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County discusses 'opioid' funds

Supervisors appear to be leaning toward using money for preventative programs

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors heard a number of options on how the county could use its "opioid money" during Monday's meeting, but county leaders appeared to be leaning toward using those funds for substance abuse preventative programs.

Board members did not make any

final decision on how to use the funds that are part of a nationwide settlement with drug manufacturers, but they did approve appointing a committee that will consist of Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner, County Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Supervisor Scott Cerwinski, New Hampton Police Chief Tim Pederson and Pathways Behavioral Services Executive Director

Vicki Mueller to consider options on how use the funds.

The county currently has received a little more than \$49,000 and expects to receive more than \$20,000 annually for at least the foreseeable future. Mueller shared with board members what other counties are doing with the money, and supervisors' interest was piqued when she talked about prevention programs like Too Good for

Drugs.

Mueller told the board that she envisioned having the county contract with her organization to present the program in the four school districts that county students attend.

"It's good for at least another 14, 15 years," Mueller said, "but I would suggest contracting with us, I would



feel comfortable if it's year-to-year and I would come in and present you information ... and that we're doing it correctly and we're

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'Family' makes it tough for Sheriff's Office clerk to retire

After three decades working to 'help people,' Hemesath ready for next chapter of her life

By BOB FENSKE
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Barb Hemesath laughed as she told the story that, as she put it, admitted her age.

"When I started here at the Sheriff's Office," she said, "we had the E911 system in place but people still called in and said to come to 'a mile down the road where John Smith's barn burnt down.' ... I guess telling you that means I'm old, right?"

Hey, the reporter didn't say that, he pointed out, and the interviewee and the interviewer laughed together.

For 30 years, Hemesath has been a mainstay at the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office, but

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Civil clerk Barb Hemesath sits at what will be her desk for just a little more than a week as she prepares to retire from the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

A farmer combines a bean field early Sunday afternoon, and just a few miles west along Highway 18, corn is transferred from a wagon to a semi-truck trailer.

A perfect day to get the crop out



If there is a rule when it comes to reporters and the harvest it is this: If you have a camera in your car, you can drive hundreds of miles and not see a combine, a tractor or a wagon — not a single one.

But like all good rules, this one has an exception — if there's rain in the forecast, there's a good chance that the reporter will get lucky — and I was reminded of that as I made the drive from New Hampton to Charles City early Sunday afternoon.

After spending the morning processing pictures, I packed up for a trip to our "western" office, grabbed the camera and saw it was completely out of juice. I hadn't checked the forecast for the week, but I have

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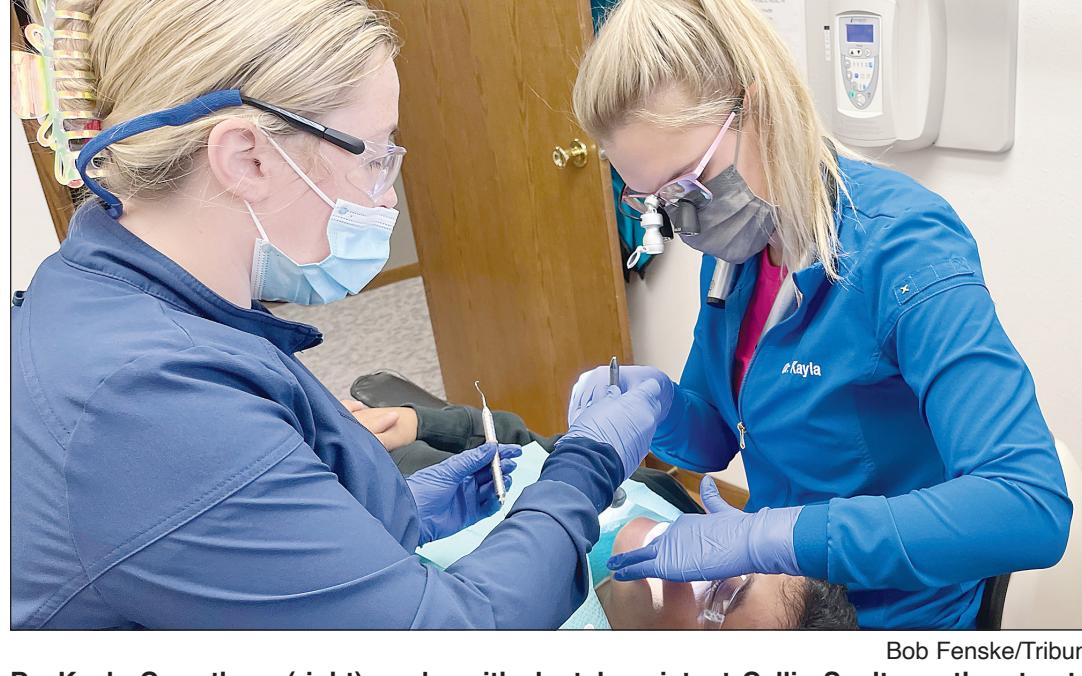
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Early voting kicks off next week

Chickasaw County residents who don't want to wait until Nov. 7 to cast ballots in the municipal and school elections can head to the polls next week.

Under state law, absentee balloting can begin 20 days before Election Day, which means voters can cast ballots at their respective county courthouses, beginning next Wednesday.

In Chickasaw County, voters can cast their ballots during regular business hours at the Auditor's Office, which are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Voters are reminded to bring a valid ID to cast a ballot.



Dr. Kayla Carrothers (right) works with dental assistant Callie Speltz as they treat a patient at Boeding, Speltz and Wernimont Family Dentistry last week.

Like aunt, like niece

New Hampton's newest dentist realizes a dream that was born when her aunt graduated from dentist school

By BOB FENSKE
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Kayla Carrothers was all of 7 years old when her aunt, Kara Speltz, graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, but her career path was set on that day.

"I told everyone I was going to be a dentist that day, just like Aunt Kara," Carrothers said as she sat in her office at Boeding, Speltz and Wernimont Family Dentistry late last week, "and here I am. Seriously, I never really wavered from the plan, not through high school or college. This was my goal."

And she achieved it this past spring, when she became

Dr. Kayla Carrothers after graduating from the same college her aunt, friend and mentor had attended 20 years ago.

In June, she began working as a dentist at Boeding, Speltz and Wernimont. That part of the plan went a little awry.

"We had talked through the years that she should go out and explore the world," Speltz said, "and then when I was ready to

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Carrothers

Heroes among us

As we celebrate National Fire Prevention Week, let's thank those who volunteer to keep us safe

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Committee will meet and come up with opioid fund recommendations

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getting the results that you all want."

She said guidance counselors and other school staff would refer students and "then we would screen them. If they screen positive, then they would be referred to a treatment service."

Mueller pointed out that Pathways already does mental health evaluations through school-age programs and she also pointed out that if the supervisors approve using opioid settlement funds for substance abuse prevention, it would cover all substances, not just opioids.

"Kids aren't using opioids from the get go, they're using other substances first," she said and added that the exception would be some athletes. "We're finding athletes start with opioids because they're prescribed them after injuries."

Mueller also said that prevention programs like Too Good for Drugs can start as early as second grade.

"There aren't any kids [using] opioids in second grade, so we're starting on the prevention end and talking about all drugs and healthy choices and things like that," she said. "The age of onset right now is 12, and you want to start preventing that years earlier."

Shawver, meanwhile, said one of his office's goals is to have more contact with students and would be interested in partnering with Pathways on programs.

"We're looking at getting back in the schools more," he said, "but we just have to figure out time — our time and our deputies and what works best for the schools. We definitely want to get back in there."

County Attorney David Laudner cast his lot with preventative programs and said he'd like programs to be implemented during the current school year.

"I think prevention should be a large part," he said. "That's just my personal thought from what I see come across my desk, especially with younger kids, that we don't want them taking things that don't come from a mom or dad or a trusted source."

When the board settled on appointing the committee to discuss how to use the funds, Mueller applauded the decision.

"I think this is a better idea because it gives you a needs assessment from a group coming together," she said. "This is something that can have a long-lasting impact on your county, and we want to make sure we use this money the right way."



Photo courtesy of Liz Zweiobohmer/New Horizons-Chamber

Full River Fabrication moves to town!

New Hampton city officials and New Horizons-Chamber welcome Full River Fabrication to the city with a ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday afternoon, a day before the business which had been located west of New Hampton held its grand opening. The new store is located in the old Pocketful of Posies' store, just off the intersection of Main Street and North Locust Avenue.

Briefs

AV Fire Department to serve breakfast Sunday

Alta Vista's Fire Department will be trying to "fill the boot" when it holds its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 15 at the Alta Vista Fire Station.

The fourth annual event will be serving from 7:30 until 11 a.m. with pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, milk and coffee.

The meal will be served for a free will offering and all proceeds will go toward the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatuses for the department.

Patrons may either dine in or drive through, but in the Alta Vista fire district, deliveries will be available by calling 641-229-6523 by Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

There will also be a drawing for door prizes.

ISU Extension to hold pesticide applicator class

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will host a Forest, Aquatic, and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Oct. 25.

The local attendance site is the Chickasaw

County Extension Office at 115 N. Broadway Ave, New Hampton. Preregistration may be required and walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows. The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before Oct. 18 and \$55 after Oct. 18. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

The course will provide continuing instruction credits for commercial and public pesticide applicators certified in categories 2 (Forest Pest Control), 5 (Aquatic Pest Control), and 6 (Right-of-Way Pest Control). Topics to be covered are: personal protective equipment and safe handling; storage of pesticides, including chemical security; and category-specific pests, pest management and pesticides.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered through the PSEP Program can be accessed at www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP.

Voters have until Oct. 23 to request absentee ballots

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate is reminding eligible Iowans who would like to

receive their ballot via mail to request their absentee ballots before the Oct. 23 deadline.

Written applications for mailed absentee ballots must be received by a voter's local County Auditor's Office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 23.

All registered voters are eligible to make written requests for absentee ballots. In order to receive an absentee ballot, registered voters must provide the following information on the request form: Name, date of birth, Iowa residential address, voter verification number, which can be an Iowa Driver's License or Non-Operator ID Number OR four-digit voter PIN found on voter's Iowa Voter ID Card.

Also needed are the name or date of the election for which a voter is requesting the absentee ballot with signature and date the form was completed.

All voters are also encouraged to provide a phone number and email address in the event their County Auditor needs to confirm any information on the request form.

Absentee ballot request forms are available for download directly from the Iowa Secretary of State website, VoterReady.Iowa.gov. In-person absentee voting at the County Auditor's office is available through Nov. 6, the day before the election.



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Patrie's murder trial pushed back

Judge grants continuance motion, delaying trial of man accused of killing retired grocer in 2012

BY BOB FENSKA
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The man accused of murdering a retired grocer in rural Nashua in 2012 will not be going to trial this month, according to documents filed in Chickasaw County District Court.

Randy Patrie's first-degree murder trial in the September 2012 death of Kenneth Gallmeyer was set to begin on Oct. 18, but last month, District Court Judge Richard Stochl granted a motion made by Patrie's attorney, Steven Drahozal, to postpone the trial.

In Drahozal's motion to continue, he said that the state had received additional information regarding the case from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and that "the parties do not know the precise timeline to follow-up on the information but anticipate that the follow-up will either not be complete by Oct. 18, 2023, or so close in time to that date that using it will be impossible and thus deprive the state or defendant of a fair trial."

Oct. 18 was the date that Patrie's trial was set to begin in New Hampton.

In his filing, the assistant public defender wrote that he had communicated with prosecutors and that "the parties agree that the matter should be continued."

Drahozal also told Stochl that he had talked with the defendant about these issues and "the defendant is also in agreement with continuing the trial."

Stochl's decision to continue the trial came a little less than a month after Iowa Assistant Attorney General Douglas Hammerand filed a motion to withdraw as the attorney of record for

the state of Iowa.

In a court filing, Hammerand said he had accepted another position and will be leaving the Attorney General's Office. Stochl approved Hammerand's withdrawal on the same day he signed the order to continue the trial.

As of Tuesday afternoon, no new trial date has been set, but in all likelihood, Patrie's case won't be heard by a jury until at least the summer of 2024.

Retirement a little bittersweet for retiring sheriff's civil clerk

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Her days are dwindling because retirement is beckoning. And as excited as she is for what comes after Oct. 20, the last day she will work in the office, Hemesath will be the first to admit that retirement is a tad bittersweet.

"We're a family, we really are," she said. "I'm going to miss everyone — the sheriff, the deputies, the dispatchers. We've gone through a lot of things together over the years, and they're always there for you. I'm excited, don't get me wrong, for what's next, but it'll be hard to walk out of here for the last time."

It won't be easy for the folks she's leaving behind either.

"I will say this, it's going to be a real loss losing Barb," Sheriff Ryan Shawver said during Monday's Board of Supervisors meetings. "She's been a great employee for so long, she's just one of those people you know, no matter what, you can lean on every single time."

And it all began because she needed to supplement her part-time job as a secretary at the New Hampton Police Department.

After graduating from Decorah High School in 1984, Hemesath attended Rochester Community College in Minnesota and received an associate of arts degree in accounting. She went to work for a leasing company in Decorah before moving into the telecommunications industry, ending up at MCI in Waterloo.

"And MCI went through a mess and I got laid off," she said, "so I really needed a job."

By that time, she had met and married Kurt Hemesath so when New Hampton Police Chief Mike Anderson offered her a job, she took it, and one day, then-Chickasaw County Sheriff Tom Bernatz was in the office.

"You know how Tom is, he comes in and says, 'You want to come and work part-time for me?' And I thought, why not?"

So in April 1993, she became a part-time dispatcher with the Sheriff's Office and worked both jobs for several years before becoming a full-time dispatcher.

"It was a lot different then; I mean we wrote everything down in a notebook," she said, "and trust me, it got a little crazy."

She told the story of the day

German author to put on program at St. Lucas museum on Wednesday

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Barbara Ortwein, a well known author from Germany, will speak on how German ancestors emigrated to the USA. This special event is taking place at the German American Museum in St. Lucas.

Ortwein's book presentation includes music and an exhibition. She will present attendees with a book talk from her first historical novel about the emigration of the Germans to Texas in the 1840's and 1850's as well as to other places in the USA.

In "Between Worlds, Never to Return" Ortwein describes the difficult journey of Karl Engelbach and his son Johann through a heavily divided Germany from Hesse to Bremen.

In Bremerhaven they are able to board a sailing ship to the States. But it takes a long time and several more ships to finally arrive in Texas.

Ortwein also presents an exhibition about Germany during the period from the 1840s to the 1890s, including the emigration process in Germany at that time, the German harbors Bremerhaven and Hamburg during the time of the sailing vessels and the steam boats.

The presentation will be followed by informal discussion, refreshments and cookies.

a tornado went through Nashua and she literally was on the radio for eight straight hours and the day there was a bad wreck on 18 and a car full of kids who had rolled their vehicle on Mission Avenue.

"One of the things you learned right away is to multi-task," she said. "If you can't multi-task, it's just not going to work. Technology has helped, but it gets crazy back there, trust me on that."

She and her husband raised three children — Eli, Austin and Katherine — and they did so working around a dispatcher's schedule.

"We moved family celebrations, we moved birthdays, we moved a lot of things around," Hemesath said. "I had one Christmas Eve where I worked 3 to 11 and then had to be back here at 7 [in the morning] on Christmas."

So in 2009, she had, as she put it, "enough of nights and weekends" and accepted then-Sheriff Marty Larsen's offer to become the office's civil clerk. For the past 14 years, she's taken care of the serving of civil papers, gun permits and registering sex offenders.

"No one likes getting served," she said, "but I've really tried to do my best for them. I don't like going to their jobs; instead, I'd rather call them and say, 'Hey, I got some papers for you.' You know I think all the people here — from the deputies to the jailers to the dispatchers — they got into this to help people. And that's kind of how I've looked at my jobs here. I just want to help people."

And now Hemesath is off to a new chapter. After serving under six sheriffs — Bernatz, Bill Dean, Marty Larsen, Todd Miller, Marty Hemann and Shawver — she's got retirement plans. She's looking forward to more family time — with Kurt, with her three grown children and with her two grandchildren — but she's not ready for the recliner quite yet.

"I'd like to get a part-time job, I'm not ready to be done done, you know?"

She paid for a moment and smiled.

"But Oct. 20 might be harder than I think. This has been a good place to work and it's all because of the people here. Like I said, they're family, and I think that's why I've stayed all these years."

She told the story of the day



Dr. Kayla Carrothers works with dental assistant Sophie Phillips on a patient at Boeding, Speltz and Wernimont Family Dentistry last Friday afternoon.

New dentist loves fact that 'no two days are alike'

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retire, at some point, she could buy me out."

Some plans change, though, and the growing practice at Boeding, Speltz and Wernimont led to the hiring of Dr. Kayla sooner than expected.

"We were so busy, busy, busy, it had gotten a little crazy around here," Speltz said. "If I was out, then Sara [Wernimont] was drowning and if Sara was gone for a week, same thing for me. We realized we could use another dentist."

Speltz paused and laughed.

"And I kind of knew one."

And Carrothers couldn't be happier in New Hampton.

"I really do love it," she said. "I was in Iowa City for eight years so it was a little different coming to a smaller town. But I grew up in a small town, and this is definitely more my style. The people here — in the office and outside the office — have been great and I think the University of Iowa, with their programs, really helped me hit the ground running so to speak."

Carrothers graduated from North Linn High School in 2015 and then headed a half-hour south to Iowa City, first for her undergraduate studies and then for her four years of dental school.

What she appreciated the most about Iowa was the fact that over the course of the last two years, she spent what seemed like countless hours in a dental clinic.

"The experiences we got — from early on practicing on mannequins to all the chances to work with patients at the

clinic — really were so beneficial," she said. "It was almost seamless to start working here."

And while Carrothers thrived in dental school, she also had a proverbial ace tucked away.

"Kara and I have always been close," she said, "but you know, if I had a question about this or that, it was so nice to know I could turn to her. She's not just a great dentist, but she's one of my best friends, too. To be able to work with her, it's a dream come true."

Speltz laughed when asked if she relived some of her dental school experiences through her niece.

"COVID made a mess of everything," she said, "and Kayla came up to see us the weekend before it shut everything down. She still had class but everything was online so she came up here with an

overnight bag and stayed for four weeks. It was wonderful, although I remember telling her I was glad I didn't have to study as much as she did during those four weeks."

Carrothers had plenty of chances to become a "specialist," if you will, but general dentistry was always her aim. She likes the variety — from the different kinds of work she performs each day to the different ages of patients she sees.

"No two days are alike," she said, "and I love that."

And in her first 4 1/2 months as Dr. Kayla, she's seen a lot. Some patients can't wait to see her; others, well she has long known that the phobias some have when it comes to dentists are real.

"Some people want you to tell them every single thing you're doing," she said, "and

some people just want you to tell them when you're done."

She paused and laughed.

"I tell people we're really not scary people, but I'm not sure everyone believes me. Seriously, though, we're here to help people, to give them a great smile and sometimes to take the pain away. I love doing root canals. OK, I know that sounds weird, but usually if you need a root canal, you're in pain. So the fact that we're saving a tooth and we're taking that pain away, that's pretty special."

Her aunt and co-worker thinks her niece is pretty special.

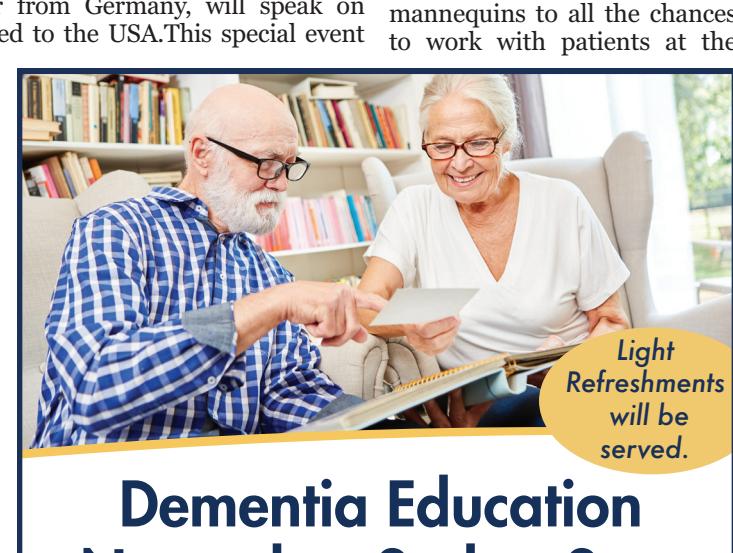
"She's been amazing," Speltz said. "She's not nervous, she has great interactions with her patients, and I know she's my niece, but even if she wasn't, I would tell you we hit the jackpot with Dr. Kayla."

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Let's boost our faith

When we're struggling, remember we can ask the Holy Spirit for strength

The apostle Paul wrote many letters to the fledgling congregations to continue to instruct them and provide encouragement and advice.

When Paul wrote to the Philippians as we read in this week's lesson, he was in prison and facing possible execution. He would have had plenty to worry about and little cause for joy but he writes with plenty of each to bolster the believers.

Faith is the anchor that keeps believers secure in awareness of God.

While the waves of life may feel choppy and the winds of change swirl

around, it's possible to remain calm and steadfast in faith that God is within and all around us through every season of life ... with calm heart and mind, as well as deep peace with God.

Faith helps release worries and troubles so life can be more peaceful ... a peace that surpasses all understanding. Faith helps to know that even though the water's surface is calm, the deeper water is rough with all that life brings.

When people have hope they have faith because they have a belief that the future will be better. Even if they have no grounds to prove

the hope filled future, they have faith in it.

You cannot have hope unless it is tied together with faith ... you have hope because you have faith and you have faith because you have hope.

We all need to have reminders sometimes to rejoice in the Lord and not worry.

We especially need this advice during times of grief and loss - times of anguish - times of heartache.

Our belief is that Jesus Christ was crucified, died, and rose from the dead, and is with us now and forever.



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

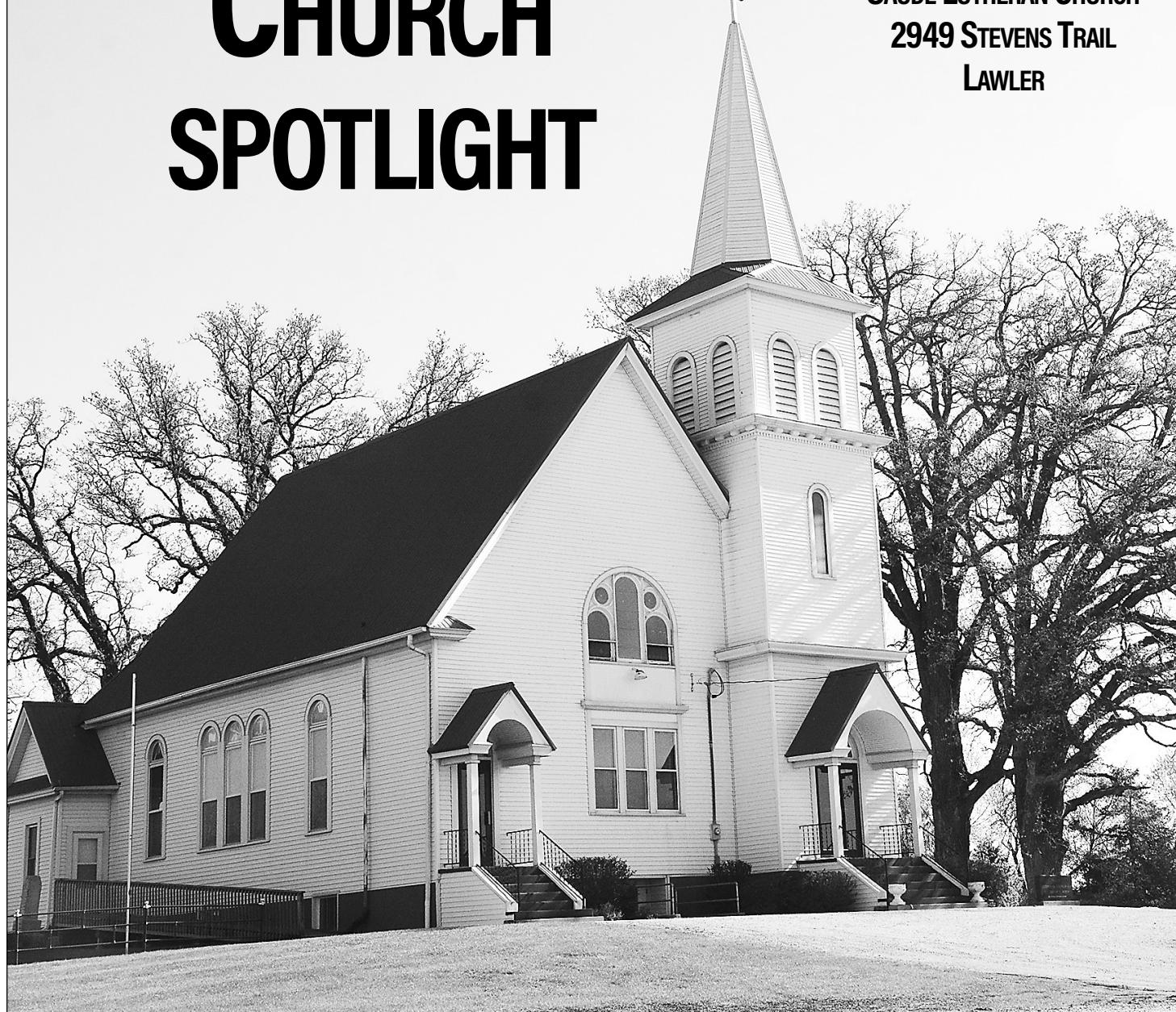
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When Should You Sell Investments?

If you're a long-term investor, your portfolio may stay fairly stable over time. However, that doesn't mean you will never sell any investments. But when should you sell — and why? Here are some scenarios to consider:

- If an investment has consistently underperformed** — For one reason or another, some investments may not live up to your expectations. Rather than holding these investments in the hope that they will eventually show consistently positive returns, you might be better off selling them and using the proceeds to buy other investments that could help you make progress toward your goals. Keep in mind, though, that short-term price swings are inevitable for virtually all investments, so you may not want to sell an investment after just a few price drops, as it may still have strong fundamentals and good prospects.

- If the investment itself has changed** — The nature of some investments, such as stocks, can change over time. Stocks represent companies, and companies can evolve and adapt — or not. So, you may own shares in a company whose management has changed or whose products are less competitive than they once were. If this company no longer seems like a sound investment, you may consider selling your shares and moving on.

- If an investment is "redundant"** — Over time, you may have added investments that are similar to others you already own. If you do have too many investments that are alike, you risk not having a fully diversified portfolio, and while diversification can't always protect against all losses or guarantee profits, it can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your holdings. Consequently, you might want to sell an investment that may now be "redundant" to your portfolio and replace it with another one that could boost your diversification efforts.

- If an investment takes up too much space in your portfolio** — If you bought an invest-



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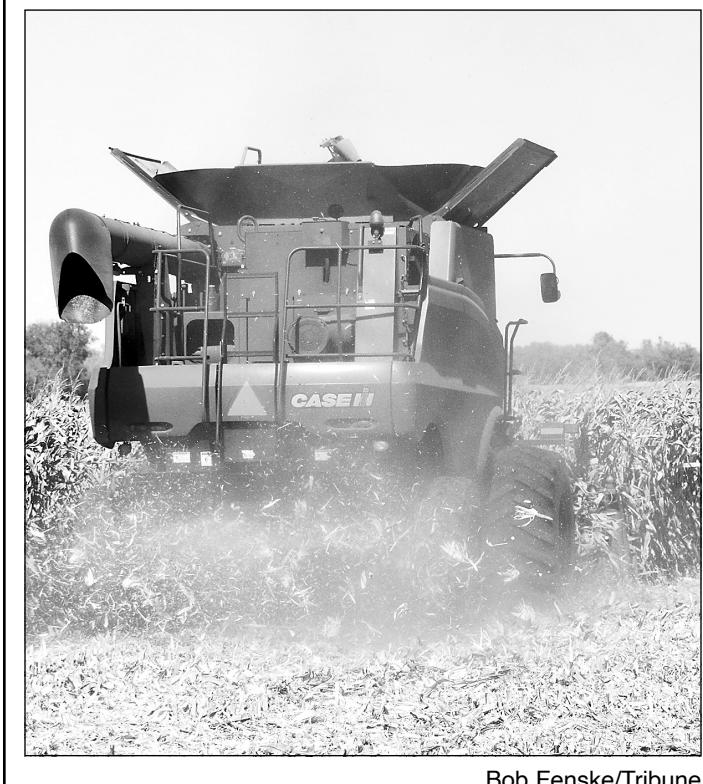
ment years ago, and it's grown substantially in value, it could eventually take up more space in your portfolio than you had intended, which could expose you to more risk than you'd like — because too much of any single investment may leave you more vulnerable to market downturns. Of course, if the investment is still appropriate for your needs, and still has a good outlook, you may not want to totally liquidate it, but you could consider scaling back on the shares you own.

- If your own needs have changed** — You originally created your investment mix to help you reach certain goals, such as a comfortable retirement. And during much of your working life, you could possibly afford to invest primarily for growth, accepting the risk that comes along with that approach, as you knew you'd have time to potentially overcome the short-term volatility that's part of investing. But as you near retirement, you may want to lower your risk level. Consequently, you could decide to sell some of your growth-oriented investments and move the money into income-producing ones. However, even during retirement, you'll still need your portfolio to provide some growth opportunities to help you ahead of inflation.

Generally speaking, you may not want to do a lot of selling (or buying) of investments once you've built a portfolio that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. But if you are going to sell investments, make sure you do so for the right reasons.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune
A farmer heads down the field as he combines corn just north of Bassett on Sunday afternoon.

It's been a challenging year for our farmers

HARVEST: FROM 1

the definition of insanity — doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result — down pat.

So I decided to throw the camera battery into a charger, do a little cleaning (trust me, my home needed it) and delay the trip to the office.

Fifty years ago, I was a kid growing up in the small Minnesota farming community of Mapleton, and I learned a valuable lesson during harvest season: If rain was in the forecast, church attendance dropped dramatically.

Still, as I got the camera battery up to all of "one bar," I figured it was for naught. Camera plus reporter equals nary a farmer in a field.

I was, as I often am, completely and utterly wrong.

The exception on Sunday afternoon was a field along Highway 18 without a farmer in it. I couldn't believe my good fortune, and by the time I passed through Bassett, I had pulled over four times, flipped on the flashers and taken photos of one of my favorite times of the year.

But as soon as I arrived in the office, I went to the website of the National Weather Service's office in La Crosse, Wisconsin, to check the forecast for the week ahead.

Bingo, the lesson of my youth was reinforced.

Look, I'm writing this on Sunday afternoon, and who knows, by Thursday, it could be nothing but blue skies. But right now? It looks like we're in for three pretty rainy days, which is one reason farmers were out in full force. The other reason? My goodness, Mother Nature gave us a perfect autumn day.

And she owes us those three rainy days, too, especially after what she's put our area farmers through this year. It's dry. Bone freaking dry. We need that rain for 2024. Desperately.

That monsoon that hit the

area back on Sept. 22 was the first decent rainfall we had seen in months, and before a Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors meeting a few days later, Steve Breitbach was telling me about seeing a couple of firsts — four inches of rain that resulted in zero runoff and did not make it into the tile. That's dry, folks.

There's no doubt that the drought of 2023 has affected this year's crop. Yes, I've talked to farmers who have been pleasantly surprised with their yields, but as ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol told me last week, those yields have been all over the place. But even most of those surprising yields pale in comparison to what growers have reaped in recent years.

I get it. It's the nature of farming. Some years are bin busters; some years aren't. Still, it's not hard to feel for the men and women who make their living off the land this year.

This past summer was one in which if the forecasters said rain was "likely," that meant there was a 20 percent chance at best. If they forecast a 30 percent chance, that meant not a single drop of rain was going to fall.

And there wasn't a dang thing our farmers could do about it, except hope and pray that they'd get some kind of crop.

In other words, they deserved a Sunday — a day where something went right for them — and in the latest Iowa Crop and Condition report that was released on Monday showed that our farmers were busy this past week. The amount of corn harvested in the Northeast District jumped from 16 percent last week to 34 percent this week. Ditto for the district's soybean harvest as 42 percent has been harvested, up from 21 percent last week.

Here's to a few more good days ahead ... and to a lot more rainy days, too.



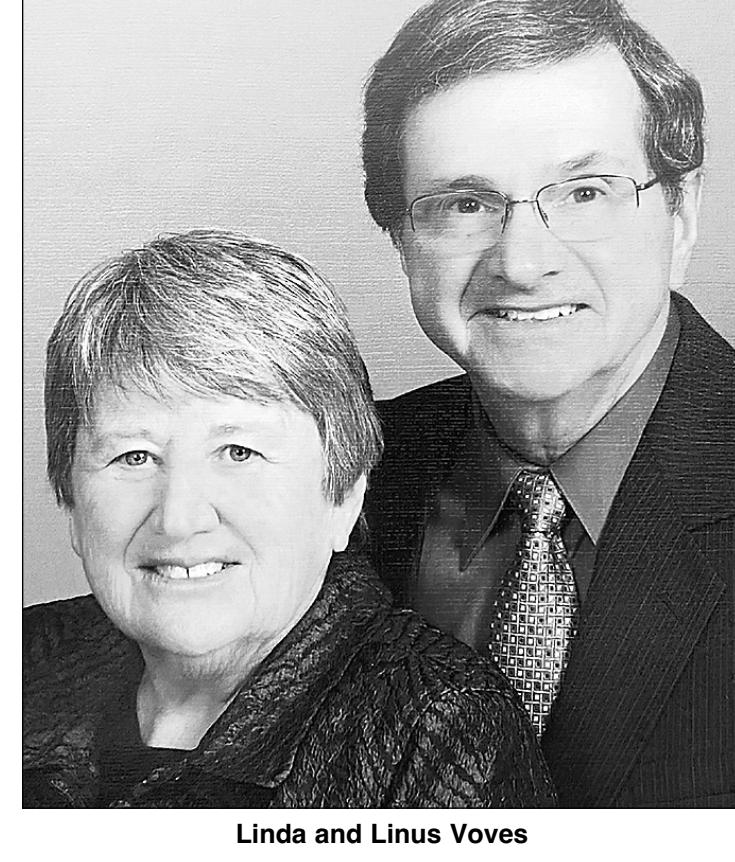
Melita Bodensteiner

Bodensteiner 100th birthday

Family and friends will celebrate Melita Bodensteiner's 100th birthday on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Good Samaritan Society in West Union.

Born Melita Steinlage on a farm near Kelly, Kansas, on Oct. 25, 1923, she married Irvin Bodensteiner of St. Lucas on Aug. 22, 1945, and Melita was a former longtime resident of St. Lucas.

Cards are welcomed and may be mailed to the Good Samaritan Society, Melita Bodensteiner, Room 405, 201 Hall St., West Union, IA 52175.



Linda and Linus Voves

Voves 50th anniversary

The children of Linus and Linda (Meyers) Voves happily announce their parents' 50th wedding anniversary.

Linda and Linus were married on Oct. 6, 1973, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia by Father Joseph Heineman.

They have been blessed with three children, Brian (Jenny) Voves of Libertyville, Illinois, Renee Voves of Chicago and David (Renee) Voves of Waverly and four grandchildren — Emily, Avery, Michael and William.

Both worked for the United States Postal Service, with Linus serving as the Alta Vista postmaster for 23 years and Linda serving as the Ionia postmaster for 21 years.

Linda is the daughter of the late Cletus and Amelia (Hub) Meyers of Ionia, and Linus is the son of the late Frank and Clara Voves of New Hampton.

To help celebrate this milestone, please join their children in sending them well wishes at 300 E. Prairie St. Ionia, IA, 50645.



Five Star Country Store will hold its grand opening today

The Five Star Country Store will hold a grand opening today (Thursday) at its 1949 North Linn Ave. location in New Hampton. Food trucks will be on hand at 11 a.m. with free coffee and ice cream all day.

Five Star has also announced the appointment of Rick Pleggenkuhle as the new retail manager. Pleggenkuhle, an existing member of the Five Star team will assume responsibilities for the Country Store in New Hampton, further strengthening the cooperative's leadership team.

He grew up on a farm near Fredericksburg. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in natural history from the University of Northern Iowa.

Pleggenkuhle spent over 20 years in horticulture working primarily in retail as a landscape designer and at a large wholesale nursery as a plant buyer.

Not long after the closing



of Sherman Nursery, Rick joined Five Star Cooperative's Agronomy Department, where he worked with seed ordering and inventory

and as well as agronomy financing.

He moved into an energy sales, service and delivery role in 2020. He is celebrated by customers as "Rick, the LP Guy" and has significantly expanded the cooperative's customer base in his area. He is known for his relentless commitment to customer service.

"Rick's appointment is a testament to our commitment to building strong relationships and careers that drive success and growth for our cooperative, team members, and members alike," said Scott Black, CEO of Five Star Cooperative.

Briefs

MercyOne New Hampton to hold 'Mammo Night' this coming Monday

MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center will hold the second of two "Mammo Nights" at the hospital this coming Monday night.

The event will run from 3 to 7 p.m. and follow a similar program as it did this past Monday.

The event is for women ages 40 and older who are due for their yearly mammogram. The event is financially supported by the MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center, the Care for Yourself Program and New Hampton High School Trapshooting's Shoot for a Cure benefit. Appointments are required and a limited number are available. Call 641-394-1614 to schedule an appointment.

Breast cancer affects 1 in 8 women in the United States. But through yearly mammograms and self-breast awareness, women can take the necessary steps to lower their risk.

MercyOne officials say they are presenting the Mammo Nights because they don't want work schedules or cost-related barriers to get in the way of these important preventive services.

"We know work schedules and the cost can be a barrier for many women scheduling a mammogram," says Wendy Burke, supervisor of radiology services at MercyOne New Hampton Medical

Center. "We want to remove that barrier and give women the opportunity to care for themselves. Far too often women spend so much time taking care of everyone else in their family that they forget to take care of themselves."

Ernst's office to hold traveling office hours in area counties

U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst announced her staff will be holding traveling office hours in every county throughout the state during October and November.

Ernst staff members emphasized that the senator won't be in attendance but staff members will be on hand to assist Iowans with problems or questions about issues involving Social Security, veterans' benefits, military affairs, passports, immigration issues, and other federal programs.

Ernst's staff will be in Chickasaw County on Thursday, Nov. 2, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Nashua Public Library.

Other traveling offices will be held in Howard County (noon to 1 p.m. Thursday Oct. 19, at the Cresco Public Library), Fayette County (11 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at the Oelwein Public Library) and Winneshiek County (2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 2-3 p.m. at the Decorah Public Library).

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Almanac

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Thursday	68	42	--
Friday	51	37	.20
Saturday	56	42	--
Sunday	61	36	--
Monday	55	30	--
Tuesday	58	31	--

Forecast

Thursday: Cloudy with showers likely and a high of 55 and a low of 47.

Friday: Cloudy and windy with showers likely and a high of 56 and a low of 43.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy and chance of showers; high 52, low 40.

Sunday: Partly cloudy but windy with a high of 51 and a low of 37.

Extended forecast: We'll start the work week with cloudy skies and high temperatures in the 50s with lows dropping into the 30s.

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 1492, after sailing across the Atlantic Ocean, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus sights a Bahamian island, believing he has reached East Asia.

• In 1870, Gen. Robert E. Lee, the commander of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, dies at the age of 63 in Lexington, Virginia.

• In 1945, Pvt. 1st Class Desmond T. Doss of Lynchburg, Virginia, is presented the Medal of Honor for outstanding bravery as a combat medic, the first conscientious objector in history to receive the nation's highest military award.

• In 1997, singer John Denver dies at the age of 54 after the experimental plane he is piloting crashes.

• In 2000, a motorized rubber dinghy loaded with explosives blows a 40-by-40-foot hole in the port side of the USS Cole, a U.S. Navy destroyer that was refueling at Aden, Yemen, killing 17 sailors and wounding 38 more.

Birthdays

• Famed Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti was born in 1935.

• Australian film actor Hugh Jackman turns 55.

• Film actor Josh Hutcherson, who starred in "The Hunger Games" movies, turns 31.

• American track athlete Marion Jones, who had to forfeit five Olympic medals because of drug use, turns 48.

• Actor Kirk Cameron turns 53.

Corrections

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641.394.2111**Mary Jeanne Laures, 77**

Mary Jeanne Laures, age 77 of Ionia, died Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, North Washington.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton where there will be a 3:30 p.m. Rosary and a 7 p.m. Parish Scripture Service. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Friday.

Online condolences for the Laures family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Jeanne was born on April 18, 1946, in South St. Paul, Minnesota, the daughter of Wade and Mary (Moser) Atchison. Raised in her hometown of South St. Paul, Jeanne received her education in the local schools, graduating from South St. Paul High School in 1964.

Jeanne met her husband, Cletus, while he was stationed at the Naval station in the Twin Cities. Their love story began and blossomed, leading to their marriage on June 17, 1967, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in North Washington. Their lifelong journey together was blessed with four children — Mike, Ken, Tom and Tracy. Jeanne's family was her pride and joy, and she dedicated her life to providing them with a nurturing and loving home.

Jeanne's professional life was marked by her dedication to caring for others. She worked as a nurse's aide at the Colonial Manor Nursing Home in Elma, for over 20 years. Her compassionate nature and commitment to her work made her a beloved figure among her colleagues and the residents. After her tenure at the Colonial Manor, Jeanne continued her healthcare career at the MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center until her retirement in the early 2000s due to



Jeanne Laures

health reasons.

Jeanne had a rich array of interests that brought her immense joy. She loved baking, especially during the Christmas season when she would make large batches of cookies. Her love for cooking extended to exploring new recipes, often surprising her family with delicious and innovative dishes. Jeanne was also an avid reader, losing herself in the pages of a good book was one of her favorite pastimes.

An outdoor enthusiast, Jeanne found peace and contentment in nature. Whether it was fishing or tending her garden, she relished the tranquility and beauty of the great outdoors. However, the joy she derived from these activities was surpassed by the time she spent with her grandchildren. Their laughter and happiness were the highlights of her life.

Survivors include her husband, Cletus; children, Mike Laures of Rochester, Indiana, Tom (Sara) Laures of Waterloo, and Tracy (Kevin) Geerts of New Hampton; seven grandchildren, Karla Rae Defee Barlow, Bethany Geerts, Abby Laures, Emma Laures, Vincent Price, Seger Laures and Sage Laures; brothers, William (Becky) Atchison of South St. Paul, Minnesota, and Tom Atchison of Mesa, Arizona; and sisters, Patty (Tom) O'Brien and Barb (Alan) Yapp, both of Mesa, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Ken Laures in 1997; sister, Judie Atchison; brother, James Atchison; and grandson, Mason Geerts.

Kathleen Chicken, 45

Kathleen Chicken, age 45 of Waucoma, died Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at her home surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma with interment in the church cemetery, followed by a meal at the Waucoma Event Center.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma where there was a 3:30 p.m. Rosary. Visitation continued an hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Waucoma have been entrusted with Kathleen's arrangements.

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

Kaden Ray Wilken, 18

Kaden Ray Wilken, age 18 of Nashua, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023.

Funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at Nashua-Plainfield High School Gymnasium with the Rev. Darin Darins presiding.

Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at the Nashua-Plainfield High School Gymnasium.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory/Olson Chapel is entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences for Kaden's family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Lois Westervelt, 86

Lois Westervelt, age 86, formerly of Nashua, passed away peacefully in her sleep Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at Oak Park Place in Dubuque.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at the United Methodist Church in Nashua.

Interment will be held in Greenwood Cemetery in Nashua.

Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Further visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

Online condolences for Lois' family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Thank You

The family of Joanna Walz would like to extend our gratitude to all for your kindness and support for our family after her passing. We would like to thank all who sent cards and condolences during this time. We are grateful to Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home for their expertise, kindness and compassion during this time. We are grateful to the people at St. Joseph's Parish for helping to celebrate Joanna's life.

Thank you to Cedar Valley Hospice who provided kindness, support, and expertise in a difficult time.

Additionally, we are grateful to the people at New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Center for Kindness,

professionalism, care and compassion provided to Joanna. It is beyond our words to tell you how much we appreciate you all. Thanks to all others who have been supporting us during this time.

Wilfred Walz & Family

Richard 'Dick' Stephen Recker, 92

Richard "Dick" Stephen Recker of New Hampton died at age 92 on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at Oldorf Hospice House in Hiawatha.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at Holy Family Parish in New Hampton with Father Jim Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Friends greeted the family at the church from 10 a.m. to noon prior to the service.

Interment followed at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton. Friends were invited to join the family at Poor Richards Pizza Kitchen following the service.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with services. Online condolences for the Recker family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to Oldorf Hospice House in Cedar Rapids.

Dick was born on Jan. 30, 1931, in New Hampton. Dick was the son of Frank and Celeste (Underkofler) Recker.

Dick graduated from New Hampton High School in 1949 and enrolled at Notre Dame University (go Irish!).

He left Notre Dame to join the Air Force, serving during the Korean War. In his time in the service he was awarded the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.



Dick Recker

After the service, he returned to Notre Dame and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in commerce.

After graduation Dick went to work for IDS financial services as a broker in Chicago. Soon after he began following the horse racing circuit as a jockey's agent and horse racing secretary.

During this time he began dating Margaret (Peg) Huffman. Dick and Peg were married on September 22, 1979 and were blessed with their daughter, Monica, in 1983. They made their home in New Hampton and purchased Poor Richards Pizza Kitchen, which Dick owned and operated until he retired in 2007.

Dick enjoyed golfing and was a member at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club. He also was an avid supporter of Notre Dame football and enjoyed watching games and cussing at the TV.

One of Dick's many passions was food, and not just pizza. As many know, he always had a fridge and countertop full of snacks. This reigned true throughout his final days.

Dick will be remembered for his social nature and was always outgoing and vibrant with all — family, friends, and customers. Whether he was delivering pizzas in the Jeep or cruising in his Cadillac, all those who knew him will miss his singing voice as he went by.

He was survived by his daughter, Monica (Nick) Edwards of Solon; his brother, Father Phil Recker of Dubuque; his brother-in-law, Dan (Sue) Huffman of New Hampton; his sisters-in-law, Pat (Dennis) Ruffridge of Cresco and Donna (Mike) Huffman of Cedar Falls; longtime family friends, Susan Gates of North Liberty, John (Mary) Gates of Cedar Rapids, Lisa (Rob) Wilson of Marion, and Kim (Lynn) Hopp of New Hampton; along with several nieces and nephews and grandnephews.

Dick was proceeded in death by his parents; his wife; his mother and father-in law, Raymond and Rosemary Huffman; brothers-in-law, Mark Huffman, Mike Huffman, John Huffman and Dan Schwickerath; and longtime family friends, Dale and Monica Gates, Elaine (Peony) Gates and Karen Erion.

Louis Sostak, 87

Louis Sostak, 87 of Fredericksburg, died Monday, Oct. 2, 2023.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at the Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton with Pastor Kevin Frey officiating.

Interment followed in New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends greeted the family from 9 to 11 a.m. prior to the service at the church.



Louis Sostak

be in the Sostak family ever since.

The four Sostak children attended New Hampton district No. 2 school where all graduated from eighth grade. Louis helped on the farm after graduating while his siblings went into high school. Later, Louie obtained his GED certificate.

In 1961, he was drafted into the US Army. He took basic training at Fort Leonard in Wood, Missouri. He was transferred to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he was a truck driver and a member of the rifle team. He was with the 2nd How. Bn. of the 33rd artillery of the First Infantry Division.

While at Fort Riley, he received the motor vehicle driver badge, the Good Conduct medal, and the expert (rifle) and marksman (pistol) achievement.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his sister, Blanche Rae Sostak, Aug. 24, 1992; his mother, Vlasta Sostak, April 30, 1996; his father, Louis Sostak Sr., April 5, 2002; and several cousins.

Julian Richard Natvig, 96

Julian Richard Natvig — retired businessman, husband, father and

Conservation Board OKs new dock for Airport Lake

Director tells supervisors handicap-accessible dock will go in this fall, also tells supervisors camping season one of best ever

BY BOB FENSK
editor@nhtrib.com

Chad Humpal has longed dreamed of seeing a new handicap-accessible dock in the water at Airport Lake Park.

The dream is about to become a reality for the Chickasaw County Conservation Board director.

During his department update at Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, Humpal said the Conservation Board last week approved spending a little more than \$19,200 to purchase the dock and that it should be installed by the end of this month.

"I'm really excited because I think it's going to add to what already is a great park," he said. "It's going to be a great addition not only for the people who use the campground but also for those who are just going out to the park for a day."

Humpal also shared information about the almost-completed camping season, one of the best ever for the Conservation Board.

He said that through this

past weekend, the Conservation Board has collected \$56,775 in camping revenue since the start of the fiscal year on July 1.

Chickasaw County tracks camping revenue not by the calendar year but by the fiscal year, which doesn't end until June 30.

"But that total would be our fourth-best fiscal year ever," Humpal said, "so I think it shows you that we're doing a lot of the right things. We have great camp hosts. They're certainly a big part of this, too."

He said this upcoming weekend will be the last in which the campground will be open at Split Rock Park, which is located near Fredericksburg.

But Humpal said that, if the weather cooperates, he hopes to be able to keep Airport Lake Park open through the end of the month.

Several employees who are helping build the Chickasaw Wind Farm are using the park's new seasonal campgrounds.

"They'd like us to stay open to the end of the year," Humpal said, "but our water permit only goes through Oct. 31."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

A donation that would make mom and dad proud

Three of Gerald and Marilyn Johnson's four daughters — (from left) Jennifer Johnson, Suzette Conley and Mary Hassler, along with her husband Pete, pose for a picture Tuesday night at the Gateway to Northeast Iowa before the start of the Big 4 Fair Board meeting. The three, along with their sister Sarah Johnson, made a donation of \$50,000 that will go to installing a kitchen at the fairgrounds' new event center. Big 4 Fair Board members said they believed it is the largest donation the fair has ever received, and Suzette Conley said she knows "her parents would be honored" to be part of such an important project at the fairgrounds. For more on this story, see next week's Tribune.

Briefs

Still no deal between city and Precision over permit

New Hampton city officials confirmed Tuesday that a manufacturer in the city's west-side Industrial Park and the city are still at an impasse over the city's refusal to approve a building permit.

During a City Council meeting last week, city leaders discussed in open session a proposal by Precision's Tyler Hansen and the company's attorney, Kit O'Donohoe to end the dispute that led the city to file a lawsuit against Precision late last year.

O'Donohoe proposed that Precision is prepared to sign an agreement that would obligate the company to fix the city infrastructure if it fails during what he termed its "useful life," which would be determined by reaching out to the manufacturer of the pipe.

After discussing the issue for more than 40 minutes with O'Donohoe and Hansen, the council went into closed discussion. When council members returned, they approved on a 3-2 vote a counter-proposal which the city offered to "pay up to 20 percent of the expense to move the pipe from its existing location to the south, completely removing the pipe from the property owned by Tyler Hansen/Precision of New Hampton Inc."

Council members also want the work performed by a bonded contractor, and the city would also "ask for and be willing to provide mutual releases and any claims the parties may have against each other."

Council members Jason Speltz, Katie Fisher and Mindy Humpal voted to submit the counter-proposal while Councilmen Cory McDonald and Joe Denner voted no. Councilwoman Kalista Porath was absent from last week's meeting.

Halloween Parade and downtown trick-or-treating to be held Oct. 28

The New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Halloween Parade and Downtown Trick-or-Treating on Saturday, Oct. 28.

Costume judging will begin at 10 a.m. at the New Hampton Community Center, and those who would like to be judged should enter through the center's south door (near the City Clerk's Office). The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. and start in the Community Center's east-side parking lot, go up Water Avenue for a half of block and then turn and head west on Main Street.

Following the parade, kids and their families can trick-or-treat at various downtown businesses.

Trick-or-Treat Night will be held on Halloween, Tuesday, Oct. 31.

Assistance available for farmers performing conservation practices

Agricultural producers interested in implementing conservation practices are encouraged to apply for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). In Iowa, the deadline to submit initial paperwork is Nov. 3.

"Whether farmers are veterans in conservation or trying no-till, cover crops, or other practices for the first time, these programs provide them with an opportunity to take care of Iowa's agricultural lands," said Kate Hansen, senior policy associate for the Center for Rural

Affairs

Administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), CSP and EQIP provide financial and technical assistance for producers to implement conservation practices while keeping their land in production.

CSP is designed to support conservation efforts operation-wide. To be eligible, producers must demonstrate they are currently addressing regional resource concerns with approved conservation practices and a willingness to implement additional practices, called enhancements.

EQIP is designed to help producers address a particular resource concern with a single practice or project. Through EQIP, a number of structural practices, such as terraces, are available as well.

Farmers interested in applying should call their local NRCS office to begin the process.

Legal Notice • Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AMPARO JANETT ORTIZ ORTIZ, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR002955 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Amparo Janett Ortiz Ortiz, Deceased, who died on or about November 5, 2020:

You are hereby notified that on April 15, 2021, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims

against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on September 29, 2023.

Ashley Ortiz, Administrator of the Estate, 511 N. Walnut Ave., New Hampton, IA 50659

Kevin E. Schoeberl, ICIS#: AT0006991, Attorney for the Administrator, Story, Schoeberl & Seebach, LLP, 126 N. Elm St., PO Box 89, Cresco, IA 52136

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sons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated October 10, 2023.

Executors of the Estate:

Sherry Crooks, 306 S. Center St., Ionia, IA 50645

Nancy Elenz, 578 Eden Circle, Eagan, MN 55123

Robert Kramer, 308 Lincoln St., New Hampton, IA 50659

Patti Kramer, 900 67th St. Unit 505, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#:

AT0004198, Attorney for Executors,

Kevin & Kennedy, 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406, New Hampton, IA 50659

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The Chickasaw County Honor Roll will be published in the New Hampton Tribune's Veterans Day Special Section that will be part of the Tribune's November 9th issue and the Nashua Reporter's November 10th issue.

As a Veteran, if you would like to have your name or a family member's name included on our Chickasaw County Veterans Honor Roll, please fill out the form below and return it to the New Hampton Tribune by October 20, 2023.

Please help us update our Chickasaw County Veterans Honor Roll by filling out and returning the attached form if your name did not appear in the New Hampton Tribune's Veterans Tab.

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Submitted by			

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NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Oct. 10

1948 (75 years ago)

V.E. Messersmith "Little Butch" held a grand opening today, those who came to inspect his new cafe enjoyed free coffee and doughnuts. The afternoon children will be treated to a free pop. The new cafe has been named "Little Butch's Sudden Service." The sound financial condition in which most Chickasaw County residents find themselves today is reflected in the tax receipts announced this week. Chickasaw County Treasurer Gerald Bailey reports that approximately 95 per cent of all taxes outstanding for the year 1947 were paid prior to the Oct. 1 deadline, leaving less than 5 per cent of delinquent payments.

Total to be collected in Chickasaw County is \$732,378.62, of which \$698,170.09 has been paid.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT

FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY

IN THE MATTER

OF THE ESTATE OF

KIPP ELMER JONES,

Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003144

NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL

WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Es-

tate of Kipp Elmer Jones, Deceased, who

died on or about on May 18, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on Sep-

tember 14, 2023, the last will and testa-

ment of Kipp Elmer Jones, deceased,

bearing date of February 17, 2023, was

admitted to probate in the above named

court and there will be no present admin-

istration of the estate. Any action to set

aside the will must be brought in the dis-

trict court of the county within the later to

occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on 09/13/23

Joanne Jones, Proponent

Attorney for estate; Christine B. Skilton, ICIS#: AT0007262, Cronin, Skilton & Skilton, PLLC, 205 Brasher Street, P.O. Box 39, Nashua, IA 50658-0039, ccskilton@ccskiltonlaw.com

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1973 (50 years ago)

New Hampton Community High football teams of recent vintage aren't accustomed to the basement in the Northeast Iowa Conference standings, and the 1973 Chickasaws blasted their way out of that unenviable occupancy Friday night by winning their Homecoming football game before a capacity crowd.

Dominating the first half of action, which ended with a 23-7 NH lead, and then easing up some after the intermission, the Big Red chilled Crestwood of Cresco, 23 to 15, for the first New Hampton league win of the season.

Mrs. James (Lee) Armstrong, hostess and cashier at Roger's Famous Foods, New Hampton, was honored last week by Roger Shares, owner, on her tenth anniversary with the firm.

Mrs. Armstrong began working part-time at Roger's in October of 1960 and has been on the staff full-time since October

of 1963. She was presented a watch by Shares on the occasion.

1998 (25 years ago)

It wasn't flashy, but it was exciting football played in the mud and rain before an enthusiastic Homecoming crowd. The New Hampton Chickasaws took an early 7-0 lead and went the distance for a key district three win over Independence. The victory was built on a one-yard run by Casey Tierney in the first quarter and a point-after by Jerry Reicherts. The score at that point was 7-0, and it never changed for the duration of the game.

New Hampton Boy Scout Nick Schwickerath, Troop 48, will receive the Eagle Scout award and an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. For his Eagle Scout project, Nick designed and constructed a foot-bridge at Randall Park, which will eventually become part of a walking trail area at the park.

A freshman at New Hampton High School, Nick is the son of Duane and Karen Schwickerath, New Hampton.

2013 (10 years ago)

After three years of searching the globe, a group of New Hampton doctors have finally found a place they hope will be their official "mission home." DOCS for Hope, which includes eight physicians who have or are currently practicing at Mercy Medical Center-New Hampton hopes to build a hospital in Guatemala. The plan is to construct the "first phase" of the hospital in 2014 and open it in 2015.

Members of the Chickasaw County Veterans Memorial Committee are appreciative of all the donations they have received to make the memorial a reality. But they also know that once the memorial is dedicated on Veterans Day, the expenses won't end, which is why Committee Co-Chair Joe Glaser said he's so appreciative of the New Hampton Tribune's announcement that it will donate all proceeds from its annual Veterans Day pages this year to the committee.

Tribune Publisher Dave Stanley said he was impressed how the area has come together to support building the memorial on the Chickasaw County Courthouse grounds.

2018 (5 years ago)

The Backpack Program offers non-perishable, kid-friendly convenience food to any school-age child regardless of proof of need and at no cost to the school district. The contents of the plastic sack kit is placed discretely into the child's backpack.

The program recently received a \$3,500 grant from Variety-the Children's Charity, sponsor Northeast Iowa Food Bank announced. Last year the program delivered over 125,000 bags of food to hungry children in over 100 schools in northeast Iowa.

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT

FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

JEROME K. LEACH, DECEASED

PROBATE NO. ESPR003142

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF

WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF

EXECUTORS AND NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate

of Jerome K. Leach, Deceased, who died

on or about July 18, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on Sep-

tember 12, 2023, the last will and testa-

ment of Jerome K. Leach, deceased,

bearing the date of April 26, 2022 was

admitted to probate in the above named

court and that Norma J. Leach, Travis J.

Leach and Karie L. Rethamel were ap-

pointed Executors of the estate of Jerome

K. Leach. Any action to set aside the will

must be brought in the District Court of

said county within the later to occur of

four months from the date of the second

publication of this notice or one month

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to all heirs of the Decedent and devisees

under the will whose identities are rea-

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of Ionia met in reg-

ular session Monday, October 2, 2023, at

7:00 PM.

Mayor Taylor presided with Council

Members Day, Denner, Geerts, Havner

present, Crooks absent. Also present

were Clerk Donna Geerts, Carla Rosen-

baum, Artie and India Watson. Mayor

Taylor called the meeting to order.

Motion by Day, seconded by Havner

to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Denner, seconded by Geerts

to approve the minutes of the Septem-

ber 5, 2023, meeting. All voted aye.

Motion by Geerts, seconded by Day

to approve the following claims. All

voted aye. Motion carried.

*Claims paid after September 5, 2023

meeting

*Alliant Energy \$ 609.67

First Security Bank- Deposit Slips

credit and debit \$ 142.11

Alliant Energy \$ 1230.66

Black Hills Energy, Aug./Sept. \$ 152.06

Library Act \$ 1727.90

Payroll \$ 2097.84

Brian Sigler, mlg reimb \$ 540.00

941 deposit \$ 842.17

IPERS \$ 726.01

Jendro Sanitation, bags & recycling

\$ 1308.37

New Hampton Tribune, pub \$ 58.86

Treas., State of Iowa, state tax ... \$ 60.00

Treas., State of Iowa, WET (water excise tax) \$ 729.74

IA Workforce Development, unemployment tax..... \$ 13.23

IA DNR, anal water use fee \$ 115.00

Microbac Lab, water tests \$ 153.00

Ziegler Inc, tractor parts \$ 1097.85

INRCOG, CDBG Aug prof fees \$ 310.19

USA Blue Book, water supplies \$ 58.04

UECO, water meters & hydrant \$ 7215.01

Ace Hardware, keys/tape \$ 21.56

Iowa League of Cities, budget workshop reg \$ 50.00

Chickasaw County Auditor, 23 4th qtr \$ 5778.00

Iowa DNR, sanitary sewer improvements application fee \$ 100.00

Iowa DNR, sanitary sewer & WWTP improvements application fee \$ 100.00

Randy Taylor, mlg and parts reimb \$ 105.78

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New Hampton's Adam Ewert and Talyn Bohaty (above) team up to make a tackle while the Chickasaws' Kam Josephson (below) is understandably excited after realizing every lineman's dream — scoring a touchdown — in the Chickasaws' game against Crestwood last Friday.

A lot at stake for Chickasaws in regular season finale

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Class 2A, District 3 Football

	Dist.	All
Waukon	3-1	4-3
New Hampton	3-1	3-4
North Fayette V	3-1	3-4
Crestwood	2-2	2-5
Osage	1-3	3-4
Oelwein	0-4	0-7

FRIDAY, OCT. 6, RESULTS

New Hampton 35, Crestwood 6

North Fayette Valley 50, Oelwein 8

Waukon 20, Osage 8

THURSDAY, OCT. 12, GAME

North Fayette Valley at Crestwood

FRIDAY, OCT. 13, GAMES

Waukon at New Hampton

Oelwein at Osage

"We hadn't stopped that play all week in practice," Josephson said, "but all of a sudden, I had the ball — still not sure how I caught it — and I just took off. I was pumped like any lineman would be. ... It was pretty cool, and I didn't think I could run that fast."

He also joined his linemates — Gatlin McCumber, Caleb Rochford, Marshall Zeien and Leander Reicks — in opening holes for New Hampton's backs. The Chickasaws ran for a season-high 287 yards on 53 carries.

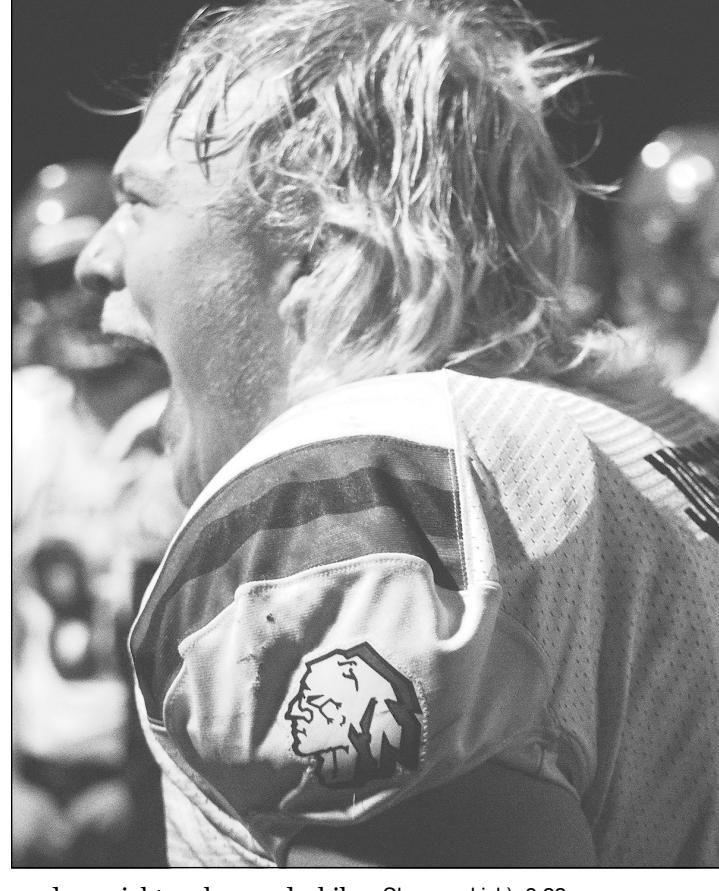
New Hampton averaged just 93 rushing yards and 3.4 yards a rush during its four-game losing streak, but since the debacle against Osage, New Hampton is grinding out 238 yards a game on the ground and is averaging 5.1 yards an attempt.

Having all-state running back Braden McShane, who missed almost 3 1/2 games because of a hamstring injury, has certainly helped, as has the growing confidence of Praska and Eckley, but there's no doubt that the Chickasaw line has upped its game in recent weeks.

"It's all the seven-man [blocking] sled," Josephson said. "We've been on that thing almost every day in practice, and we're doing it as a team. We've just gotten a lot more physical and working as a team."

McShane, who added his third touchdown of the game early in the fourth quarter was brilliant on both sides of the ball — running for 146 yards on 26 carries while leading New Hampton with seven tackles, including three for losses — but he was far from a one-man show.

Ethan Praska ran for 70



yards on eight rushes, and while Ben Gilbert was just 4-for-9 passing, he hooked up with his receivers for two critical completions — a 37-yard strike to Beau Serie and a 36-yard throw to Cael Laures — to set up New Hampton scores.

And now it comes down to Friday. New Hampton will celebrate Senior Night against a Waukon team that knocked Oelwein out of the playoff picture with a 20-8 victory.

"Our guys know what's at stake," Frerichs said over the weekend, "and I know they'll come back to work Monday ready to go back to work. They've done it all year — after losses, after wins — so I don't expect anything different this week."

Swehla echoed his coach, and said if New Hampton learned anything from that 0-4 start, it is not to take anything for granted.

"If you said at the beginning of the year, we would get to play for a district title in our last game of the year," he said, "we would have said that's what we wanted. We might not have thought we were going to be 3-and-whatever, but I'm really proud of the way we've turned this thing around and now we want to finish it."

NEW HAMPTON 35, CRESTWOOD 6

NH 7 6 15 7 - 35

Crest 0 6 0 0 - 6

FIRST QUARTER

NH - Braden McShane 4 run (Jack

Shawer kick), 9:22.

SECOND QUARTER

NH - McShane 1 run (kick failed),

3:05.

C - Aidan Skoda 6 run (kick failed),

0:24.

THIRD QUARTER

NH - Ethan Swehla 16 run (McShane run), 8:50.

NH - Kam Josephson 34 interception return (Shawer kick), 3:20.

FOURTH QUARTER

NH - McShane 3 run (Shawer kick), 10:02.

TEAM STATS

	NH	C
First downs	18	8
Rushes-yards	53-287	34-180
Passing yards	87	28
Total yards	374	208
Att-Comp-Int	10-4-0	8-5-1

NEW HAMPTON STATISTICS

Rushing - Braden McShane

26-146, Ethan Praska 8-70, Jaxon

Eckley 10-31, Ethan Swehla 8-70,

Beau Serie 2-12, Ben Gilbert 2-5,

Reid Rausch 1-2, Bryar Usher 1-1.

Passing - Gilbert 4-9-0 - 87,

McShane 0-1-0 - 0.

Receiving - Serie 1-37, Cael

Laures 1-36, Eckley 1-16, McShane

1-2.

Tackles - McShane 7.5, Swehla

4.5, Ty Robinson 4, Gatlin McCumber

3.5, Laures 3.5, Talyn Bohaty

2.5, Gilbert 2.5, Eckley 1.5, Ryan

Willadsen 1.5, Adam Ewert 1, Ty

Shekleton 1, Tate Schwickerath 0.5,

Bryar Usher 0.5.

Tackles for loss - McShane 3,

Robinson 0.5, Eckley 0.5, McCumber

0.5, Josephson 0.5.

Sacks - McCumber 0.5, Robinson

0.5.

Fumble recoveries - Shekleton

1-0.

Interceptions - Josephson 1-34.

Kickoff returns - Laures 2-3.5.

Punt returns - Praska 1-6.

Kickoffs - Jack Shawer 6-40.8.

Trojans must win at Riceville to keep playoff hopes alive

TV FOOTBALL: FROM 16

underdog in that match-up with the big, strong and powerful team from Gilbertville.

Turkey Valley (4-3, 3-2), meanwhile, will look to pick up the pieces of a defense that has surrendered a lot of points in three of its losses — which came against Don Bosco, No. 7 Clarksville and Kee High.

The Trojans can still crack the playoffs, but will have to take down Riceville (6-1, 4-1) on the road Friday night in order to make it three playoff appearances in a row — and possibly get some help.

Eight-Man football takes the top three finishers in its 10 districts and two more at-large berths to fill out the 32-team playoff field.

TV could advance to the postseason with a win over the Wildcats and hope the 17-point tiebreaker comes out in its favor as three teams would be tied with two losses in the district in Riceville, Kee High and TV.

Riceville defeated Kee, 32-20. That means the head-to-head tiebreaker to determine the district runner-up would be a wash.

This much is certain. One of those aforementioned teams isn't going to make the playoffs, unless that fourth-place district finisher receives an at-large bid.

This hypothetical formula is of course predicated on a TV win over Riceville and a Don Bosco victory in its last regular season game.

Kee (5-2, 4-2) has already concluded the district portion of its schedule and plays Edgewood-Colesburg (5-2) at home in the regular season finale this Friday.

TV has surrendered an average of just over 375 yards of rushing in its losses. Clarksville, the state's second-leading rushing squad, piled up almost 500 yards on the ground versus the Trojans in a non-district clash that went the way of the Indians, 62-22.

Riceville averages over 260 yards on the ground in seven games. The Wildcats lost to Don Bosco in Week Three — 42-6.

Several of Don Bosco's touchdowns on Friday night in Jackson Junction were of the untouched variety.

Don senior quarterback Kaiden Knaack rushed for 198 yards and scored four times on the ground. Sophomore running back Ty Christensen gained 116 yards on 11 carries. He also scored twice.

The only time Don Bosco didn't score was when its reserves came into play and a high snap on a punt attempt gave the Trojans the ball at the Don 17 after a turnover on downs.

A Tucker Reicks 14-yard scoring strike from Cale Langreck was taken off the board after a holding call negated the passing touchdown late in the game.

Schmitt led TV in tackles with 14. He also rushed for 70 yards on 18 carries.

Busta was 4-for-11 passing for 73 yards

Don Bosco — winners of four



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley senior Caleb Kurtenbach (above) hangs on to the ball for a catch while Logan Busta (below) avoids the pressure and gets a pass off in the Trojans game with Don Bosco Friday.

state titles since 2013 — forced a turnover on downs with 4:58 left in the first half after

stopping Schmitt just short of a first down on a run play.

The Dons also came up big on

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Cooking takes center stage during Fire Prevention Week

'Cooking Safety Starts with You' theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week

Chickasaw County fire departments are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) — the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week (FPW) for more than 100 years — to promote this year's FPW campaign, "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention."

The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take when cooking to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of cooking fires and deaths.

"Year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of home fires by far, accounting for half (49 percent) of all U.S. home fires," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA. "These numbers tell us that there is still much work to do when it comes to better educating the public about ways to stay safe when cooking."

Fire departments encourage all residents to embrace the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme.

Area firefighters offer these key safety tips to help reduce the risk of a cooking fire.

- Watch what you heat. Always keep a close eye on what you are cooking. Set a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Have a "kid- and pet-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove or grill and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

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Members of the Alta Vista Fire Department (OK, that little guy in the front row on the right might be a future firefighter) pose for a picture while a group of Lawler firefighters (below) do the same after washing one of the department's trucks during a work day.



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Fire Prevention Week has roots in the Great Chicago Fire

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country.

During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage.

This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Tips to making a home fire escape plan

- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm.

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. NFPA 72, National Fire Alarm Code requires interconnected smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

- When you walk through your plan, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily.

- Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location of the meeting place on your escape plan.

- Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road. If not, paint it on the curb or install house numbers to ensure that responding emergency personnel can find your home.

- Have everyone memorize the emergency phone number of the fire department. That way any member of the household can call from a neighbor's home or a cellular phone once safely outside.

- If there are infants, older adults, or family members with mobility limitations, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the fire drill and in the event of an emergency. Assign a backup person too, in case the designee is not home during the emergency.

- If windows or doors in your home have security bars, make sure that the bars have emergency release devices inside so that they can be opened immediately in an emergency. Emergency release devices won't compromise your security - but they will increase your chances of safely escaping a home fire.

- Tell guests or visitors to your home about your family's fire escape plan. When staying overnight at other people's homes, ask about their escape plan. If they don't have a plan in place, offer to help them make one.

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Meet the firefighters of the NHFD

The members of the New Hampton Fire Department shared a moment of silence and honored reflection on the importance of remembering those that have been lost on the evening of Sept. 11, the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

As the fire department declared on its Facebook page that night, "only through solidarity can we overcome any tragedy."

The New Hampton Fire Department includes the following members:

Chief: Toby Schwickerath (17 years).

First Assistant Chief: Nick Jurgensen (8 years).

Second Assistant Chief: Mark Andera (8 years).

Training Officers: Cory Rahlf (5 years) and Scott Kime (3 years).

Lieutenant: Tim Hansen (4 years).

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Cooking accounts for almost half of fires in U.S.

Cooking is such a routine activity that it is easy to forget that the high temperatures involved can easily start a fire.

From 2017 to 2021, cooking was the leading cause of reported home fires and home fire injuries and the second leading cause of home fire deaths. Cooking caused an average of 158,400 reported home structure fires per year (44 percent of all reported home fires in the U.S.).

These fires resulted in an average of 470 civilian deaths (18 percent of all home fire deaths) and 4,150 civilian injuries (42 percent of all reported home fire injuries) annually. Ranges or cooktops were involved in 53 percent of the reported home cooking fires, 88 percent of cooking fire deaths, and 74 percent of cooking fire injuries.

Households with electric ranges had a higher risk of cooking fires and associated losses than those with gas ranges. Unattended cooking was the leading factor contributing to cooking fires and casualties. Clothing was the item first ignited in less than one percent of these fires, but clothing ignition led to 7 percent of the home cooking fire deaths.

More than one-quarter of the people killed by cooking fires were asleep when they were fatally injured. More than half of the non-fatal injuries occurred when people tried to control the fire themselves.

Trends in cooking fires and cooking fire casualties data indicates that the number of reported



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We don't think of kitchens as dangerous places, but the fact is cooking causes 44 percent of all structure fires in the U.S.

cooking fires started to decline in 1981 and then plateaued before falling again in the 1990s.

After leveling off for a few years, the reported number of cooking fires hit consecutive new highs from 2012 to 2015. Between 2016 and 2018, these fires fell below the 2014 and 2015 levels, but they remained historically high. In 2021, the number of reported cooking fires dropped to the lowest level seen 2005, but it's important to stay alert when cooking and be on the lookout for fire potential.

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New Hampton's Hailee Pesek (above) puts down a kill while teammate Molly Wegner (below) serves up an ace during last week's match against Waukon.

Chickasaws take chemistry into NEIC, regional tourneys

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which took New Hampton to five sets in the regular season — of the tournament.

"We're going to be busy, that's for sure, because we turn around and play in the regional on Tuesday," said New Hampton coach Jess Geerts, whose team is 24-5, "but I think the girls will be ready to play because by the time we play [in the NEIC] Thursday, it'll have been nine days since we've played."

And as much as Geerts isn't a fan of long stretches between matches — especially at this time of the season — she said her team is using its "break" wisely.

"We're working on the things we need to do, we're varying it up a bit and we're having fun," she said, pointing out that she gave her team last Thursday off so that the Chickasaws could work and watch the NEIC JV tournament that was won by New Hampton.

"Would I have rather played on Saturday? Probably, but there's nothing we can do about it," she said. "Hopefully, it will be a busy couple of weeks for us, and playing the NEIC gives us some good competition heading into the regional."

And that regional begins next Tuesday, when New Hampton plays host to Hampton-Dumont, which had an 8-21 record heading into the final week of the regular season. The winner of that match will play either Osage (18-14) or Clear Lake (11-16) a week from tonight. The other side of the regional bracket includes Dubuque Wahlert, Waukon, Crestwood and North Fayette Valley. Although Wahlert is just 12-11, the Golden Eagles are ranked 12th.

The regional final is set for Tuesday, Oct. 24, at the gymnasium of the highest ranked team, which means if the Chickasaws keep winning, the road to the state tournament will go through New Hampton.

For Wegner and her coach, that's huge.

"You just play better at home," Wegner said. "You know the height of the ceiling, you don't have to get on a bus, all those things are big. We really want the community to be able to come out and support us and it's a lot easier when it's right here in town, you know?"

"Play at home or get on a bus and drive an hour or two? That's not really a question," Geerts said. "Seriously, though, right now, with conference and the regional, the key thing is to



focus on ourselves. Yes, we're going to watch film, yes, we're going to prepare for whoever we're playing, but we're also going to work on controlling the things we can control."

And as New Hampton gets ready for what it hopes is the busiest two weeks of the season, the Chickasaws are doing so with a deep and loaded team.

Marissa Cahoy leads the team in a variety of statistical categories, ranging from kills (239) to blocks (41.5) to digs (259) to service aces (33), but the standout senior is just one of numerous weapons at Geerts' disposal.

Wegner and Paige Steinlage have combined for 655 assists, while in addition to Cahoy, New Hampton has outstanding hitters in senior Hailee Pesek (147 kills), Braelyn Rosonke (133), Steinlage (114) and Jenna Heeren (82).

"I think everyone in Iowa knows our go-to is Marissa," Wegner said, "but we have so many girls who can really swing it that it's fun to be a setter. Hailee, Jenna, Braelyn, everyone really, can really hit it."

Defensively, New Hampton has seven girls with triple-digit digs and four of them — Cahoy, Wegner, Steinlage and Pesek — have 200-plus on the season.

But it may be an intangible that Geerts likes best about her team as it heads into the postseason.

"They get along so well," she said, "and this really is a team. They don't care about stats; all they care about is winning."

ON TAP FOR THE CHICKASAWS AND TROJANS

THURSDAY

New Hampton varsity volleyball, NEIC tournament at New Hampton, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton football vs. Waukon (senior parent night), 9th grade at 5 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley football at Riceville, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

New Hampton varsity volleyball, NEIC tournament continued at Charles City, 9 a.m.

MONDAY

Turkey Valley varsity volleyball, regional first round vs. Riceville, home, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

Turkey Valley JV football at Riceville, 6 p.m.

New Hampton varsity volleyball, regional first round vs. Hampton-Dumont, home, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

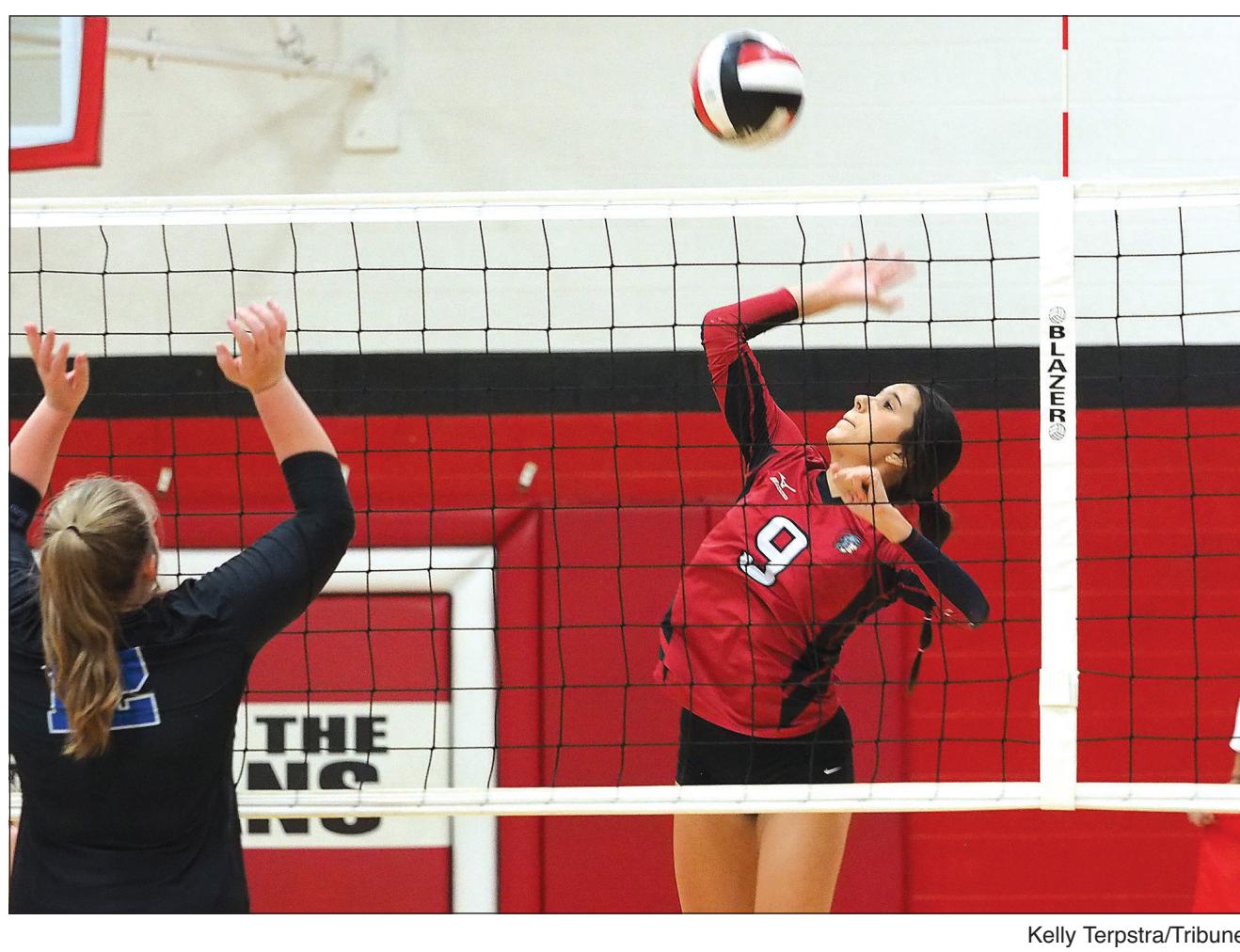
Turkey Valley varsity volleyball, second round of regionals vs. Clear Lake or Osage, if qualified, home, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

New Hampton cross country at Class 2A state qualifying meet, Fox Ridge Golf Course, Dike, 2 p.m.

Turkey Valley cross country at Class 1A state qualifying meet, Pioneer Town and Country Club, Manly, 4 p.m.

New Hampton varsity vol-



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley senior Ryann Schmitt (above) goes on the attack against West Central on Tuesday evening on the Trojans' Senior Night and fellow senior Adriana Tiedt (below) serves in the UIC match.

Trojans survive on Senior Night

Turkey Valley closes Upper Iowa slate with win to reach the .500 mark

By KELLY TERPSTRA

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Turkey Valley senior setter Mariah Thronsdson said it best after her Trojans' Senior Night victory over West Central on Tuesday night was finally finished.

"A win's a win," said Thronsdson.

Indeed it is.

The Trojans — led by co-coaches Ashley Walz and Tammy Vrzak — outlasted a scrappy Blue Devil bunch in an Upper Iowa Conference matchup that many did not predict would go five games.

But it did and more importantly, the Trojans pulled out the "W" over the four-win Blue Devils to close out the regular season on a happy note by scores of 25-7, 23-25, 25-11, 20-25 and 15-12.

This was a night that saw four Trojan seniors honored before the UIC tilt.

"Our seniors — I look at them — they're going to be missed," said Vrzak. "We've got that experience. They stood up and played good tonight. I always think it's sad when you have to watch them play their last season."

Was this the best volleyball that Turkey Valley has played this fall in

the regular season finale versus West Central?

That's an emphatic no.

But this bunch — which saw a coaching change take place mid-season — found a way and persevered for a satisfying triumph.

"That's really what's helped us get through the change of coaching and just the changes overall for the season — is always picking each other up," said senior libero Halle Weber.

TV (12-12, 6-2) moved to a .500 record after the win and hosts Riceville (11-20) at home in the first round of Class 1A regional play on Monday. The Trojans swept Riceville in two sets earlier this year at the Waukon Tournament.

West Central (4-21, 3-5) has been coming on strong as of late in conference matches as the Blue Devils played UIC leader North Fayette Valley (11-9, 7-0) tough in a three-set loss late last month.

The key for the Trojans was to remain positive according to Vrzak — something TV has done all season long.

"If I can keep 'em up, it just keeps the flow coming back and moving," said Vrzak. "This is the way I've always coached. I've always been that way."

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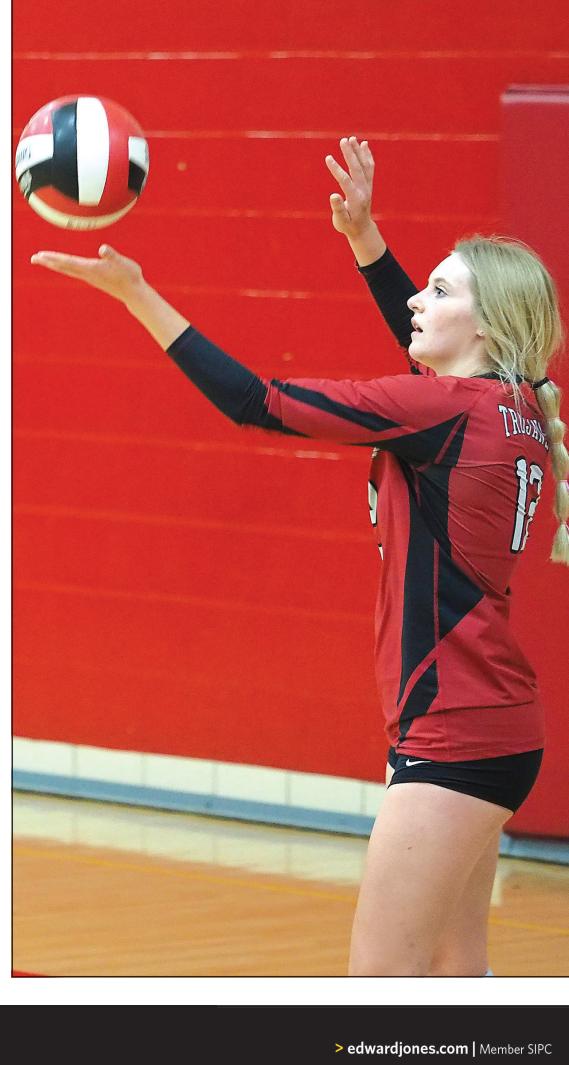
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Chickasaws to enjoy some 'home cooking' in volleyball regional

Sixth-ranked New Hampton opens defense of NEIC tourney championship tonight, earns the top seed in Class 3A regional tournament

NEIC Volleyball

	Conf.	All
New Hampton	5-0	24-5
Charles City	4-1	24-4
Waverly-Shell Rock	3-2	12-21
Crestwood	1-4	13-11
Decorah	1-4	12-12
Waukon	1-4	8-13

BY BOB FENSK
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Goal No. 1 has been checked off by the New Hampton volleyball team, but the Chickasaws will tell you that winning the Northeast Iowa Conference regular season championship doesn't make their season.

They, in short, have bigger fish to fry.

"It's nice and everything," senior setter Molly Wegner said, "but we have a lot more we want to accomplish. I mean a lot more."

Starting with adding an NEIC tournament championship, but even that is a minuscule goal for the Class 3A sixth-ranked Chickasaws.

"At the end of the day, we know we can get there if we do all the lit-

tle things," Wegner said. "That means putting the time in practice, going hard, getting reps and making sure we're ready."

"Get there" is code for the state volleyball tournament, and New Hampton learned last week the road it will have to navigate to return to state for just the third time in school history and for the first time since 2018.

SEE NH VOLLEYBALL, 15

Trojans playing for trip to postseason this week

After falling to Don Bosco in home finale, Turkey Valley faces must-win situation when they head to Riceville Friday night

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Oliver Schmitt raced into the end zone on Friday night in his last home regular season game.

It was another long scoring jaunt in a fantastic football career for Schmitt.

The Turkey Valley senior all-stater had just torched the Don Bosco secondary for a 53-yard scoring reception from sophomore signal caller Logan Busta.

Schmitt left Don defenders in the dust as he was wide open when he received the perfectly-thrown ball from Busta at midfield. Schmitt did the rest with his legs as he closed the Don deficit to just 21-14 with 1:14 to play before the second quarter started.

If there was any doubt in Don Bosco's mind as to whether they could come out on top over Mark Scott's Trojans – that notion evaporated in a hurry.

This was Don Bosco's night and they continued to prove why they're one of the predominant powers in 8-Man football with a offensive showcase that put up points in a hurry. The result was a 59-14 shellacking of the Trojans that saw DB piled up almost 400 yards of rushing in the lopsided game that was close early on.

"Don Bosco was too much for us to handle. We had some bright spots, but too many missed tackles on defense and a turnover let the score get away from us early," said Scott, in his 21st year as head coach of TV.

8-Man, District 3 Football

	Dist.	All
Don Bosco	5-0	6-1
Riceville	4-1	6-1
Kee	4-2	5-2
Turkey Valley	3-2	4-3
Waterloo Christian	1-4	1-6
West Central	1-4	1-6
Central Elkader	0-5	0-7

FRIDAY, OCT. 6, RESULTS

Don Bosco 59, Turkey Valley 14

Kee 64, Central Elkader 2

Riceville 64, Waterloo Christian 12

Springville 54, West Central 12

FRIDAY, OCT. 13, GAMES

Turkey Valley at Riceville

Central Elkader at West

Waterloo Christian at Don Bosco

Edgewood-Colesburg at Kee

The dominant Dons scored touchdowns on their first eight possessions and kicked a field on their ninth.

Turkey Valley had no answer for what DB did on this night.

"We will have to regroup and get ready for the road trip to Riceville," said Scott, whose team remains mathematically in the hunt for a playoff bid.

DB (6-1, 5-0), ranked sixth in Class 1A, can clinch the district title next week at home versus Waterloo Christian – a first-year program that will be a decided

SEE TV FOOTBALL, 11



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Ethan Svehla (above) puts a Crestwood defender on his back on Braden McShane's first touchdown run of the night, and Caleb Rochford (below) springs Jaxon Eckley for a big gain with a block on a screen pass play during the Chickasaws' 35-6 victory over Crestwood last Friday night.

KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

CHICKASAWS CONTINUE REMARKABLE TURNAROUND WITH 35-6 WIN, TO PLAY FOR DISTRICT TITLE FRIDAY

BY BOB FENSK
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Kam Josephson stood at midfield and nothing – absolutely nothing – was going to wipe the smile off the big New Hampton senior's face.

His Chickasaws had just pounded Crestwood 35-6 to continue a remarkable turnaround that has taken New Hampton from an 0-4 start to the cusp of a district championship, and he had lived out every lineman's dream by finding the end zone on a 34-yard interception return.

Three weeks ago, the Chickasaws had walked off their home field on the wrong end of a 40-7 game against Osage, but now, life has never been better as New Hampton has reeled off three straight victories by a combined score of 100-26.

What the heck happened?

"We just kept working and we just kept believing in ourselves," Josephson said. "The coaches didn't give up on us, and we didn't give up on each other. We knew we had it in us. We just had to get it going, get everybody healthy and start winning."

Check, check, check.

The win Friday moved New Hampton to 3-4 overall and 3-1 in Class 2A, District 3 play and set up a showdown with Waukon

SEE NH FOOTBALL, 11



New Hampton's Beau Serie (left) heads up field on a reverse while teammate Jaxon Eckley (above) makes a cut during Friday night's game.



Turkey Valley's Oliver Schmitt makes a tackle in the Trojans' game against Don Bosco Friday night.

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune



New Hampton's Sophie Glaser (above) runs the course at the Chickasaws' home meet while fellow freshman Connor Stumme rounds a corner and heads for the finish line.

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Chickasaws get in solid home runs

Glaser, Pickar pick up medals as New Hampton girls take fourth at home meet

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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If you hold a conversation with New Hampton freshman Sophie Glaser for even a few minutes – you can tell right away that she is wise beyond her years.

Perhaps it's that veteran-type presence that makes her teammates better and helps propel the Chickasaw star runner in a sport that can be awfully unforgiving.

She knows the ropes of running and understands what it takes to succeed.

"You can't ever give up," said Glaser. "You're gonna hurt a lot – all the time."

Cross country isn't for everybody, but it is for Glaser.

"I really enjoy competing. I just really enjoy being with my team. This is a fun sport – being outside," said Glaser.

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