday morning while the day before, New Hampton Municipal Light Plant employee Ryan Pickar (below) puts up the city's Christmas decorations.

## WELL, HELLO WINTER

IT DOESN'T ADD UP TO MUCH, BUT SHERIFF, CHIEF REMIND RESIDENTS TO TAKE IT SLOW

BY BOB FENSKE  
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Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann and New Hampton Police Chief Zach Nobsisch have two words for area motorists.

Slow. Down.

That's because winter has arrived.

"My best advice on a day like this is to slow down, allow extra

time to get where you want to go," Hemann said Tuesday, when Chickasaw County received its first "official" snowfall of the season. "It's that time of the year, and we've already seen a few accidents."

The season actually made its first appearance Saturday morning when roadways were, in a word, slick with ice, and on Tuesday, light

**SEE WINTER, 8**



Residents find a way to get "out of the wind" during the annual Veterans Day observance that was held on a cold, blustery day last Friday.

## Veterans Day speaker: Iowans make difference

1998 New Hampton High School graduate keeps it short, but meaningful, on cold, blustery holiday

BY DOROTHY HUBER  
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A member of the New Hampton Class of 1998, Sgt. Nick Shatek was asked, when the forecast called for frigid temperatures on Nov. 11, to keep his Veterans Day presentation short.

"I was fine with that," he said. "Most speeches center around veterans as a whole, but I wanted to break it up and talk about Iowans that have made contributions to the war efforts."

Shatek, who said he was "very honored" to be the keynote speaker, did his homework.

"Since the Civil War, over 672,000 Iowans bore arms, with less than

30,000 casualties," he said to those hardy enough to brave the cold. "After the World Trade Center attack in 2001, Iowa Army and Air Guard units have been deploying overseas every year engaging in combat and non-combat roles to support the war on terrorism."

It didn't take long for Shatek to "travel" after joining the Air Force National Guard shortly after

**SEE VETERANS DAY, 7**

**MORE PHOTOS FROM VETERANS DAY PROGRAM.**

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## Corn and soybeans

Check out our annual salute to the men and women who grow our corn and soybeans

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## Settling in

Former New Hampton star coaches Wartburg into Division III playoffs

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## THE 2022 ELECTION NUMBERS

### CHICKASAW COUNTY

#### U.S. SENATE

Michael Franken (D) ..... 1,665  
 Chuck Grassley (R) ..... 3,275  
 U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2

Liz Mathis (D) ..... 1,746

Ashley Hinson (R) ..... 3,197

#### GOVERNOR

Deidre DeJear (D) ..... 1,292

Kim Reynolds (R) ..... 3,568

Rick Steward (Lib) ..... 76

#### SECRETARY OF STATE

Joel Miller (D) ..... 1,389

Paul Pate (R) ..... 3,433

#### STATE AUDITOR

Rob Sand (D) ..... 2,222

Todd Halbur (R) ..... 2,606

#### STATE TREASURER

Michael Fitzgerald (D) ..... 2,049

Roby Smith (R) ..... 2,777

#### SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

John Norwood (D) ..... 1,202

Mike Naig (R) ..... 3,634

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Tom Miller (D) ..... 2,155

Brenna Bird (R) ..... 2,726

#### STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29

Jenn Woifff (D) ..... 1,548

Sandy Salmon (R) ..... 3,265

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58

Dene Lundberg (D) ..... 1,710

Charley Thomson (R) ..... 3,044

#### COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION COUNCIL

Michael Nehl ..... 2,475

Tara Underwood ..... 2,933

Theresa Hake ..... 1,780

Mary Schrandt-Prouty ..... 2,158

Diane Brown ..... 2,453

Brittany Bierle ..... 1,672

Tammy Jordan ..... 2,167

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 2

Scott Cerwinski (R) ..... 718

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISTRICT 5

Jason Byrne (D) ..... 473

Travis Suckow (R) ..... 576

**COUNTY TREASURER**  
 Keith Hoey (D) ..... 1,684  
**Matthew Ysbrand (R)** ..... 2,837  
**COUNTY RECORDER**  
 Shirley Troyna (D) ..... 2,891  
 Tim Zoll (R) ..... 2,016  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY**  
 David Launder (R) ..... 4,211

**FEDERAL AND STATE TOTALS**  
**U.S. SENATE**  
 Michael Franken (D) ..... 531,744  
**Chuck Grassley (R)** ..... 679,040  
**U.S. HOUSE DISTRICT 2**  
 Liz Mathis (D) ..... 146,259  
**Ashley Hinson (R)** ..... 172,336  
**GOVERNOR**

Deidre DeJear (D) ..... 481,538  
**Kim Reynolds (R)** ..... 706,622  
 Rick Steward (Lib) ..... 28,893  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**  
 Joel Miller (D) ..... 479,003  
**Paul Pate (R)** ..... 720,700  
**STATE AUDITOR**  
**Rob Sand (D)** ..... 598,818  
 Todd Halbur (R) ..... 595,700

**STATE TREASURER**  
 Michael Fitzgerald (D) ..... 582,200  
**Roby Smith (R)** ..... 612,717  
**SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE**  
 John Norwood (D) ..... 462,200  
**Mike Naig (R)** ..... 727,723  
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 Tom Miller (D) ..... 589,081  
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**STATE SENATE DISTRICT 29**  
 Jenn Woifff (D) ..... 9,089  
**Sandy Salmon (R)** ..... 17,217  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 57**  
 Carissa Forum (D) ..... 4,885  
**Pat Grassley (R)** ..... 8,889  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58**  
 Dene Lundberg (D) ..... 5,086  
**Charley Thomson (R)** ..... 7,365

**SOURCE:** Iowa Secretary of State Office and the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office

## Republicans have plenty to celebrate

Chickasaw County turns red — dark, dark red — in mid-term election

By BOB FENSKE  
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If the 2022 mid-term election was like a high school football game, it probably would have had a running clock — both in the area and statewide.

Let's put it this way: The Republicans blew out the Democrats, who had a reason to be feeling pretty blue when last Wednesday dawned.

The GOP swept almost all the federal and state races — the lone exception was the tight race between incumbent Democrat Rob Sand and Republican challenger Todd Halbur in the race for state auditor. Sand won the race by a mere 3,000 votes and will need to prevail in a likely recount to gain a second term.

Otherwise, it was pretty much a sea — no, make that an ocean — of red.

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley won an

eighth term, all four of Iowa Congressional Districts went Republican, Gov. Kim Reynolds easily won a second full term and the GOP finally got a win over long-time Attorney General Tom Miller, the Democrat who has held the office for all but four years since 1975.

Locally, Republicans swept all three Iowa Legislature races as Charley Thomson and Pat Grassley easily won Iowa House seats and Sandy Salmon claimed the area's State Senate seat.

How much of a rout was it for Republicans in Chickasaw County?

In races where both Democrats and Republicans had candidates, the GOP went 12-1.

The lone Democrat to garner more votes than the GOP candidate was Chickasaw County Recorder Shirley Troyna, who turned back a challenge from Tim Zoll.

Otherwise, Republicans ruled the day

in the county. Travis Suckow knocked off Democratic incumbent Jason Byrne in the District 5 supervisor race, and Matt Ysbrand easily won the county treasurer race over Democrat Keith Hoey and write-in candidate Jackie Bohr.

Republicans David Laudner (attorney), Sheila Shekleton (auditor) and Scott Cerwinski (District 2 supervisor) all ran unopposed.

And for the first time in eons, Chickasaw County will be represented by two Republicans in the Iowa Legislature as Sandy Salmon claimed the State Senate seat and Charly Thomson won the Iowa House seat.

About the only "blue news" for Republicans was on the national front, as the GOP looked like it failed to retake control of the U.S. Senate, although Republicans appeared to have turned enough seats to win back the U.S. House.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Samuels Group representatives Greg Wilde (left) makes a point while the state's chief jail inspector, Delbert Longley (above), discusses the issues with the Chickasaw County Jail during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

## Remodeling current jail off the table

### JAIL: FROM 1

Longley and the Samuels Group representatives, Greg Wilde and Dan Roetry, agreed.

"We have jail standards, because of a 1978 lawsuit out of Scott County where seven inmates sued the county and got a \$5 million settlement," Longley said. "My goal here is to keep you folks out of that type of situation."

Longley told supervisors that Hemann's staff is doing an outstanding job in what he termed the "older facility" and that jail staff should be commended for that.

"But it simply does not meet the needs you have now," Longley said. "There's a tremendous amount of safety concerns for the prisoners, for staff. There are certain guidelines are laid out in jail standards that require sight and sound separation, some separation of felons from misdemeanors,

males and females, unveils, etc., and honestly, you can not meet them."

Wilde said his company is about 80 percent done with its feasibility study and that he hopes to deliver the report to the board by the end of the year.

When first hired, the Samuels Group said it would see if the existing facility could be remodeled, but that proverbial ship has passed.

"We typically start in a feasibility study with the premise that we start with the facilities there and find ways to use it, but as Greg said, there isn't a way that we can work around that facility by incorporating a new facility into it at less cost than we could if we just did the facility the county needs."

Just what kind of facility the county will attempt to build remains up in the air, although Hemann said "I'm leaning a little bit more towards a 24-hour hold as opposed to a full-blown jail."

He said that tilt not only had to do with the cost of building a new jail and because of staffing costs that would arise.

"You have to staff it more than what we have for our current staff," he said, "and that's going to be an annual cost. That could be 3, 4, \$500,000 every year on top of my already existing \$1.9 million budget."

At the same time, Hemann said he would like to talk with other counties that have built 24-hour holding centers and see how it has worked for them.

One idea that has been floated is to have both the New Hampton Police Department and the Sheriff's Office based at a new jail. The city of New Hampton pledged \$5,000 of its ARPA funds to the feasibility study, and Hackman asked Nosbisch if having the new facility located in the city limits was a must for New Hampton?

"I suppose it all depends because I know there are some other places where they're located on the edge of town," the police chief said. "So it probably depends on how far out we're going to go."

In all likelihood, any kind of new facility would have to be approved by voters, and Wilde once again reiterated that his company would be more than willing to sign on for a "Phase 2" of its contract to help the county during that process.

He said that the Samuels Group has a 100 percent record in Iowa when it comes to having referendums pass on the first try, although he prefaced that remark with "knock on wood."

In all seriousness, though, he said educating voters will be a key once the county decides what kind of jail or holding facility it wants.

"Honestly, building a jail is not a pretty thing," Wilde said. "It's not like building a school. Schools are investing in the next generation; however, this is a public safety issue and a staff safety issue for law enforcement in particular."

**LifeServe blood drive next Tuesday**

LifeServe Blood Center will holds its monthly drive next Tuesday in New Hampton.

The blood drive will run from noon to 5:30 p.m. and will be held the New Hampton Community Center, 112 E. Spring St.

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# Farewell my great aunt, you were the best human

I didn't know Adam Larson from Adam before Monday night.

My guess is I'll probably never meet the young man, but on one of the worst days of my life, the software engineer perfectly described my favorite aunt.

His Facebook post nailed it. From the start, too.

*"The best human I've ever met died last night."*

The best human, that's a perfect



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description of Caroline Pelzel, the last of her generation in our family to grace this Earth. Sometime early Monday morning, she passed. And when I found out a few hours later, I wept. Cried like a baby. Bawled my eyes out.

I know most of you never met Aunt Caroline, although if you came to either of my sons' graduation parties, she was hard to miss.

From the time I found out around noon until around 9:30 Monday night, I was in a fog.

Oh, I called Josh, Noah and Abby. Ditto for Robin, the mother to my children. But when someone so beautiful and so special dies, one that represents the last of my aunts and uncles ... well, it's just going to be a crappy day.

When I got home, I made supper — well, actually I heated up supper — and sat down and scrolled through Caroline's Facebook page and read tribute after tribute.

She deserved them all, for her life was a wonderful adventure, one that saw her touch the lives of so many.

Caroline was an oopsie baby; she was born during my dad's junior year of high school. Her three older siblings were gone from the Fenske home before she was 10, but Dad always told me that she was the coolest little sister a guy could have.

She graduated from Mankato High, got married to David and had two girls — Carinda and Tina. They traveled the world, for her husband was a career Army guy. From Brussels, Belgium, to Washington D.C. to Indianapolis to Fairbanks, Alaska to God knows where else, she spent more than 20 years as an Army wife.

Shortly after the family moved to Duluth, David and Caroline split up, and she came out as gay, which made for one hell of an interesting family meeting with her mother, my grandmother. She also earned a college degree — the first Fenske to do so — in social work and spent 20 years working with the underprivileged and forgotten kids in St. Louis County.

What made Caroline special to us — my cousins and me — though was she was always there for us. When our parents died, it was Caroline who made sure we were OK, that we had the love we needed. When we had kids, she celebrated more than we did, if that was possible.

"I always was a great aunt," she would say, "but now it's official, I'm a great aunt!"

She loved us fiercely, and I think with apologies to my mom, Lorna and Judy, she was all of the cousins' favorite aunt. Her heart was as huge as her laugh, and the best thing that happened to us was Caroline's retirement in 2010. It gave her and her partner, Logan, the chance to



Bob Fenske/Tribune

**The columnist's aunt — a great one at that — poses with two of her great-nephews, Josh and Noah, at the 2017 state track and field meet.**

travel, and oh my God, did they seize the opportunity. Those two and their little R-Pod camper went everywhere for anything and everything.

She was Josh's and Noah's biggest fan. Driving through Iowa in October 2015, she called, found out that Josh was playing in a playoff football game and immediately set the navigation device to take them to Garner. OK, so she didn't have a winter coat and it was 25 degrees, snowing and windy as all hell, but her great nephew was playing.

A few years later, there was Caroline standing with her two great nephews at the state track meet, beaming not just because Noah had medaled in the shot put but because she was with her "giant great nephews."

She showed up for both of their graduation parties, parked the R-Pod at the Boy Scout Campground and went to work — always with that "Fenske laugh."

Caroline was so much fun, so damn quirky, and she took "never met a stranger" to an extreme. She loved anyone and everyone. God, I'm going to miss her. She was always just a phone call away in the good times and the bad times, and her love was so damn unconditional.

And she had a great, albeit at times twisted, sense of humor.

Willie died in 2002, my dad passed away in 2004 and Lorna died in 2006.

On Jan. 1, 2009, at about 12:01 a.m., I was sitting in my home in Forest City when my phone rang. It was Caroline.

"Well, I made it," she said.

"Huh?"

"I broke the pattern."

That she did, and truth be told, we all thought she'd outlive us all, but on Monday morning, while at my cousin Angel's house, she left us. Like I said, I was devastated. So, too, were Robin, Abby, Josh and Noah.

After a long day at work, one in which I will admit that I was far from productive, I went home and started reading those tributes that poured in from all over the country from all types of people.

*"The best human I've ever met died last night."*

And then I read Adam's story. He met Caroline when he was in foster care.

*"I'd met social workers plenty before. They came and went. But Caroline was more."*

He detailed how my aunt became his mentor, friend and grandmother, how my aunt taught him "how to eat" at Olive Garden before his first formal dance in high school, how my aunt bought him a new Abercrombie shirt because he was teased for "wearing the only one I had too many times in a row," and how she took him to something called Dances for Universal Peace — that was very Caroline by the way — when he had no home to celebrate Christmas.

And Adam shared how Caroline always advocated for him — taking on his mom, her administrators at work, teachers, police and even himself.

*"No one could do what Caroline could. She was truly special in the depth of her empathy and compassion."*

He pointed out that Caroline didn't just do it for him but for dozens of her "grandchildren" and that people like him grew up to be better just because my aunt had touched their lives.

*"Watching her interact with others and seeing how she cared for me taught me tolerance, patience, kindness and love. Fierce, unfettered, unconditional love. For yourself and for those around you."*

I'm sorry folks, this got long, but Caroline Pelzel was more than a great aunt. She was an extraordinary woman, and I guess my message to all of us today is this: Let's be like Caroline.

And I'll let Adam Larson finish this column, because even though he is a software engineer these days, he's one hell of a writer.

*"Knowing she's gone hurts, but I feel oddly at peace with it relative to other recent hardships. Caroline lived fully and uncompromisingly. If her life wasn't full and fulfilling, then it simply isn't a possibility."*

Honor a loved one during this meaningful time of the year as part of the 2022 Cedar Valley Hospice Tree of Love fundraiser. With a contribution, you will receive a keepsake ornament or bookmark in appreciation of your donation.

Also celebrate the season by

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Gather for reflection and listen to music by The Union Carolers as well as enjoy light refreshments.

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## Church Services

### NEW HAMPTON

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN

223 S. Water  
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641-394-2552

Pastors Kevin Frey  
and Dan Christensen  
Service time: 9 a.m.  
Sunday.

#### HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC

202 N. Broadway  
641-394-2105  
Father James Goerend  
Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday,  
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST & UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

at First United Methodist  
201 N. Locust Ave.  
Pastor Dong Hun Shin  
Service time: Sunday,  
9:30 a.m. at United Church  
of Christ.

#### REDEEMER LUTHERAN

611 W. Court St.  
saudejerico.com  
Pastor Peter Faugstad  
Service time: 4 p.m.  
Saturday Divine Service

#### HARVEST CHURCH

481 S. Linn Ave.  
harvestearies.com  
641-394-4380  
Pastor Doug Harvey

Service time: 10:30 a.m. Sunday

#### PRairie Lakes

234 Linn Ave.  
prairielakeschurch.org  
641-456-6880

Pastor Cory Orr

Service times: 9 a.m.,  
Sunday

#### JERICo

#### JERICo LUTHERAN

2512 120th St., New Hampton

saudejerico.com  
Pastor Peter Faugstad

Service time: 8:30 or  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine

Service (check website).

#### SAUDE

#### SAUDE LUTHERAN

2949 Stevens Trail, Lawler  
saudejerico.com  
Pastor Peter Faugstad  
Service time: 8:30 or  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine  
Service (check website).

#### IONIA

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

firstumcnewhampton.com  
Pastor Dong Hun Shin  
Service time: Sunday,  
8 a.m.

#### ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC

Father James Goerend  
Mass time: Saturday, 6 p.m.

#### LOURDES

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC

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

#### ALTA VISTA

#### ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC

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

#### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### ELMA

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC

Rev. Jerry Kopacek  
Mass: Sunday, 7:15 a.m.;  
Thursday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m.

#### ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

#### NORTH WASHINGTON

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Father James Goerend  
Mass: Thursday, Nov.  
24, 9 a.m.

# Time for some trimming

As believers in Jesus Christ, we need 'continuous pruning'

Recently one of the church members brought over a lift to clear out dead and broken branches high up in some trees.

The more branches he trimmed, the more branches we saw that needed attention. The job got a little bigger than expected!

The Commandments of God have a similar effect on us. The more we study them, the more dead and broken branches they reveal in us. And that is important. If the disease goes undiagnosed, good health is not possible.

Jesus told His disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is

the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit" (John 15:1-2).

The branches that no longer bear fruit are people who have lost their faith in Jesus. The branches that do bear fruit are believers.

But believers are not finished products. They struggle with sin just like unbelievers do. That is why believers need continuous pruning. Everything that is dead, diseased, and fruitless must be cut away.

God the Father prunes us by leading us to rec-

ognize and repent of our sins. That is the work of His Law. With the problem areas addressed, then we are ready for the living water of His Gospel.

The Word of Jesus' death and resurrection brings us salvation and life. Jesus suffered for our fruitless ways and endured the fires of hell that all of us branches deserve.

He died in our place and rose again in victory over death on the third day.

With our faith fed and nourished by this message of God's grace, with our life tied to Jesus, we become fruitful branches.



Pastor Peter Faugstad serves Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Hampton and the Jerico and Saude congregations northeast of town (<https://saudejerico.com/>).

Jesus says, "Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).



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## Here's a good plan for Thanksgiving

Want to skip the cooking and the dreaded dishes? Well, Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton has a deal for you as, once again, the church will be hosting its annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. A full turkey and ham dinner will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the church's Fellowship Hall, and takeout meals will also be available.. A freewill donation will be taken and all proceeds will benefit the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**2 Corinthians 5:19**



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## Church Services

### NASHUA

**LITTLE BROWN CHURCH**  
littlebrownchurch.org  
Pastor Drew McHolm  
**Service times:** Sing-A-Long Service, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday; Traditional Service, 10:30 a.m.

**REPUBLIC CHURCH**  
1794 280th St., Ionia  
Pastor Sarah Namukose  
**Service time:** 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
314 Brasher Street  
Pastor Sarah Namukose  
**Service time:** 9 a.m. Sundays.

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

**CEDAR POINT CHURCH**  
310 Main Street  
Pastor Darin Cerwinski  
**Service time:** 10 a.m. Sundays.

**ST. MICHAELS CHURCH**  
602 Cedar Street  
Father Tom Heathershaw  
**Service time:** 6:30 p.m. Saturdays

**ST. JOHN'S UCC - PLEASANT HILL**  
10009 Union Ave.  
Pastor Drew McHolm  
**Service time:** Sunday, 9 a.m.

**PLAINFIELD**  
**UNITED METHODIST**  
404 2nd St.  
319-276-3195  
Pastor Roberta Robbins  
**Service time:** Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

**LAWLER**  
**OUR LADY OF Mt. CARMEL CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
3030 Highway 24  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass:** Saturday, 4 p.m.

**IMMANUEL CRANE CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2616 140th St., Lawler  
Student Pastor Sue Cira  
**Service time:** 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

**FREDERICKSBURG**  
**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD**

222 S. Washington Ave.  
Pastor Ron Koch  
**Service time:** 9 a.m. Sundays.

**PEACE UCC CHURCH**  
221 Oak St.  
Pastor Scott Smith  
**Service time:** 9 a.m. Sundays.

**WAUCOMA**  
**ST. MARY CATHOLIC**  
218 3rd St. NW  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass:** Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; Thursday, Nov. 24, 8:30 a.m.

**ST. LUCAS**  
**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC**  
215 East Main  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass:** Saturday, 6 p.m.

**PROTIVIN HOLY TRINITY**  
124 N. Main St.  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass:** Sunday, 8:30 a.m., am.

**LITTLE TURKEY ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
3303 160th St.  
Father Nick Radloff  
**Mass:** Sunday, Nov. 27, 8:30 a.m.

**CLARKSVILLE**  
**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, PLEASANT VALLEY**

31015 150th Street  
Rev. Peter Wenzel  
**Service time:** 10 a.m., Sundays

## What to know about sustainable investing

You may have heard about "sustainable investing." But if you're not familiar with it, you may have some questions: What does it involve? Is it right for me? Can I follow a sustainable investing strategy and still get the portfolio performance I need to reach my goals?

Sustainable investing can be defined in different ways, with different terminologies. However, one way to look at a sustainable approach is by thinking of it as investing in a socially conscious way which may involve two broad categories: environmental, social and governance (ESG) investing and values-based investing.

As its name suggests, ESG investing incorporates a broad range of environmental, social and governance risks and opportunities, along with traditional financial measures, when making investment decisions. This approach may have a neutral impact on performance because it maintains a focus on managing risk, traditional fundamental analysis and diversification. Here's a quick look at the ESG elements:

- Environmental** – Companies may work to reduce carbon emissions, invest in renewable energy, decrease pollution and conserve water resources.

- Social** – A business may promote gender and pay equality within its workforce, and maintain positive labor relations and safe working conditions for employees.

- Governance** – Companies distinguished by good governance may institute strong ethics policies, provide transparent financial reporting and set policies to ensure it has an independent, objective board of directors.

You can pursue an ESG investing approach through individual stocks, mutual funds or exchange-traded funds (ETFs), which hold a variety of investments similar to mutual funds, but are generally passively managed – that is, they do little or no trading. As an ESG investor, you don't necessarily have to sacrifice performance because ESG investments generally fare as well as the wider investment universe.



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Some investments may even gain from the ESG approach. For example, a company that invests in renewable energy may benefit from the move away from fossil fuel sources.

Now, let's move on to values-based investing. When you follow a values-based approach, you can focus on specific themes where you may choose to include or exclude certain types of investments that align with your personal values.

So, you could refrain from investing in segments of the market, such as tobacco or firearms, or in companies that engage in certain business practices, such as animal testing. On the other hand, you could actively seek out investments that align with your values. For instance, if you're interested in climate change, you could invest in a mutual fund or ETF that contains companies in the solar or clean energy industries.

One potential limitation of values-based investing is that it may decrease the diversification of your portfolio and lead to materially lower returns due to narrowly focused investments, prioritization of non-financial goals and too many exclusions.

Ultimately, if you choose to include a sustainable investing approach, you will want – as you do in any investing scenario – to choose those investments that are suitable for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

If sustainable investing interests you, give it some thought – you may find it rewarding to match your money with your beliefs.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

## NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

### Week of Nov. 13

**1947 (75 years ago)**

The Music Parents Club is sponsoring the collection of waste fats and all parents of pupils attending school are asked to cooperate.

The proceeds will be put toward the fund for new uniforms for the band. Collection day will be Dec. 5 at the uptown station of the New Hampton Poultry Co.

**1972 (50 years ago)**

A vacancy on the New Hampton Park Board was filled this week by the city council appointment of Wendal Liddle to the post.

Liddle will replace Jack Kendall, who resigned recently. Other members of the three-member board are Claude Babcock Jr., and Edward Conway. Liddle is owner and manager of Liddle's Super Valu market in New Hampton.

Investigation of a break-in at the D & E Grocery store in Ionia over the weekend continues. The Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office said entrance to the building was gained sometime Saturday night or Sunday morning when thieves threw a cement block through the front door. A rear door was broken in the same manner.

Dick Dvorak, owner and manager of the store, reported \$20 in bills and coins missing from a cash register, along with a number of cartons of cigarettes and a 12-pack of beer.

**1997 (25 years ago)**

Thomas Thompson has resigned as president/CEO of the St. Joseph Community Hospital (SJCH) effective Nov. 10. Thompson has served as the hospital's top administrator since November 1989.

Carolyn Martin-Shaw, vice president of health services at SJCH, has been named interim president/CEO during the search for a permanent CEO. Martin-Shaw joined the hospital in March 1995.

**2012 (10 years ago)**

Jim O'Connor, the longtime men's clothing store owner who lived out his retirement as a reporter at the Tribune, died early Friday morning from an apparent heart attack. He was 82 years old.

O'Connor was born in New Hampton in 1930 and, save for

his time at Notre Dame and three years spent in the U.S. Army in the 1950's he spent his entire life in his hometown. When he was discharged he went to work for his father Chester "Chetty" O'Connor, who owned a men's clothing store at the corner of Main Street and Chestnut Avenue in New Hampton.

He bought it from his father in 1966 and owned and operated it until his retirement in 1994. It was a gathering spot for the guys in town. His many friends were comforted by the fact that his life-as local attorney and fellow Notre Dame graduate Mike Kennedy put it- "was about as rich a one as a guy could have."

The New Hampton School Board hopes to return to full strength by its December meeting, after longtime Board President Terry Anderson tendered his recognition on Monday. As vice president, Tom Rasmussen will take over as board president, and board members elected Joe Rosonke to take Rasmussen's place as vice president. Board members discussed how to fill Anderson's spot and decided to appoint a new member at its December meeting. The new member will fill out the rest of Anderson's term that expires next September.

**2017 (5 years ago)**

Although construction on Mercy Medical Center-New Hampton's \$6 million renovation project began last month, in a sense, it will kick off on Tuesday.

Instead of a groundbreaking, hospital officials have come up with a creative way to celebrate a project that will lead to a safer and more secure emergency department, single-patient rooms and a new reception and medical records area. On Tuesday, area residents will have a chance to sign one of the beams that will go into the renovation project. It's like a time capsule. Maybe in a 100 or so years, a new hospital will be built or the area of the hospital that includes the signed beam will be renovated.

The Wartburg football team ended the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record, a top-15 national ranking and a trip to the NCAA Division III playoffs, which open on Saturday when Wartburg hosts Franklin (Ind.) College.

Three former New Hampton High School stars play key roles in Wartburg football. Chris Winter serves as Wartburg defensive coordinator and assistant head coach, Connor Frerichs, linebacker and Matt Mulford, lineman, are all part of the Wartburg football program.

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The Lawler City Council met in regular session on November 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Mark Muetheries presided. Council members present: Izer, King, Kuehner and Scheidel

Council members absent: Croell Others present: Jay Uhlenhake, Cathy Humpal, Stephanie Tangen

Motion made by King to approve the Agenda

Second by Scheidel. All Ayes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to approve the previous minutes and current bills

Second by Izer. All Ayes. Motion passed.

ARAMARK,RUGS ..... 374.55

JENDRO,GARBAGE CONTRACT ..... 2,791.38

UPS ..... 148.43

EFTPS,FED/FICA TAX ..... 1,509.85

IPERS,IPERS ..... 1,130.02

BLACK HILLS ENERGY,GAS UTILITy ..... 128.55

MIENERGY,ELECTRICITY ..... 21,000.22

CASH,TRACTOR DIESEL ..... 324.46

IOWA DEPT OF REVNURE/SALES SALES TAX ..... 1,219.54

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE PUBLIC HEARING 11/7/2022 ..... 183.04

QUILL CORPORATION,RENEWAL ..... 69.99

UNITES STATES POSTAL ..... 600

MIC'S PLUMBING & HEATING ..... 166

STOREY KENWORTHY,UTILITY BILLS ..... 510

IWD,3RD QTR UNEMPLOYMENT ..... 12.34

IOWA RURAL WATER,DUES 1/1/2023-12/31/2023 ..... 225

USABLEBOOK,WATER TREATMENT ..... 203.09

MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC,RADIO READ ..... 1,725.66

CROELL INC,FILL SAND ..... 25.71

IAWEA,2022 WATER CLASS ..... 35

TERRY DURIN CO,STREET LIGHTS ..... 1,434.00

IOWA UTILITIES BOARD,FY2022 DIRECT ASSESSMENT ..... 167

MARC,MINT POWER OFF ..... 113.87

IOWA ONE CALL ..... 18

STATE, HYGENIC LAB,WATER TESTING ..... 150

VISA - J UHLENHAKE ..... 272.8

GWORKS,ANNUAL LICENSE FEE ..... 3,077.41

VISA - S BYRNE,OFFICE SUPPLIES ..... 16.25

HAWKEY INTERCONNECT ..... 40.79

DEPOSIT,REFUNDS,REFUND DATE 11/08/2022 ..... 356.88

PAYROLL CHECKS,TOTAL PAY-ROLL CHECKS ..... 5,503.65

CLAIMS TOTAL ..... 43,533.48

REVENUE GENERAL FUND ..... 8,742.27

49755.73 SANITATION FUND ..... 2,791.38

ROAD USE TAX FUND ..... 2,140.74

3934.43 WATER FUND ..... 3,136.08

6747.88 SEWER FUND ..... 2,689.50

9227.23 ELECTRIC FUND ..... 23,676.63

29141.45 DEPOSITS - ELECTRIC FUND ..... 356.88

STORM WATER FEE ..... 1242.18 LIBRARY CLAIMS REPORT

IPERS,IPERS ..... 272.14 MIDWEST TAPE,DVD ..... 84.46

INGRAM,BOOKS ..... 271.92 PETTY CASH,PETTY CASH ..... 76.92

RILEY'S ..... 111 TRIBUNE,2022 RENEWAL ..... 54 CONSUMER REPORTS,2022 RE-NEWAL ..... 31.03

TASTE OF HOME,2022 RENEWAL ..... 18 HAWKEYE INTERCONNECT,Oct-22

..... 31.29 BETTY PASSICK ..... 24.1 CHICKASAW COUNTY AUDITOR ..... 263.28 PAYROLL CHECKS,TOTAL PAY-ROLL CHECKS ..... 1,297.99 CLAIMS TOTAL ..... 2,536.13 GENERAL FUND ..... 2,536.13

The council looked over the Annual Financial Report FY22. Motion made by Scheidel to approve the Annual Financial Report FY22. Second by Kuehner. Ayes:Scheidel, Kuehner and King

Nayes: none Motion passed.

Cathy Humpal asked for a copy of a credit card policy. Suzette told she would get her one. Motion made by King to open the Public Hearing to approve Resolution #2022-09072022 Budget Amendment for Ambulance. Second by Izer. Ayes:King, Izer, Kuehner and Scheidel

Nayes: None Motion passed.

The Budget Amendment was presented to the council. No comments were made.

Motion made by Izer to close the Public Hearing to approve Resolution #2022-09072022 Budget Amendment for Ambulance. Second by Scheidel.

Ayes: King, Scheidel, Kuehner and Izer

Nayes: none Motion passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to approve Public Hearing to approve Resolution #2022-09072022 Budget Amendment for Ambulance. Second by King. Ayes:Scheidel, King, Izer and Kuehner

Nayes: None Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Motion made by King to adjourn meeting. Second by Scheidel.

Ayes:Kuehner, King, Scheidel and Izer

Nayes: None Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Suzette Byrne, City Clerk

No. 22481

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### STATE OF IOWA

2022

### FINANCIAL REPORT

### FISCAL YEAR ENDED

JUNE 30, 2022

### CITY OF LAWLER, 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)
137,176	0	137,176	132,795

Revenues and Other Financing Sources

Taxes Leved on Property	137,176	137,176	132,795
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Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year

0	0
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**Almanac**

	H	L	P
Wednesday	67	52	--
Thursday	67	20	.11
Friday	27	20	--
Saturday	28	18	T
Sunday	31	17	--
Monday	35	25	.06
Tuesday	33	24	.22

**Forecast**

**Thursday:** Mostly cloudy with a chance of flurries with a high of 24 and a low of 9.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy and cold with a high of 15 and a low of 5.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny with a high of 19 and a low of 5.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny but still pretty chilly; high 19, low 8.

**Extended forecast:** We'll warm up to start the work week but it'll still be brisk with highs in the 20s but at least there's no snow in the forecast!

**Meetings****MONDAY**

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton School Board, 6:30 p.m., High School Media Center.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

**History**

• In 1869, the Suez Canal, connecting the Mediterranean and the Red seas, is inaugurated in a ceremony attended by French Empress Eugénie, wife of Napoleon III.

• In 1968, the Oakland Raiders score two touchdowns in nine seconds to beat the New York Jets and no one sees it, because NBC switched its programming to the movie "Heidi."

• In 1989, nine days after the fall of the Berlin Wall roughly 200 miles to the north, students gather en masse in Prague, Czechoslovakia, to protest the communist regime, leading to the so-called "Velvet Revolution."

• In 2003, the actor and former bodybuilder Arnold Schwarzenegger is sworn in as the 38th governor of California at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

**Birthdays**

• British World War II Gen. Bernard Montgomery was born in 1887.

• Rock Hudson, the actor who died from AIDS, was born in 1925.

• Movie actress Rachel McAdams turns 44.

• TV and film star Danny DeVito turns 78.

• "Saturday Night Live" creator Lorne Michaels turns 78.

• Famed film director Martin Scorsese turns 80.

• Canadian folksinger Gordon Lightfoot turns 84.

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**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.

Funeral service will be held 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.

Friends may greet the family one hour prior to the funeral service on Saturday at the funeral home.

The family requests that memorials be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hampton, a church Jim treasured greatly.

Jim's long and productive life began on Aug. 15, 1926, when he was born to Howard and Gertrude Ferkin in Roland. He began his schooling in Roland before his family moved to Marshalltown, where he graduated from high school in 1944.

After spending a semester at Iowa State University studying veterinary medicine, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served his country as K-9 unit handler during World War II. Due to an illness, he was honorably discharged in 1945, and he and his parents moved to New Hampton.

Jim and his family almost immediately made an impact on their new hometown, as he and his parents opened New Hampton's first supermarket, Ferkin's Super Valu, and they ran the store located on Main Street until 1960. The Ferkin's believed in giving their customers the best possible price and the best customer service at the store.

It was in the 1950s that Jim met Sharon Drewelow, who worked at KGLO-TV in Mason City but was home for the holidays working at Barb and Ole Knutson's store when the two met and the connection was almost immediate. The two began dating, fell in love and were married on May 4, 1958, at what was then called St. Paul's Lutheran Church (today's Trinity) in New Hampton.

Their family grew to include two sons, Gary Lee and Robert, and Jim was always there for both his wife and his two sons.

He was the husband and father they could always count on. They spent many summer weekends in Bloomington, Minnesota, where Jim loved taking his family to Metropolitan Stadium to see the Minnesota Twins play ball. On several occasions Jim took his family to Walt Disney World and other attractions around Florida.

In 1960, the couple built and began operating Ferkin's Motel, today's Southgate Motel, that was located on Highway 63 on the south side of New Hampton. The family lived at the motel and put in many long days and nights to make sure

**Jeremie M. Ensign, 43**

Jeremie M. Ensign, age 43 of Ionia, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Kevin Frey, Trinity Lutheran Church, presiding.

The interment will be in the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Online condolences for Jeremie's family may be left at hugebackfuneralhome.com.

**Anthony Martin, 74**

Anthony Martin, age 74 of Cedar Falls and formerly of Nashua, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at Bickford Cottages in Cedar Falls.

A graveside service was held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory have been entrusted with Anthony's arrangements.

**Larry Eugene Means, 68**

Larry Eugene Means, age 68 of Galveston, Texas, and formerly of Fredericksburg, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022 at UTMB Health John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas.

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

**Property Transfers**

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Jim Ferkin

Rene Ardwin Reicks, age 60 of Lawler, died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at his home.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2022, at The Waucoma Events Center with the Rev. Leslie White officiating.

Friends may greet the family from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at The Waucoma Events Center in Waucoma. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the Waucoma Events Center on Friday.

Rene was born on Aug. 2, 1962, at what was then the St. Joseph's Hospital in New Hampton, and he was second youngest of Alex and Luella (Huinker) Reicks' nine children.

He grew up on the family farm near Little Turkey, and Rene was born to be a farmer. He helped his parents on their farm — milking cows, doing field work and the like — and attended school at Turkey Valley. In high school, he was a cross country runner, and he graduated with the Turkey Valley High School Class of 1981.

When he graduated, there was only one thing Rene really wanted to do — farm. He spent his entire adult life working the land, and he was a John Deere man through and through. Rene became a champion of no-till farming methods of which he was very proud. Always a hard worker, Rene also drove truck — both over-the-road and short trips.

He was married twice — to Ruby and Brenda — and for the past 18 years, he and his life partner Cynthia Kay made a wonderful life together. Rene had four children — Reggie, Sam, Terry and Courtney — who will always cherish the many fond memories they made with their dad. They'll never

forget the great stories he told, the hunting trips they took, the vacations to Minnesota they took every August, the trips to the roller skating rink and the fun they had going to Valleyfair. And, of course, they'll always smile when they recall the "wildlife scouting in the war wagon" with Rene.

His three boys and Courtney, a captain in the U.S. Air Force, loved the time they spent with Dad.

He had a big heart and loved to laugh. His one-liners were legendary, if a bit "kooky!" But he was also industrious and his ingenuity was simply amazing. Rene could fix anything, and even though he didn't have any formal education in mechanics, he could take a car apart and put it back together and it was better than ever. And he loved his dogs — Bud and Gipper — who loved him right back.

His mother taught Rene how to sew, and he would do little sewing projects — like replacing the zipper in Cynthia's coat — and make them look professional. He was also one hell

of a cook, and his homemade sausage and spaetzle were, in

a word, delicious. Rene and Cynthia were also pros when it came to sweet corn.

**Glenda Lensing, 83**

Glenda Lensing, age 83 of Charles City, passed away Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at the Floyd County Medical Center in Charles City surrounded by her family holding hands and sharing memories.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Glenda will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at St. Boniface Church in Ionia with Father Jim Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Burial will follow at St. Boniface Cemetery in Ionia.

A visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, with a Scripture Service beginning at 7 p.m. at Hauser Weishaar Funeral Home in Charles City. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Glenda Jean (Harris) Lensing, the daughter of Glen and Margaret (Stewart) Harris, was born on May 25, 1939, in Clarksville.

She graduated from Clarksville High School. She worked as a secretary in Waterloo and then was a bank teller at First Citizens Bank in Charles City, but her most cher-

ished roles were as wife, moth-

er, and homemaker.

Glenda met the love of her life, Eugene Lensing, while attending a dance at the Janesville Ballroom. The couple was married on June 18,

1960, at St. Joseph Church in New Hampton. To this union five children — David, Michael, Jeannie, James and Larry — were born.

Glenda was a Chickasaw County 4-H Club Leader, where the family was elected 4-H Family of the Year, a member of the St. Boniface Quilting Club, and served on the board at the Senior Center.

She loved to play a variety of card games and board games, with a little bit of friendly competition, with her family and friends. She enjoyed listening to bluegrass and gospel music, watching Iowa Hawkeye basketball and reading books.

Faith and family were the most important things in Glenda's life. She and Eugene

**Briefs****Twin Ponds to hold turkey program Tuesday**

Want the little ones to learn about turkeys? Bring them to the Twin Ponds Nature Center on Tuesday, Nov. 22 to learn about turkeys, sing-a-long with a song and make a craft.

This program will begin at 5 p.m. and is free, but registration is required by calling 641-394-4714.

**Floyd County voters reject EMS levy**

Floyd County voters decidedly turned down a question of whether to allow the county to collect taxes to support emergency medical services (EMS) in Tuesday's election.

Voters not only failed to give the EMS levy the necessary 60 percent needed to pass, it didn't even reach a majority, failing with 2,813 "no" votes to 2,622 "yes" votes in unofficial results released Tuesday evening by the Floyd County Auditor's Office.

Supporters of the levy, which would have used a combination of property taxes and an Iowa income tax surtax to raise up to \$556,000 annually for 10 years to support EMS services throughout the county, have said that without the tax, cities and the county will struggle to come up with the funds to support ambulance service and other EMS services in the county.

Opponents questioned where the numbers for the proposed maximum tax came from,

arguing that the amount proposed was more

**Rene Ardwin Reicks, 60**



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Air Force National Guard Sgt. Nick Shatek (above) delivers the keynote address, and Jason Klimesh (right) presents the U.S. Army flag during the Veterans Day observance that was held last Friday at the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial.



## Veteran's belief: God has a plan

### VETERANS DAY: FROM 1

graduating from NHHS. He deployed to Turkey in 1998 for 15 months and did a tour in Iraq in 2003.

"We were getting hit every day there," he said of Iraq. "Like clockwork, they would hit every night."

Shatek was on the phone with his dad, Lester, one day when shelling started.

"The phone tent, it was a canvas tent, I told him, 'gotta go, love you' and got underneath a table." Even though he's a member of the security force, there wasn't much else he could do. "They're shelling from such a distance. You wait until it's done and start your post-attack plan to try and prevent another attack in the future."

"You can always tell the newcomers," he added. "I would tell them that it will be done in a minute, just sit there until it's done, sort of riding the storm out. You just have to get used to it, this is your way of life now. But I firmly believe that God has a plan. You just let God take the wheel."

That belief may have helped Shatek get through additional deployments, including another to Iraq again in 2006, Kuwait in 2007 and Oman in 2012.

Though Shatek will be retiring next month — after 23 years of service — he will miss the challenges the service gave him. And he will miss his brothers-in-arms.

"Those guys, we train together, fight together, deploy together and come home together. When I became Sergeant I became a protector of my people, it was more of a leadership role, but you still try to maintain friendships."

And yes, though there's danger in deployments, he will miss those too.



Navy veteran Dan Huffman presents the flag of his branch of service during the program last week.

"Deployments are where soldiers learn the most," he said. "You can see how your training works. Without that real-world deployment, you don't know what you're capable of. It can also help me see where my weaknesses are as a leader and help me

build off that."

Shatek ended his Veterans Day address with a quote.

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."



New Hampton High School Band member Hayden Hackman (above) plays "Taps," and American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 Commander Brian Quick (below) welcomes the hearty souls who turned out for the program.



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# Forecasters say we're in for a frigid weekend

## WINTER: FROM 1

snow fell throughout much of the day. It didn't amount to much; maybe an inch or two, but the days of stopping quickly at intersections had come to an end.

"It's Iowa, but that first one always seems like we need that reminder about winter driving," Nosbisch said.

His advice?

"Sooooooooow down," he said. "Allow yourself extra time and make sure you have good tires. That's something a lot of people don't think about, but really slow down, if you brake a half a block from the stop sign, you're probably not going to slide through the intersection. And you know, sliding through an

intersection is not a good plan."

Hemann said the Sheriff's Office responded to two accident scenes Saturday and on Tuesday morning, a semi-truck trailer slid off Highway 63 north of New Hampton.

Although much of the snow that did fall melted Tuesday, we may have a "white Thanksgiving," because it's going to get downright cold.

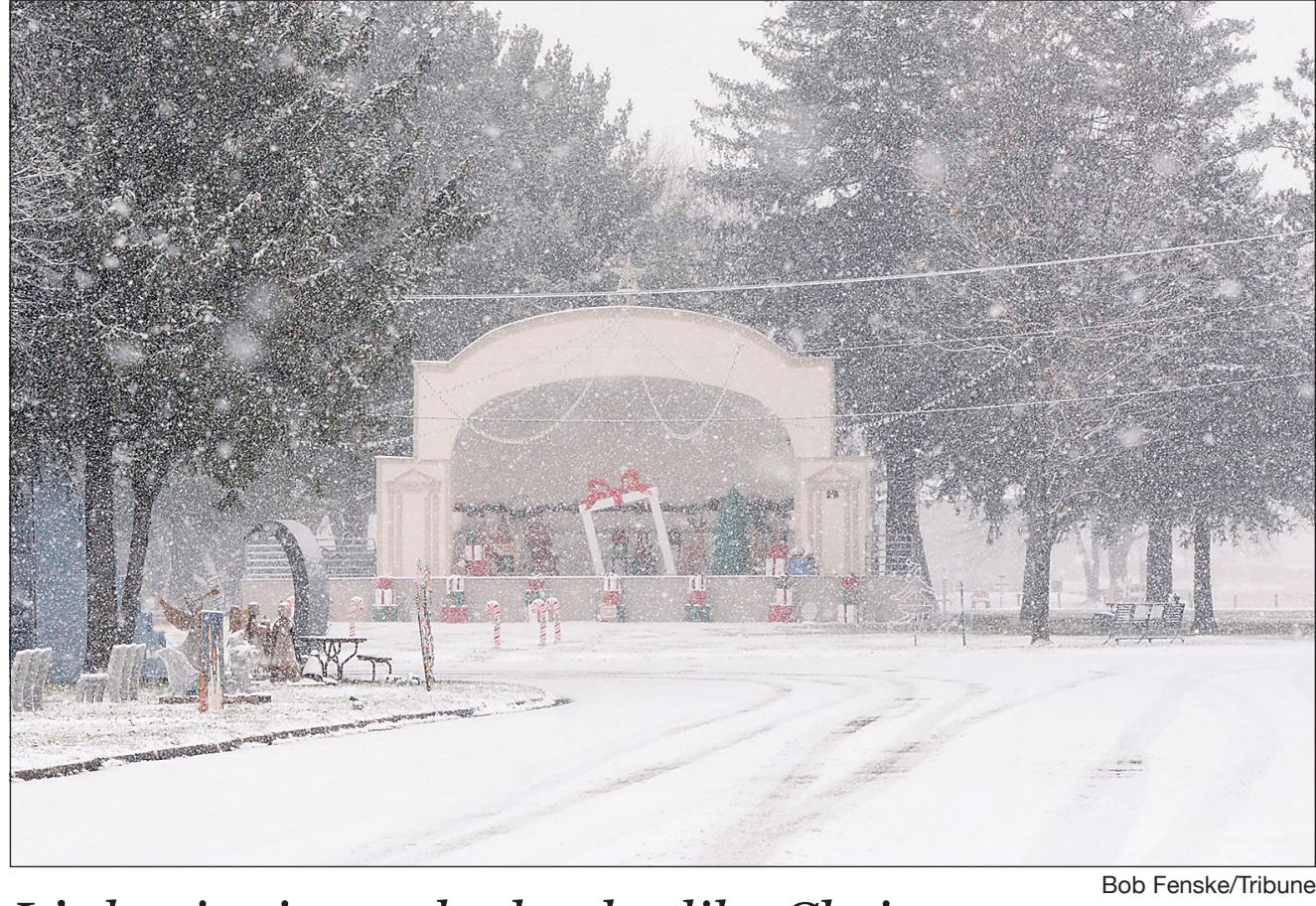
The National Weather Service forecast for New Hampton calls for a high of 24 today and temperatures are not expected to get out of the teens again until Monday and overnight lows will fall into the single digits throughout the weekend.

In other words, welcome to winter, folks.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

**Motorists make their way into New Hampton on Highway 24 as snow falls Tuesday morning.**



Bob Fenske/Tribune

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Even if you aren't quite ready for the snow, you have to admit it made for a beautiful scene Tuesday morning at Mikkelsen Park, where many of the Little Light of Mine displays have been set up. The annual holiday display will be lit up for the first time during a ceremony that begins at 5:30 p.m. on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

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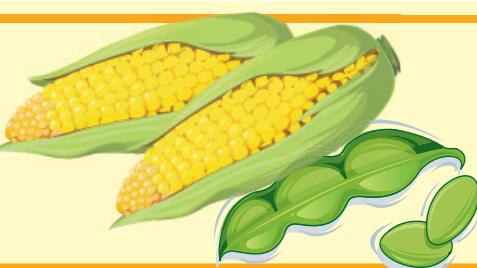












# Salute to Corn & Soybean Growers

## Trying to make farming more profitable

### NHHS grad returns with family to start business

BY DOROTHY HUBER

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Tyler Underwood talks about a corn plant as if it was human. He wants to "help relieve stress off the plant, giving it a chance to relax and live longer."

Corn and soybeans are often under strain during the course of the season. Since yoga classes aren't exactly an option, the New Hampton native finds other ways to take stress off the plant. Though the Channel seed salesman has already done the selling and delivering, his job continues through the growing season. He scouts fields for weeds, disease and bugs, determining and suggesting to his customers what course of action he would take.

But the seed is where it all starts. "We focus on selling the highest performing corn and soybean genetics," said Underwood. "The seed is the hub of the wheel and you have the spokes coming out from there. But the largest challenge is the weather. Breeding of corn and soybeans has come a long ways, right? I have hybrids that are drought-tolerant, I have hybrids that like stressed soil types. And I have hybrids in my portfolio that like really high-performing soils."

Another product Underwood sells and strongly believes in is Pivot Bio. That company is a stand-alone — not at all affiliated with Channel Seeds — and is focused on the replacement of synthetic fertilizer, as in, nitrogen. We've heard about the downsides of nitrogen, and the damage excess application can cause to the environment.

"This is a biological product, there's two biological strains combined into an on-seed treatment or an in-furrow liquid

product. With biology what's important is proximity to the plant. It's way more efficient. The soil is a jungle full of animals, full of biology. Predator or prey. And what you don't want is to become a food source for something else, right? That plant needs it so you want it to be as close to the root as you can get it so that plant has the opportunity to pick it up."

"When it gets on the seed coat it begins to colonize, once it gets in the soil it starts to grow and this colonization of organisms grows with the plant."

Underwood said corn needs the biggest boost of nitrogen at the "V10" stage — which starts around five weeks after the plant emerges — until tassel.

"What Pivot does is it grows in the soil as the plant grows, producing nitrogen for the plant to take up and hopefully by the point when the plant is at V10 it's got the largest population in the soil to do it. What's crazy is, Pivot Bio allows the farmer to reduce commercial nitrogen by 40 units. It's a lot."

**AFTER GRADUATION**, and a four-year varsity wrestling stint as a Chickasaw, Underwood went to Iowa State and majored in agricultural study. "That allowed me to see the bigger ag picture which helped me determine I wanted to do a minor in agronomy." His first internship was with Five-Star Coop in Lawler and he worked in Dike a few years, among other jobs. Along the way he found a motto he liked: "If people know you, like you and trust you, it'll be easy to do business with you."

Also along the way, he found a soulmate that kind of liked him right back. Her name is Morgan and she is from Jesup. "We were introduced by



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Owners of Underwood Ag, Tyler and Morgan Underwood, moved to the area a year ago and have been busy with the operation, as well as raising their son Raleigh, and daughter Aurora. One of the services Underwood Ag offers is strip tilling, and Tyler shows how a field looks (below) after the tilling is done.



mutual friends," she said. "And I thought Tyler was such a character. About a year into our relationship, he was transferred to Indianapolis.... my friends were like 'are you sure you want to move to Indianapolis?' and I was kind of like, 'You think I'm going to meet another guy like Tyler?' and they said 'no, you're right, you should probably go.'"

Morgan has a degree in social work and psychology — which Tyler said she needs "to put up with me" — but what she uses more now as Tyler's marketing manager was experience she gained while studying abroad in Australia in media and marketing. She also picked up a Photoshop course that comes in handy.

"I'm not good at marketing," Tyler admitted. "I have ideas and Morgan's the one that makes it become reality."

Morgan updates social media and does other work on her computer during naptime for their two children, Raleigh — who at nearly 2 has a hobby of transferring anything on any surface onto the floor — and Aurora at six months. Morgan also runs a 'doggy day care' for those who want to travel without the aid of their furry

friends. "That's been super fun, it's mostly weekends but we've met some interesting people that way."

**TYLER SAID** A highlight of his wrestling career was being able to be on the same team as his brother, Nathan, and the

two still work well together. Tyler runs 58 acres with a large test plot at the farm where his grandparents, Mary and Justin Underwood, lived, not far from where the brothers, the sons of Ron and Deb Underwood, grew up. Nathan also lives nearby and the brothers do custom

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Numerous other family members and volunteers helped with delivering meals and other food, and coordinating the harvest and grain delivery.

Linda Rosonke and family wish to thank everyone that helped out including Consolidated Energy, R & R Welding, Fidelity Bank, Randy Gilbert, and Five Star Coop for providing services, fuel, and food.

This harvest would not have been possible without the generosity of the community, friends, and family during this time. It is amazing to see how a community steps up and helps others out in times of need.

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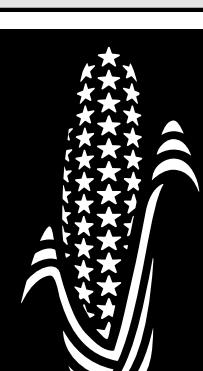
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# Salute to Corn & Soybean Growers

## Putting those soybean checkoff dollars to work

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Checkoff dollars support initiatives globally that boost demand and use of U.S. soy for humans and livestock. Tori Sorensen, a member of the U.S. Soybean Export Council's (USSEC) board of directors and chairwoman for the Soy Excellence Center, shares how USSEC works on behalf of soybean farmers in global markets.

### How are you connected to the soybean industry?

I'm the marketing director for Insta-Pro International, based in Grimes. We manufacture chemical-free processing equipment, such as extruders and oil presses, to make food and feed ingredients like full-fat soy, soybean meal and soy oil.

Growing up on a multi-generational farm in southeast Iowa, I am proud to represent my family and farmers across America through my work with USSEC.

Through my travels and communications with buyers worldwide, I believe U.S. soy is a solution that delivers an unmatched

combination of proven quality, sustainability and unwavering reliability. U.S. soy is uniquely positioned to provide sustainable protein solutions for the complex challenges of a rising global population.

### U.S. soy is often touted as being a first choice of customers globally. What makes U.S. soy stand out specifically to the livestock industry?

Protein. It's an essential part of human and animal diets worldwide. And as the world's population continues to grow, demand for all protein will remain front and center.

In fact, all signs point to significant growth in protein demand, a trajectory occurring over the last decade and predicted to continue through 2030.

This increasing demand for meat, poultry, fish and other protein sources puts U.S. soybean growers in a great position to be a preferred provider at home and abroad.

Globally, animal agriculture is the largest customer for U.S. soy; nearly 97% of all

U.S. soybean meal ends up in feed. Poultry and swine are the largest soybean meal consumers. In 2020, these two groups consumed 88% of the soybean meal in the U.S.

Globally, food production systems rely on U.S. soy to be a consistent source of protein, and it's no secret that for poultry, livestock and seafood, U.S. soybean meal is the best source.

The key difference between the U.S. and our competitors is U.S. soybean farmers provide the feed industry with the most consistent and reliable source of soy protein in the world.

To meet the global demand for animal feed, the farmers who grow sustainable U.S. soy care about being a reliable supplier and take pride in providing a high-quality product to their international customers.

### What does soy have that other ingredients don't?

U.S. soy is a source of complete and essential nutrients for humans and animals, providing all nine of the essential amino acids necessary for a healthy diet.

Among global soy origins, U.S. soy has an excellent amino acid profile, increased metabolizable energy content due to higher sugar levels, lower fiber content and improved amino acid digestibility, higher total phosphorus content, and greater

uniformity of nutrients.

U.S. soy also has a higher concentration of essential amino acids and digestible energy than soy from other origins.

### Why is the amino acid component important?

Critical for animal function, amino acids are responsible for the growth and development of an organism, from building muscles and regulating the immune system to generating hormones and neurotransmitters.

Proteins are made up of several different combinations of approximately 20 amino acids. During digestion, animals break down proteins into individual amino acids that are absorbed into the bloodstream.

Out of these 20 amino acids, there are 10 that animals cannot make. Animals can recycle some amino acids to build new proteins, but other amino acids, such as lysine, methionine and threonine can only be obtained through feed.

With 10 essential and 10 non-essential amino acids, U.S. soybean meal is cost-effective in supplying essential amino acids

and has very good lysine content and digestibility. Soybean meal is also ranked high in threonine digestibility.

### How are the soy organizations you are involved with helping producers

across the globe learn how to utilize U.S. soy in live-stock diets?

Education through training and relationship building is a cornerstone of our work.

Through USSEC, the U.S. soy industry has provided educational training for companies and individuals around the globe. In 2019, we took that training further by launching the first of five Soy Excellence Centers (SECs).

The SEC mission is to provide world-class workforce training and capacity building within the soy value chain to enable local visions for health, nutrition and environmental sustainability in collaboration with diverse food and agriculture stakeholders.

Our vision for SECs is to create a global network of tomorrow's leaders in soy across the globe. As a professional development program, SECs can provide a pathway for participants to achieve professional certification and career advancement.

### How do SECs benefit the U.S. soy industry?

Soy Excellence Centers increase the capacity of enterprises in the protein value chain in emerging markets. This increased capacity leads to increased soy utilization and diversified demand for U.S. soy.

Individuals trained in SECs are the future leaders of the protein value chain in these emerging markets. Through regular communications, advanced learning opportunities and protein value chain community

development efforts, SECs create long-term connections and an affinity for U.S. soy among the future decision-makers in these emerging markets.

SECs provide a value-added service in the form of workforce training and capacity building for USSEC enterprises in emerging markets.

### Are any new research or opportunities on the horizon related to livestock feeding?

By investing in new feeding trials through the United Soybean Board (USB), we continue to showcase how new genetics improve the amino acid profile of the soybean, which translates to improved animal performance.

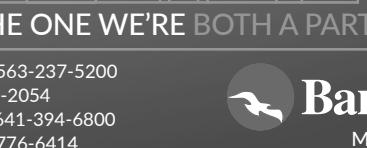
**Is there anything else farmers should know about how their checkoff investment is used to build preference for U.S. soy globally?**

We work hard to make farmers' investments work for you and future generations.

The U.S. soybean industry, supported by USB, works through organizations like USSEC and the American Soybean Association's World Initiative for Soy in Human Health to build relationships, provide networking and connect members of the value chain, ultimately creating long term demand for U.S. Soy in developing and emerging markets.

These organizations allow soybean growers to differentiate U.S. soy and create partnerships built on trust and reliability.

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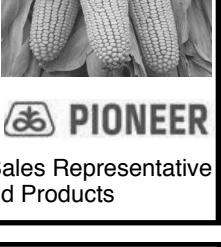
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# Chickasaws hit the mat!



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**Chickasaw Brayden Opperman (above) takes on Bunker Middle School wrestler Brayden Snider on Monday in New Hampton. NH/TV wrestler Levi Kruse (below, left) puts a grip on Brody Hall of Bunker and NH coaches Alex Gisleson and Casey Mai (bottom, right) watch action during the middle school quadrangular.**



## Fans can meet plenty of Chickasaws Friday night

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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CHICKASAW COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'  
MINUTES

November 8, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, November 8, 2022, at 3:00 PM with members Breitbach, Byrne and Kuhn in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Zoll and Hackman were absent. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Attorney David Laudner, Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Terry Johnson, Kenan Seda, Public Health Lisa Welter, Treasurer Sue Breitbach, Sheriff Marty Hemann, Custodian Dave Gorman, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Kathy Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Jim Cook, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Group Benefit Partners, Brian Huinker, Pandemic Resiliency Initiative Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Jim Cook and Doreen Cook.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for November 8, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn. Absent- Zoll and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to go with Heartland Risk Pool Insurance for the EMS liability in the amount of \$15,000.00 per year (no premium till July) and to no longer go with Vrzak Insurance. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn. Absent- Zoll and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to adjourn at 3:17 PM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn. Absent-Zoll and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Zoll to authorize Chair signature on 28E Agreement Department of Transportation. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Zoll to authorize payment of \$180.00 to Butler/Bremer Communications for two dark fiber lines for Lawler and Nashua from the Radio Communications Project.

Presentation by Group Benefit Partners, Brian Huinker, about how the process works with group health insurance.

Discussion of sale of patrol car for

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#### CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

November 7, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, November 7, 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, Terry Johnson, Kenan Seda, Public Health Lisa Welter, Treasurer Sue Breitbach, Sheriff Marty Hemann, Custodian Dave Gorman, EMA/911 Coordinator Jeff Bernatz, Kathy Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, Jim Cook, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Group Benefit Partners, Brian Huinker, Pandemic Resiliency Initiative Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Jim Cook and Doreen Cook.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to purchase 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Vern Laures Auto Center for \$41,912.00 for the sheriff's department. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to allow the Veterans' Day Program to be held on the Court House lawn on November 11, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to accept Blackhawk Automatic Sprinklers, Inc proposes to replace corroded heads in the dining room and replace pipe on the pressure tank at the Heritage Residence for \$5,500.00. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to accept the new roof on the Community Action from 910 E Main to the Heritage Residence on Wednesday.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Byrne to increase wages by 6% and health insurance by 20% to start of the budget work session for FY 23-24. Roll Call: Ayes-All. Motion carried.

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# Winter says coaches led him into the profession

**WINTER: FROM 18**

a 34-7 victory in a game that ended sometime around 1 a.m.

A week later, the Knights posted the first of their five shutouts when they blanked Wisconsin-Stout 27-0.

"Monmouth has always been a tough nut for us to crack and then anytime you beat a school out of Wisconsin and get a shutout to boot," Winter said, "that's probably when I started to realize that this could be a pretty special team."

And it was.

The Knights had relatively little trouble in the American Rivers Conference — outscoring its eight opponents by a combined 394-54 and really only being tested twice.

The Knights used an 11-play, 75-yard drive in the game's final two minutes to beat Central 35-28 Oct. 8 and then held off Coe College for a 19-14 win this past Saturday.

**WINTER HAS BEEN** a Knight longer than he was a Chickasaw.

After helping New Hampton to the Class 3A state championship in 1999, he headed to Wartburg to play football and baseball.

He was part of two conference football champions and the Knights won baseball titles all four years Winter was a part of the team.

He still holds two school records — most TD catches (four) in a game, a record he shares with another former New Hampton athlete, Ryan Rausch, and most receiving yards in a game for the 259 yards he covered in a game against Central in 2003.

After graduating, he was hired as an assistant coach and worked his way up to serving as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, a position he held for eight years.

So how did he catch the coaching bug?

Well, it started back at New Hampton High School.

"I had guys like Scott Frerichs, Bill Boyd, Chad Pemble and, honestly, they made a huge impact on me, same with Cory McDonald in baseball," Winter said. "I think that's where it started, and then I had great coaches here, plus, it's competition. I know other jobs have it,



Photo courtesy of Staci Shekleton

**Wartburg head coach Chris Winter poses with family members after his Knights finished off a perfect 10-0 regular season with a win at Coe in Cedar Rapids last Saturday afternoon.**

## THE ROAD TO THE D-III PLAYOFFS

New Hampton native Chris Winter and his Wartburg football team enjoyed a perfect regular season, and here's how it played out:

Sept. 3	at Monmouth	34-7
Sept. 10	UW-Stout	27-0
Sept. 17	Luther	62-0
Sept. 24	at Dubuque	25-0
Oct. 1	Loras	42-3
Oct. 8	at Central	35-28
Oct. 15	Neb. Wesleyan	65-0
Oct. 29	at Buena Vista	65-0
Nov. 5	Simpson	81-9
Nov. 12	at Coe	19-14

I'm not saying that, but there's nothing quite like sports, you know?"

As much as he loves winning, though, there's another reason Winter wanted to be a coach.

"The lessons I most remember from high school and college — and this is no knock on the classes, teachers, professors — I got from sports."

AS HE TALKED about what was a magical regular season, Winter over and over passed the credit — to his senior class, to the rest of his players, to his coaching staff and to former Wartburg head coach Rick Willis, who is now Wartburg's vice president for student recruitment and athletic director.

And he added another few names to the list — namely, his wife Tara and their two children, 12-year-old Emmry and 7-year-old Maddox.

Tara Winter is Wartburg's director of admissions and also the Knights' cheerleading coach.

"There's the old line that a coach's spouse is a single parent during the season," he said, "and you know, sometimes that's true. But Tara's been so supportive of me and coaching, even when she has a pretty important job, too. I couldn't and I wouldn't be here without her."

And there is also his New Hampton fan club — his parents, Barb and Marv, and his sister, Staci Shekleton and her family.

"Dad and mom, they come to every game," he said. "I look up in the stands at Monmouth and it's 1 in the morning and there they are. It means a lot."

**CHRIS WINTER IS** in for a "first" this Saturday.

Oh sure, he's been a part of plenty of playoff games as an athlete and coach, but when the Knights kick off their game with Wisconsin-La Crosse at noon, it will be the first time he's been the head coach in a playoff game.

And the committee didn't do Wartburg any favors, save for putting the game in Waverly.

The Eagles, who are 9-1 and shared the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title with Whitewater, are actually ranked higher than the Knights in most national polls, but Winter loves the challenge in front of his Knights.

"People can look at it like we got a tough draw, which we did," he said, "but this is the kind of game we want to play. We want to show that we're right there on the national stage."

"I mean we're proud of what we did in the regular season, but we're not satisfied. We want to keep playing and coaching. That's the mindset we have, and we saw it right from the start, my guys, they stick together and we're going to go out and give it all we got on Saturday."

## Trojans reap all-district honors

**TV FOOTBALL: FROM 18**

on the offensive side of the ball — 14 of those scores coming on the ground and 12 via the air. He passed for 672 yards and rushed for 596 yards.

"Noah has been a starter for two years. He is a dual threat quarterback and a very good returner," said Scott.

Bodensteiner registered 34.5 tackles and picked off two passes — tied for first on the team with Schmitt. He also tied with Schmitt for the team lead in receiving touchdowns (4), while racking up 159 yards receiving.

"Calvin was our No. 1 cover guy. He also had plays that don't show up on stat sheets — like tipped away balls and balls that were overthrown," Scott added.

Joining those two aforementioned seniors on the first team was Schmitt — who was one of the best all-around players on both sides of the ball in his class.

Schmitt came onto the scene in a big way as a full-time, two-way starter and buried defenses with his physical style of running. He amassed 1,077 rushing yards, 1,355 all-purpose yards and found the end zone 17 times in the rushing department. He led TV in receiving yards with 230 and netted four touchdowns. Schmitt was also a key run-stopper for the Trojans as well with 57.5 tackles.

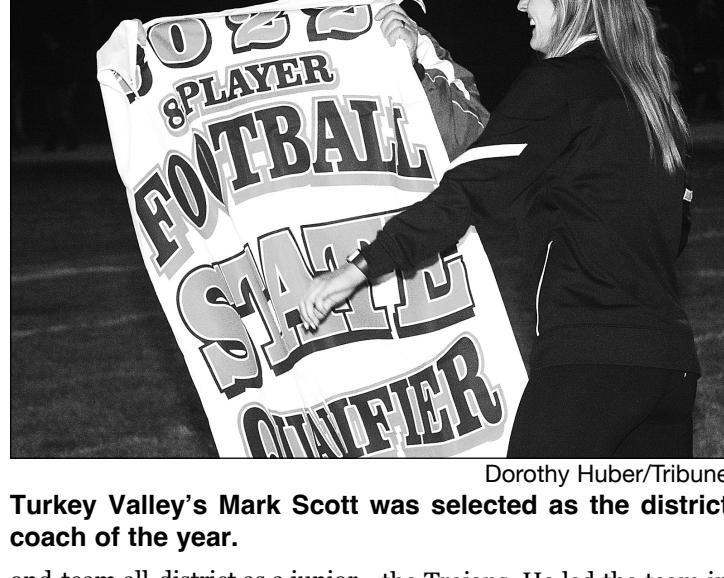
"Oliver was our leader on 'D.' He did a great job on both sides of the ball," said Scott.

Troy Schmitt, another senior, was equally as effective at disrupting offenses. Schmitt led the district with 10 sacks and the Trojans with 65 tackles. He was also a force up front on the offensive line for Turkey Valley.

"Troy did a fantastic job of changing from linebacker to defensive end this year," said Scott.

TV senior Carson Busta also presented a challenge for defenses with speed and explosiveness in the backfield for Scott's offense at running back. The first-team all-district selection gained 642 rushing yards at an average of nine yards per carry. He scored 11 touchdowns on the ground.

Busta was named sec-



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**Turkey Valley's Mark Scott was selected as the district coach of the year.**

ond-team all-district as a junior and was selected on the honorable mention team as sophomore.

"Carson did a great job on 'D' also," said Scott.

Ryan Franzen, Scott's 6-7 senior defensive end, was also voted on the first team defense. Franzen's highlight of the season came after his 75-yard interception in overtime helped win the Tripoli game — 42-36 — and clinch the district championship.

He came up with 41.5 stops on defense and 4.5 sacks.

Franzen was honored with second-team all-district distinction in 2021.

"Ryan made a lot of plays that don't show up on stats sheets — like batted passes, pressured throws, and chasing quarterbacks out of the pocket," said Scott.

Two seniors — offensive line-man Brady Fischer and wide-out Chase Hayek — rounded out TV's first-team selections.

Fischer was a rock on the offensive line for TV and helped make Scott's offense one of the most dynamic in the 8-Player field.

"Brady worked hard in the weight room to make himself into a very good offensive line-man," said Scott.

Hayek — a formidable target for Hanson at 6-2 — came up with many big plays throughout the award-winning season for

the Trojans. He led the team in yards-per-catch (22) and scored three times. He wound up with 198 yards receiving on nine catches.

"Chase's improvement with catching the football really helped the team be undefeated in district play. Chase also did a great job on 'D,'" Scott said.

Trojan senior Treyton Hulbert was an anchor on the offensive line at center for TV. He was honored with second-team distinction on the all-district squad. He made the honorable-mention team last year.

"Treyton did a great job snapping the ball. His job was the most important part of any offensive play. He played his senior year with a bad knee," Scott added.

Burke Busta is in store for a big senior season after his junior campaign was put in the books. He was named to the second team as well on defense. Busta rushed for 133 yards and made 27 tackles at linebacker.

"Burke did a great job his first full year as a varsity starter. He was our cover linebacker against teams that had four receivers," said Scott.

TV senior Mauricio Tinajero was named to the honorable-mention squad. He came up with 13 tackles and one sack on defense.

Turkey Valley (7-2) defeat-

## ALL-EIGHT MAN, DISTRICT 3 FOOTBALL

**FIRST TEAM**

Carson Busta	Turkey Valley
Brady Fischer	Turkey Valley
Chase Hayek	Turkey Valley
Noah Hanson	Turkey Valley
Troy Schmitt	Turkey Valley
Ryan Franzen	Turkey Valley
Oliver Schmitt	Turkey Valley
Calvin Bodensteiner	Turkey Valley

Rowan Carlson	Tripoli
Jesse Kauffman	Tripoli
Houston Page	Tripoli
Daniel Comer	Tripoli
Oakley Semelroth	Tripoli
Bryce Schroeder	Tripoli
McKade Bloker	Tripoli
Brandt Reints	Tripoli
Rex Ross	Tripoli
Jacob Stauffer	Tripoli
Connor Tesone	Tripoli
Eli Schmidt	Tripoli
Brandon Cushion	Tripoli
Brook Ingels	Tripoli
Creighton Houge	Tripoli
Keegan Eastman	Tripoli

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# Chickasaws off and running!



The start to the 2022-2023 season began on Monday during the first official practice for the New Hampton boys basketball team and head coach Ryan Rausch (above). New Hampton freshman Paul Schweer gets in some conditioning work (above, right).



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Carter Steinlage, a senior, flips a pass to junior Nick Brincks (above) and sophomore Reid Rausch (below) jump stops and gets ready to shoot.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
New Hampton junior Ben Gilbert (above) goes in for a layup while participating in a drill on the very first day of practice for the Chickasaws. NH senior Brady Speltz takes a jumper (above, right).



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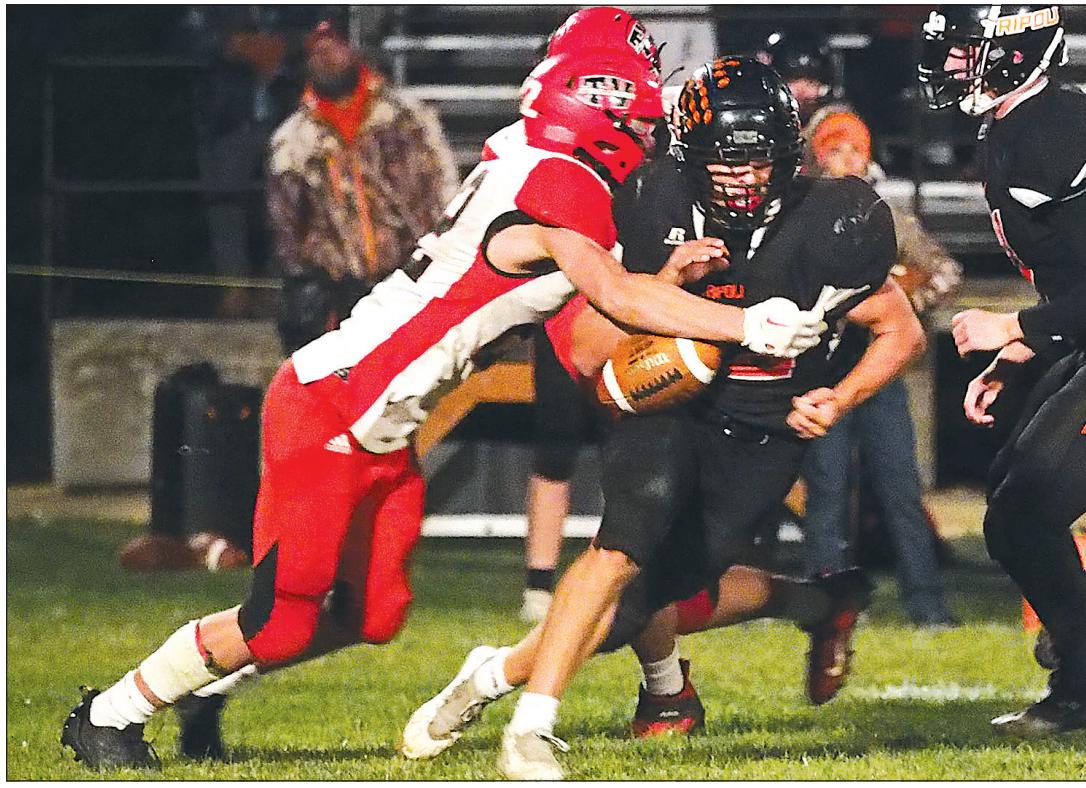
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Bob Fenske, Kelly Terpstra, Dorothy Huber/Tribune  
Turkey Valley quarterback Noah Hanson (left) scans the field for an open teammate, the Trojans' Oliver Schmitt (above) forces a fumble and teammate Carson Busta (right) heads up field after taking a pitch.

## HAULING IN HONORS

AFTER BANNER SEASON, 11 TROJANS NAMED TO ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS

By KELLY TERPSTRA

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The awards came rolling in for the Turkey Valley Trojans – as they should have.

After accomplishing yet another undefeated district season and second championship in as many years – Mark Scott's 8-Man power blanketed the all-district team recently released by the coaches that comprised 8-Man, District 3.

It was a banner 2022 campaign for the Trojans – across the board.

TV reeled in the postseason awards as eight Trojans were named to the first-team squad. All told, 11 TV standouts were selected for all-district honors.

Seven of Scott's 11 seniors on his roster cracked the first squad.

The most notable awards – Coach of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year – also went to Turkey Valley. Scott was named as the top coach within the district and junior linebacker Oliver Schmitt was named as the district's best defensive player.

Trojan seniors Noah Hanson and Calvin Bodensteiner were repeat selections from the first team after being tabbed on the top squad as juniors. Hanson cracked the first team for the third year in a row.

Hanson once again led TV to perfection during district play as the Trojans went 5-0 – including an overtime thriller over Tripoli.

Hanson accounted for 26 touchdowns

**SEE TV FOOTBALL, 16**



Two of the Trojans' defensive stalwarts this year were Brady Fischer (above) and Ryan Franzen (below), who both come up with key tackles in a playoff game against Edgewood-Colesburg.



Calvin Bodensteiner (above) focuses on bringing in a pass reception, Troy Schmitt (below) goes all out to make a tackle and Chase Hayek (bottom) heads upfield after making a catch.



## Former Chickasaw leads Wartburg back to the top of ARC

In second year as coach, Winter and his Knights run the table in regular season

By BOB FENSKE

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Chris Winter will be the first to tell you that he is way more "comfortable" these days, and it's not just because his Wartburg football team is taking a perfect 10-0 record into the Division III playoffs.

"I think honestly I've definitely settled in more this year," the 2000 New Hampton High School graduate said. "Last year, I was named head coach in July and we started practice a month later. This year, I had a whole year, a whole off-season, to get everything in place. I'm definitely a lot more comfortable this year than I was in '21. I mean 10-and-oh helps, but there's a learning curve on being a head coach."

Winter's take on a season that saw the Knights run the regular season table and earn a home playoff game is pretty simple.

"I thought we could be good going into this year, and it turns out we were really good," the

second-year head coach said, "and that's not just me, that's having the kids, the coaches, everyone buying into it. None of us were happy with last year."

Granted, it wasn't like Wartburg was awful in Winter's debut season. The Knights did go 7-3 and finished in a tie for second in the American Rivers Conference with a 6-2 mark.

That's a pretty good season ... unless you're Wartburg, which claimed seven conference titles in the 2010s.

Winter said he had an inkling early in the season that this might be a special team.

The Knights traveled to Monmouth, Illinois, on Sept. 3, for their season opener, and the Fighting Scots' home turf hadn't been kind to Wartburg, which last beat Monmouth on the road in 2014.

But in one of the strangest games Winter has ever coached – lightning and storms pushed the start time from 7 to 10:30 p.m. – Wartburg ran away with

**SEE WINTER, 16**



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Former New Hampton High School star athlete and Wartburg College football coach Chris Winter paces the sidelines during a recent Knights' victory.