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About 30 million jobs in the United States that pay an average of \$55,000 per year don't require bachelor's degrees, according to the Georgetown Center on Education and the Workforce. CEW also reports that a higher level of education doesn't necessarily translate into a higher salary. In Texas, for example, workers with associate degrees in chemical technology had median earnings of \$75,500 in 2020, compared to \$50,600 in median earnings for bachelor's degree holders in the state.

Training for some of these in-demand roles can begin in



ticeships and earn certification emerge with a sturdy career that provides services that are always needed. Most also have substantial pay rates, sometimes into six figures. Key areas of need include electricians, plumbers and construction technology:

PLUMBERS

To earn a license, plumbing technicians must attend a year of training at a technical school and then begin an apprenticeship. They'll learn about more than pipes and drains. Modern plumbing includes cool tech like tankless water heaters, smart appliances and WiFi-powered leak detection systems. You'll exit training with a job that is always in demand.

relatively new field of construction technology. These workers are versed in all of the latest smart-enabled systems, with skills ranging from installation to troubleshooting and repairs. With a focus on everything within the digital footprint of modern spaces, workers in this field needed additional training. It will take two to three years before technologists earn certification, followed by a paid apprenticeship.

ELECTRICIANS

Anyone with an interest in this field and a high-school degree or equivalent can begin technical school training to become an electrician. You'll receive training in the fundamentals of this field, from traditional wiring to programmable systems used in residential, industrial and commercial settings. Two years of school is typically required, followed by an apprenticeship before electricians earn the required licensing.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

As with plumbing, construction jobs are now defined by huge advancements in computerization. In keeping, one of the fastest-growing trades is the

high school, where the basics of woodworking or auto repair might be taught. Apprenticeships are available upon graduation. Others may attend a trade school or technical college for more ad-

vanced lessons.

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You've polished your resume, secured a job interview and gotten that sought-after job interview. There's still another hurdle to clear before accepting this new position: Negotiating a salary. Sometimes, it's the most difficult one of all. Here's how to get the pay you deserve.

THE RIGHT MINDSET

These negotiations require both confidence and the ability to compromise. Even if you are just starting out, it's important to know your worth as an employee. Your pay must take into account your level of education, specific skill set and experience. At the same time, you'll need to display the required level of professionalism to continue a healthy dialogue. If you're not able to secure a proper starting salary, it's more difficult – if not impossible – to ever pull even with peers doing the same work. On the other hand, if you negotiate too aggressively, you may convince a prospective employer to look elsewhere. Seek out a compromise that suits both sides.

BE PREPARED

The more you know about the pay scale for your position the better prepared you'll

be to discuss salary options. Evaluate the numbers before you arrive, paying close attention to national averages, differences based on your experience and education, and also the cost of living where you'll be employed. Your pay level has to take all of those things into account. Resources to find out more include SalaryExpert.com, Salary.com and the U.S. Department of Labor website.

TAKE YOUR TIME

Avoid discussing the lowest salary you can accept, focusing instead on the upper end. This leaves room for you to negotiate downward in good faith. Don't settle for their first offer. You're looking to achieve a happy medium. Even if you've negotiated your way to a final number that seems equitable, take a moment to decide. The impulse is to quickly accept, rather because of excitement about the new job or exhaustion at the end of a protracted hiring process. Make sure that you're comfortable with the money and the job before making a final decision. If the numbers are never quite right, or something still feels off, be prepared to walk away. Better to keep looking than to be stuck in an unwanted position.



Move into Management

Managers by definition have to be leaders, so you'll have to showcase those qualities well before applying for a promotion.

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Begin redefining yourself in the office by helping others succeed.

OFFER SOLUTIONS

Every workplace comes with its own challenges. What separates staff and management is often the ability to see past these issues toward a solution, rather than simply complaining about them. Pro-motions typically follow for consistent problem solvers, so go a step further when identifying a complication or setback. Quality control is a typical issue, along with breakdowns in communication and technical mishaps. Outside competition may also present an unexpected challenge. Thinking outside the box when tackling these everyday problems will showcase your leadership potential – and your team will grow closer as they overcome chronic stumbling blocks. The next

time a management position comes open, you'll be seen as a natural fit.

STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS

The ability to communicate effectively is also critical to good management. Leaders must be able to convey their goals, while also creating a sense of teamwork through shared sacrifice. Begin open dialogues with coworkers, and help out with their projects – even if the scope isn't without your own job description. Learn more about the challenges faced by those around you. Effective leaders are also great sounding boards. These positive relationships might potentially lead to new solutions, but they also show your ability to work collaboratively, to be a trusted partner, and to understand the bigger picture. Even if you don't immediately earn a promotion, you'll be becoming a better coworker and team member.

BUILD NEW SKILLS

Beyond problem-solving and communicating, leaders must be aspirational. They convince others around them to try harder and to think harder every single workday. Inhabiting that role starts by pushing yourself in the same way.

Continue professional development, no matter how long you've been part of the same industry or company. This might mean learning more about related occupations in your office, or specific training in motivating others, performance evaluation or general leadership. These are key to succeeding at the next level.

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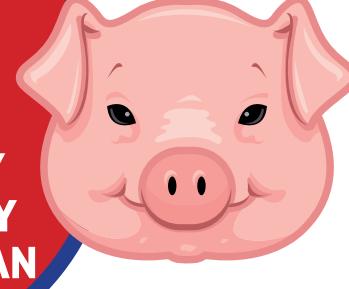
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Lots of discussion, no decisions

Supervisors say they can't prioritize capital projects without more info

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Chickasaw County's Board of Supervisors made little progress Monday when it came to prioritizing three major projects that are in the works; in fact, during a discussion on the projects, only one supervisor stated what his No. 1 priority was.

The county is currently considering

a water project to the Heritage Center, moving Public Health and Homecare Services to the Heritage and renovating the ambulance station located just off New Hampton's downtown area so that it will have living quarters.

During a long discussion, the only supervisor who stated a priority was Steve Breitbach.

"My opinion, of these three projects," he said, "the EMS building proj-

ect is the priority for me."

Other supervisors said there are still too many unknowns to make a decision on how the county will use the almost \$455,000 in its capital fund and the \$67,000 remaining in the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

"Until we have numbers — real numbers on what these projects are going to cost — I don't know how

we can make a decision," Supervisor Jake Hackman said. "We don't have the information we need."

The only project that has a somewhat concrete price is the water project at the Heritage. The county has proposed to the city of New Hampton that it will pay to extend city water lines to the building, which is located

just to the south of the city limits. The city has agreed, but it wants the county to put in an eight-inch line, instead of a six-inch line, and

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Ionia firefighters mourn the loss of one of their own

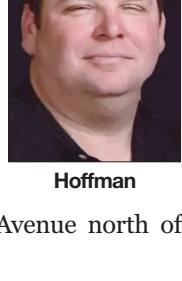
Hoffman passes away from injuries suffered in accident that occurred responding to call

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The city of Ionia and its fire department is mourning the loss of one of its own after an Ionia firefighter was killed in a UTV rollover accident while responding to a field fire Sunday afternoon.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, Tony Hoffman, 43, died from injuries he suffered when he was ejected from a 2004 Polaris Ranger — a UTV that had been converted to a fire-fighting vehicle — on Exteter Avenue north of 215th Street.

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Hoffman

Supervisors open contract talks with county EMS director

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Both sides — the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors and Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson — agree on one thing: Knutson's next contract, one that will need to be in place, will be a six-month agreement.

That would bring Knutson's contract in line with the county's fiscal year, both sides pointed out on Monday when they in effect opened negotiations for the head of the county-owned ambulance service that has been operating since Jan. 1.

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The beauty of fall in Chickasaw County

This may be the last week we can enjoy the fall colors, captured in this photograph of Crane Creek near Jerico, as rainy, windy weather is expected to be the norm throughout the weekend. That means a lot of that "color" is going to be on the ground by next week, when high temperatures may not get out of the 30s for a few days.

Area farmers in the home stretch with harvest

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Terry Basol couldn't help but laugh when the ISU Extension agronomist was asked about the latest USDA's Iowa Crop and Progress Report that showed 59 percent of corn and 78 per-

cent of soybeans have been harvested in the Northeast Iowa District.

"Yeah, there must be a lot of fields northeast of you that haven't been taken out," he said, "because I'm telling you right now, it's pretty hard to find a soybean field still standing around New Hampton and corn isn't all that

far behind."

The Northeast Iowa District includes Chickasaw, Bremer, Winneshiek and Fayette counties and is supposedly lagging behind the North Central District, where 65 percent of

SEE HARVEST, 3

Pinewood derby judge has a tough call to make

Vehicle dealership plays host to Cub Scouts district event

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Perry Laures had a blast, even if area Cub Scouts made it tough on him when it came to picking the "Dealers Choice Award" at the Northeast Iowa District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby recently.

"I'll tell you what, I'm glad they gave me a few things to look for because, in my mind, they were all good," the co-owner of Vern Laures Auto Center said. "I could have picked any number of them to win that award, I'm telling you that right now."

The district event was held at the New Hampton dealership on Oct. 14, and New Hampton Cub Scout leader Nick Sanford said it was a huge success.

"We had a great time doing it and having it out at Vern Laures was a lot of fun," he said. "It was

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Photo courtesy of Nick Sanford

Heading to state

New Hampton freshman runs the race of her life to qualify for state cross country meet

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Halloween events

Parks and Rec Halloween Parade just one of many events set for area towns

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Playoff win

Chickasaws start fast, pick up first playoff victory in six years

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Photo courtesy of Nick Sanford

Wesson Duff shows off his trophy and his car after he was declared the overall winner at the Northeast Iowa District that was held at Vern Laures Auto Center.

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Heartbreak a step from state

New Hampton senior volleyball player Hailee Pesek hugs teammate and fellow senior Jenna Heeren after the Chickasaws saw their magical season come to an end with a loss in the Class 3A regional final Tuesday.

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Briefs**New Horizons Chamber kicks off holiday season Nov. 4**

Ready or not, the holiday shopping season will kick off in New Hampton on Saturday, Nov. 4, when New Horizons-Chamber will sponsor its annual Holiday Open House that will include a variety of activities, treats and specials from local businesses.

Starting at 9 a.m. that day, there will be six locations around town with various vendors. They are:

- Maker's Market at St. Josephs Gym, 200 N. Maple 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (30+ vendors)
- New Hampton Fall/Winter Craft and Vendor Show at the Chickasaw Event Center, 301 N. Water Ave. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Craft Crawl at the Pubz four locations: Butch's - 4 E. Main St.; Dak's Tap - 9 S. Walnut Ave.; New Hampton Municipal Utilities - 112 E. Main St. and Awards 'n Time - 13 E. Main St.

And, as in past years, numerous stores will be offering holiday specials and treats to kickoff the holiday shopping season. Nov. 4 will also be the first day that shoppers can take part in the chamber's annual punch-card program.

Compost-only pickup set for Saturday in New Hampton

Compost pickup will take place Saturday in New Hampton.

No barrels or bags over 50 pounds will be taken, brush needs to be less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet long and all materials must be out by the curb by 5 a.m. that morning.



Bob Fenske/Tribune and New Horizons-Chamber

Signs of fall in New Hampton

Garnant Pond and the trees that surround it (above) offer up a beautiful autumn scene this past Saturday while another part of the fall scene are the scarecrows — including a “tumbling one” at Luana Savings Bank (below left) and Bank Iowa’s Barbie (below right) — that were part of a recent contest sponsored by the members of New Horizons-Chamber.

**Fire chief: Hoffman was always there to help his department, community****HOFFMAN: FROM 1**

The accident occurred around 4 p.m., and the State Patrol's report stated that Hoffman's vehicle and an Ionia Fire Department truck driven by Kirby Fosse, 68, were responding to a fire when the two vehicles were attempting to pass a tractor. The fire truck struck the rear of the UTV, and Hoffman was ejected from the vehicle. Hoffman was transferred by Aircare to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he later passed away from his injuries.

Ionia Fire Chief Derek Day said Monday that Hoffman will be dearly missed not only by his fellow firefighters but also the community of Ionia, where he owned a cabinet and door business.

“He was a great guy to be around, and he'd do anything for anyone,” Day said. “He did a



The American flag flies at half-staff at the Ionia Fire Department on Tuesday afternoon after the passing of firefighter Tony Hoffman on Sunday.

he was there to help.”

Hoffman had served 17 years as a member of the Ionia Fire Department, and on Monday, the department posted several statements on its Facebook

page.

“Due to a tragic accident yesterday, we lost one of our very dedicated firefighters,” one post read. “This huge loss is and will be felt by many.”

Lynch companies to honor veterans on Nov. 10

The annual Lynch Family Winneshiek Co. Fairground Companies' Veteran's Day Celebration will be held on Friday, Nov. 10 at the

beverages from 4 to 6:30 p.m. to veterans, active military, National Guard and Reserves and their families, veterans will also receive a Lynch BBQ meat and seasoning gift package.

Twenty \$1,000 drawings will be held at 6:15 p.m. for veteran, active military, National Guard or Reserve members. The 20 winners will each get to decide which non-profit, military-based group their funds will be directed to. One entry can be made per person, winners do not need to be present but must attend in person to sign their name.

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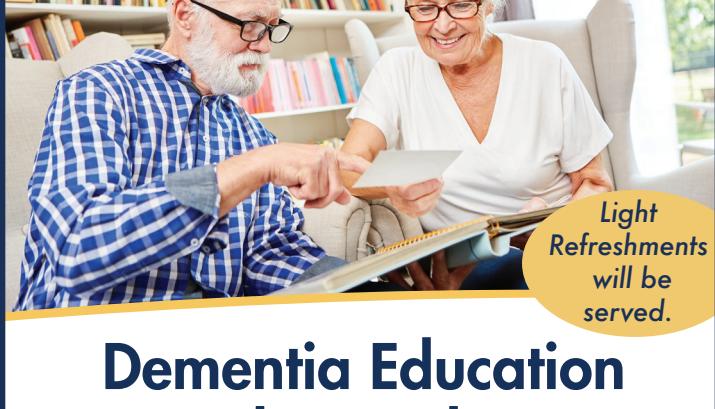
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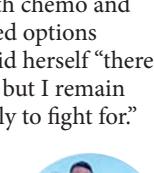
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Turkey Valley's Bella Stika (above) sprints to the finish line while the Trojans' Bode Balk (below) runs to a career-best time during last week's Class 1A state qualifying cross country meet in Manly.

Trojans find positives at its 1A state qualifier

Turkey Valley's Stika misses state by a place; Trojan coach lauds her two senior runners

BY BOB FENSKA

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Turkey Valley's cross country season came to an end last Thursday, so yes, there was a sense of disappointment; after all, the short-on-quantity Trojans came into the Class 1A state qualifying meet with high hopes.

The Trojans came home from Manly's Pioneer Town and Country Course shut out from this week's state meet as freshman Bella Stika missed out on a trip to Fort Dodge by one place and the boys' top runner, Russell Nieman, saw his hectic fall schedule come to an end with a 22nd finish.

"You always want to get kids down to the state meet," Turkey Valley coach Sarah Bakula said, "so in that sense, sure, it's disappointing, but big picture wise, I'm really proud of this group of kids. Sometimes, it just doesn't go your way."

Start with the girls as Stika completed the course in 21:04.6, but with seven of the top-10 runners coming from non-state qualifying teams, that meant that no additional individual runners outside the top 10 punched tickets to state. A fellow freshman, Hazel Nieman took 35th for the Trojans.

It marked the third time in the past four years that Turkey Valley has had a runner finish 11th in a meet where being in the top-10 is everything. Cambree Kruse was 11th in 2020 while Russell Nieman took the same place at last year's state qualifying meet.

"I'm telling you right now that 11 is not my favorite number," Bakula said, "but when you consider that Bella really only had three meets under her belt before [the state qualifier],

I think she had a pretty good year. The same for Hazel, too. ... It's a big jump from junior high to high school. You go from two miles to a 5K, you're running against girls who are three years older than you are. They learned a lot this year, and I'm excited to see what's in store for them next year."

On the boys side, Nieman was hoping to get over the hump he almost navigated in 2022, but the senior who also was a mainstay on Turkey Valley's playoff football team ended his career one meet short of Fort Dodge.

"What he's been doing this fall is crazy," Bakula said, "and go through those runners on the final results, I'm betting there's no one out there besides Russell who runs 3.1 miles and then turns around and plays a football game the next day."

The Trojans also got a 29th-place finish from Bode Balk and a 58th-place finish from Avery Franzan.

For Balk, it was in many ways a spectacular end to a remarkable career. As a sophomore, his time at the Upper Iowa Conference meet was 25:11.5. On Thursday, he ran the course in a career-best time of 19:46.3.

"It's one thing I love about our sport," Bakula said. "You're not just running against the other runners, you're competing against the clock, and Bode had just a fabulous run. It was so fun to see him put up a time like that in his last meet, and with both him and Russell, it's always tough for me to say goodbye to our seniors, especially two great kids like them."

TURKEY VALLEY GIRLS RESULTS

11. Bella Stika 21:04.6, 35. Hazel Nieman 23:25.6.

TURKEY VALLEY BOYS RESULTS

22. Russell Nieman 18:54.8, 29. Bode Balk 19:43.6, 58. Avery Franzan 20:46.8.



New Hampton's Megan Pickar (above) and Connor Stumme compete in the Class 2A state qualifying meet that was held last Thursday at Fox Ridge Golf Course in Dike.

New Hampton freshman runs through the pain at qualifier

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quickest 3.1 miles of her life on Thursday as she clipped out at 20:10 – over 30 seconds faster than her previous PR.

Did Glaser have some butterflies in her stomach before the start of the qualifier?

Sure, she did – but that's a good thing. She also put pen to paper prior to the qualifier to deal with the anxiety that she knew would enter her mind before the starting gun went off and the large pack of runners took off in the blink of an eye.

"I have a journal that I write in and that helps me keep my mind focused – clear – and not getting too nervous," said Glaser, a standout softball player this past summer for Tate Hofmeister's Chickasaws. "There's a certain amount of nervousness that's healthy, because you know you care."

Glaser is one of eight freshmen individual runners that qualified in Class 2A on the girls side that are not competing on one of the 15 state qualifying teams.

Ohrt, in her 11th season as NH head coach, praised her star freshman, not only for the hard work she put in this fall and in the offseason – but for being there for her fellow Chickasaws when they needed her most.

"She's the runner that coaches seek and the teammates that they want," said Ohrt. "She supports everybody – from the first to last. That's the really cool thing."

Glaser knew she had to finish in front of specific runners, so that was her goal – picking them off one by one.

"I keep my head like, I'm gonna get the person in front of me and once I get her, we're going after the person in front of her," said Glaser. "Eyes up – focusing ahead, never giving up, basically. My first mile is always the fastest one – then I start to slow down a little bit. I had some girls – I knew their names – and I knew I wanted to stay with 'em. I kind of had that mapped out."

She gave a shot out to her family – which included her parents, her sisters and her older brother Noah Glaser, a 2018 New Hampton grad that wrestled for the University of Northern Iowa.

"I owe a lot of it to my brother. He really sets a good example – my sisters, too – just my whole family," said Glaser. "We were always raised that you're going to get good grades in school and if you want to do a sport, just give it all you got. You work hard for what you want and that's exactly what we're doing here."

As jubilant as Glaser was, there's always a flip side to the tense and unpredictable nature of a qualifier.

NH senior Megan Pickar experienced that as she came up short of her quest to run at Fort Dodge as she placed 20th with a PR of 20:56.

A new rule this year was put in place that could have aided Pickar.

The top-15 runners were assured of a trip to state, but at least five of those runners had to come from teams that had not qualified for state.

That didn't materialize.

"Since there were five girls in the top 15 that were not on qualifying teams already ... so they didn't take any more than the top 15," said Ohrt.

Pickar's season isn't over though, as she'll run in the senior all-star race in Pella on Saturday, Nov. 4. Senior girls that compete in prep cross country in the state of Iowa must have run at least a 21:50 this year to qualify.

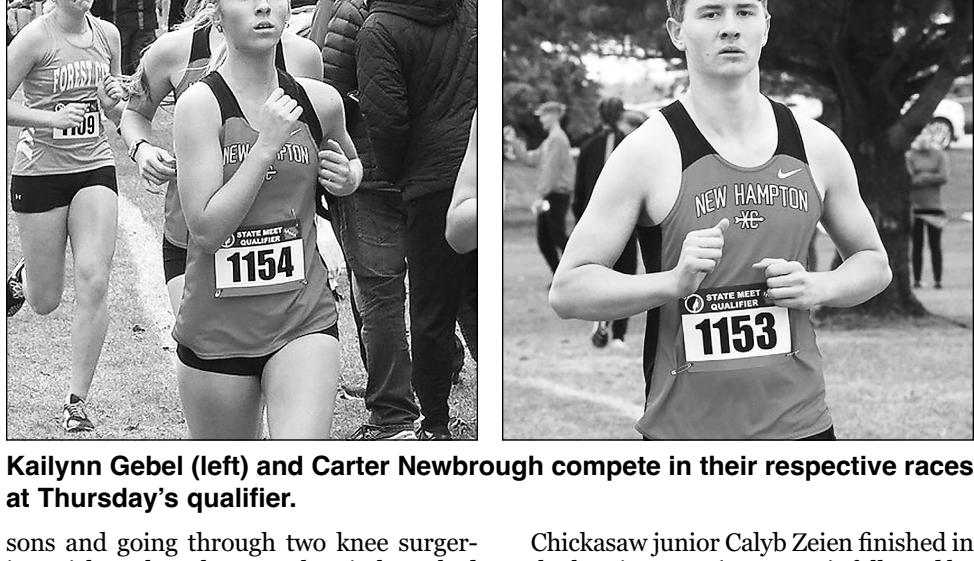
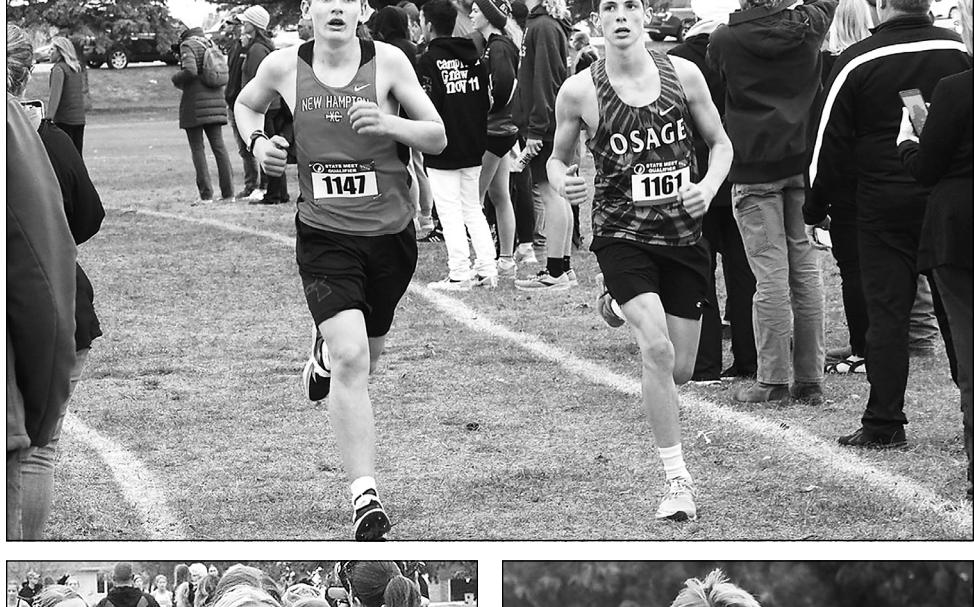
"She's got that to look forward to also, but this was a big one," said Ohrt about the qualifier.

Pickar's story is an amazing one as this is the first year she competed in cross country. She's a standout long-distance runner for the New Hampton track team, but she thought she'd give it a go and give cross country a try.

It worked out, even though she didn't reach her ultimate goal.

"I figured out during the summer I really liked to run," said Pickar. "I started working towards that."

Pickar was a gymnast prior to discovering the sport of cross country, but had to give that sport up after tearing her ACL and both meniscuses in her knee. She's recovered after wearing heavy knee braces in track and basketball in previous seasons.



Kailynn Gebel (left) and Carter Newbrough compete in their respective races at Thursday's qualifier.

sons and going through two knee surgeries. Pickar also plays on the sixth-ranked Chickasaw volleyball team.

"Running has really saved me in a way," said Pickar. "It's just become something that I love to do, especially running long distance."

Another freshman for New Hampton – Connor Stumme – has battled injuries himself. He gutted it out and continued to run after first experiencing a painful inflamed nerve that runs from his foot up into his hip. He first felt the discomfort in the second meet of the season at Osage – clear back on Sept. 12, well over a month ago.

"MY IT (iliotibial) band's been tight – the muscle that connects the foot up to the hip," said Stumme. "Osage is when it started to hurt. It hurt – a lot."

Stumme was the top Chickasaw boys finisher in 51st place in 19:08. His PR this season is 18:48.

"He's dealt with a lot this year with terrible blisters and hip issues galore," said Ohrt.

Stumme took some time off before running the home meet in Fredericksburg and the NEIC race at Waukon.

That injury reared its ugly head again after the start of the qualifier.

"At the start it felt fine, but as soon as you hit maybe 400 in or before that – it hurts. It popped out. You can feel it," said Stumme.

The NH girls placed eighth as a team with 191 points. The Chickasaws competed at state last year as a team and finished in eighth place. New Hampton had several returning starters from that state lineup back from a year ago, but running again in back-to-back seasons in Fort Dodge just wasn't in the cards for Ohrt's squad.

"This was a tough year. This was a tough meet. This was probably the toughest district I've ever seen in the 11 years I've coached. It was fierce," said Ohrt. "They were up for it. They were ready. They put all the miles on their shoes. They supported each other through the entire season – through the good, the bad, the ugly and also the success that we've had. We're a family."

Ella Knutson, a junior, ran the course to a 51st-place finish in 22:55, which was a PR. Kailynn Gebel crossed the tape in 23:05 (54th place) and Natalie Nosbisch was 60th in 23:19. Lauren Nuss was 62nd in 23:30 (PR) and Rebecca Wickman was 66th in 24:00 (career PR).

The Chickasaw boys squad placed 12th in the team standings with 313 points.

Chickasaw junior Calyb Zeien finished in 55th place in 19:14 (career PR), followed by junior Xander Meyerhoff's 60th-place finish in 19:32 (career PR). Israel Ortiz placed 73rd in 20:24 (PR), Jarrin Robinson was 81st in 21:45 (PR) and Carter Newbrough was 82nd in 22:05 (career PR). Chickasaw senior Ramon Conde ran a career-PR of 23:51, good for 86th place.

Up and down Ohrt's lineup – whether they ran at districts on Thursday or not – she thanked them for their commitment to team.

"I pulled them aside before we got off the bus and told them they're the reason we've had success this year because they have come to practice when they don't have to run," said Ohrt. "They've supported their teammates – ran probably more than their teammates have run in a meet, just running around the course cheering them on. That's what it's all about. That's cross country."

GIRLS TEAM SCORES

Denver 81, Forest City 82, Jesup 99, Summer-Fredericksburg 102, Roland Story 111, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 164, Osage 165, New Hampton 191, Dike-New Hartford 195, Aplington-Parkersburg 272, Pocahontas Area 279.

INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS

Hillary Trainor (SF) 17:51.6, Mackenzie Wilson (J) 18:32.6, Clare Wright (J) 18:34.8, Scarlett Byrnes (O) 19:13.2, Avery Trunkhill (D) 19:43.7, Bethany Warren (FC) 19:44.9, Izzy Houts (DNH) 19:48.6, Jordyn Bergman (J) 19:55.4, Sophie Glaser (NH) 20:10.2, Reeve Ristau (D) 20:11.8, Carmen Sharp (FC) 20:16.1, Kendall Power (O) 20:24.6, Katelyn Knoll (GHV) 20:27.6, Lauryn Kilstofte (RS) 20:29.1, Claire Truesdell (RS) 20:31.6.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

9. Glaser 20:10.2, 20. Megan Pickar 20:56.3, 51. Ella Knutson 22:55, 54. Kailynn Gebel 23:05.8, 60. Natalie Nosbisch 23:19.6, 62. Lauren Nuss 23:30.1, 66. Rebecca Wickman 24:00.7.

BOYS TEAM RESULTS

Forest City 68, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura 71, Denver 84, Jesup 101, Summer-Fredericksburg 191, Roland Story 191, Eagle Grove 215, South Central Calhoun 226, Osage 260, Dike-New Hartford 311, New Hampton 313.

INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS

Neal Pinter (D) 15:55.9, Zach Flatebo (GHV) 16:08, Parker Engel (ESC) 16:40, Isaiah Aragon (J) 16:44.9, Nathan Pint (J) 16:47.5, Connor Hammitt (GHV) 16:50.5, Silas Gann (FC) 16:58.6, Myles Matthias (D) 17:01.2, Caleb Good (GHV) 17:02.6, Keagan Albertson (FC) 17:05.7, Landen Sporer (ESC) 17:06, Karsten Nuehring (J) 17:10.5, Eva Voga (RS) 17:20.1, Redge Potts (SCC) 17:22.5, Cooper Blaser (FC) 17:23.5.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

51. Connor Stumme 19:08.9, 55. Calyb Zeien 19:14.2, 60. Xander Meyerhoff 19:32.8, 73. Israel Ortiz 20:24.5, 81. Jarrin Robinson 21:45.5, 82. Carter Newbrough 22:05.4, 86. Ramon Conde 23:51.3.

Turkey Valley hangs tough for a half but bows out of playoffs

Unbeaten Clarksville pulls away in second half to beat Trojans for the second time in '23

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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What was the difference in the rematch between Turkey Valley and fifth-ranked Clarksville on Friday night?

For starters, the second football clash between the 8-Man powers wasn't a regular season contest and secondly, Turkey Valley didn't trail 24-0 in the first quarter like it did in the first meeting.

At the end of the day, though, it was a similar outcome numerical-wise – but scores can be deceiving.

Mark Scott's Trojans were much more competitive against the powerful Indians the second time around, but still couldn't come out on top as Clarksville ended TV's season – 68-26 – in the opening round of small-school class playoff football across the state of Iowa.

Clarksville (10-0) dominated Turkey Valley in the regular season as the Indians poured it on over in Jackson Junction – home of the Trojans – by an eye-popping score of 62-22 on Sept. 22.

Clarksville led by three scores early in that regular season tilt and 38-8 after one quarter of play in a game where the Indians didn't pass once and came within six yards of hitting the half-century mark in rushing (494) yards.

TV's second crack at Clarksville in attempt to pull off the upset started out much

better as TV actually led 14-12 early second quarter after J.D. Kruse's 13-yard pass from Logan Busta with 10:24 remaining before halftime. Again, TV would not go away as Oliver Schmitt's three-yard rushing score tied the contest at 20-20 before intermission. Clarksville would add a score right before half to leave the score 28-20, Indians, at halftime.

The problem was Clarksville was just getting warmed with an offense that leads the entire state (all seven classes) in yards gained (3,650).

Clarksville outscored TV 24-0 in the third quarter to take a 52-20 lead into the final stanza of play.

"This was a tough game to end the season. The players battled hard for the whole game, but the size and speed of Clarksville wore us down in the second half," said Scott.

The Indians generated 401 of rushing yards and scored touchdowns on two out of the three passes they attempted.

Schmitt ran for 143 yards on 30 carries and scored twice on the ground. He also threw a touchdown pass, but was picked off twice by the Indian defense.

Busta was 6-for-10 passing for 107 yards and a score.

Kruse caught two passes for 44 yards and Burke Busta hauled in two passes for 61 yards.

Caleb Kurtenbach led the TV defense with 10.5 tackles.

Turkey Valley ends the sea-



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune



Turkey Valley's Oliver Schmitt (above) makes a nice catch while teammate J.D. Kruse (left) heads up field for a touchdown during Friday's game against Clarksville.

round of postseason play.

CLARKSVILLE 68, TURKEY VALLEY 26

TV	6	14	0	6	-	26
CL	12	16	24	16	-	68

FIRST QUARTER

CL - Sam Hoodjer 52 pass from MaKade Bloker (run failed)
TV - Oliver Schmitt 10 run - (pass failed)

CL - Bloker 52 run (run failed)

SECOND QUARTER

TV - J.D. Kruse 13 pass from Logan Busta (Burke Busta pass from L. Busta)

CL - Owen Backer 1 run (Bloker pass from Eli Schmidt)

TV - Schmitt 3 run (run failed)

CL - Backer 6 run (John Stauffer pass from Schmidt)

THIRD QUARTER

CL - Backer 39 run (Bloker run)

CL - Bloker 3 run (Schmidt run)

CL - Schmidt 30 run (Schmidt run)

FOURTH QUARTER

CL - Hoodjer 17 pass from Schmidt (Schmidt run)

TV - Caleb Kurtenbach 9 pass from Schmidt (pass failed)

CL - Backer 60 run (Stauffer pass from Schmidt)

TEAM STATS

TV	43-164	36-401
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Passing yards	147	79
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Total yards	311	480
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TURKEY VALLEY INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing - Oliver Schmitt 30-143

Burke Busta 7-17, Logan Busta 6-4

Passing - L. Busta 6-10-107,

Schmitt 2-4-40.

Receiving - Schmitt 3-33, B.

Busta 2-61, J.D. Kruse 2-44, Caleb

Tackles - Kurtenbach 105, Schmitt

9, B. Busta 7.5, L. Busta 5, Kruse 5,

Hunter Kruse 4.5, Jordan Kriener 4,

Russell Nieman 3.5, Treyton Franzen 1.
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Kickoff returns - Schmitt 8-15.0, L.

Busta 1-15.

Kickoffs - Schmitt 5-32.6.

Punts - Schmitt 3-33.3.

Halloween SAFETY

Park and Rec parade is just one of many Halloween events in and around New Hampton

BY BOB FENSKY
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It's become one of New Hampton Parks and Recreation's big events, and in some ways, it's so simple.

Kids — of all ages, we might add — show up. They get their costumes judged. They take a stroll up Water Avenue and down Main Street. And then they go trick-or-treating, downtown style.

"I think it's just one of those things that is just fun — for the kids, for families, for everyone," Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman

said. "It's always amazing to me how many people come out and how cool a lot of the costumes are. I love seeing the families get so involved."

And she'll get that chance on Saturday, or "Halloween Saturday" when the annual event will take place.

Costume judging will be held from 10 a.m. to 10:20, when winners of the contest will be announced, and at 10:30, the "best of the best" will lead the parade.

Two winners from each age group — newborn to 2, 3 to 5, 6 to 10, 11 to 17 and adults — along with the best "group costume" will lead the parade

that will be followed by downtown trick or treating.

Saturday's event is one of a host of events in the area, and they include (listed by city):

NEW HAMPTON

• Carnegie Cultural Center
Halloween Craft Activity with apple cider, Saturday, 10:45 a.m. to noon.
• New Hampton Women of Today annual Spook Walk, Saturday at Mikkelsen Park, 3 p.m.
• New Hampton Nursing and Rehab Trick or Treating, Tuesday, 3:30 to 5 p.m.
• Harvest Church Trunk or Treat,

Tuesday.

• City-wide trick or treating, Tuesday, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ALTA VISTA

• Halloween Party and Costume Judging, Sunday at Alta Vista Hall, 4 p.m. followed by trick-or-treating.

FREDERICKSBURG

• Family Costume Fun Night, Friday at Fredericksburg Community Center, 5 to 7 p.m.

• Halloween Movie Night at Sarge's Barn, Saturday, 7 p.m.

• Sumner Trunk or Treat at Community Memorial Hospital and Sumner-Fredericksburg High School, Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.

• City-wide trick-or-treating, Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m.

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• City-wide trick-or-treating, Tuesday, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

LAWLER

• Halloween Party, Sunday at Lawler Fire Station, 4 to 5 p.m., followed by trick-or-treating.

NASHUA

• Nashua Women of Today Trunk or Treat, Sunday on Main Street, 3 p.m.

• City-wide trick-or-treating, Tuesday, 5 to 7 p.m.

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Fast start lifts Chickasaws to playoff victory



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's offensive line goes to work to open a hole during a Chickasaw running play in Friday night's 41-21 victory over West Marshall in a first round Class 2A state playoff game.

New Hampton freshman comes up big at qualifier

Glaser runs to ninth-place finish in Dike to punch her ticket to the Class 2A state cross country meet

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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If Bob Vorwald speaks – his Chickasaws usually perk their heads up and listen.

Vorwald – Jamie Ohrt's long-time assistant coach for the New Hampton cross country team – had a message for Chickasaw freshman Sophie Glaser before the start of the biggest race of her burgeoning career.

"Bob said I needed to go, so I went," said a smiling Glaser after the completion of the Class 2A state qualifier at Fox Ridge Golf Course in Dike on Thursday afternoon.

And away Glaser went, as

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New Hampton's Sophie Glaser sprints to the finish line at the Class 2A state qualifying meet last week.

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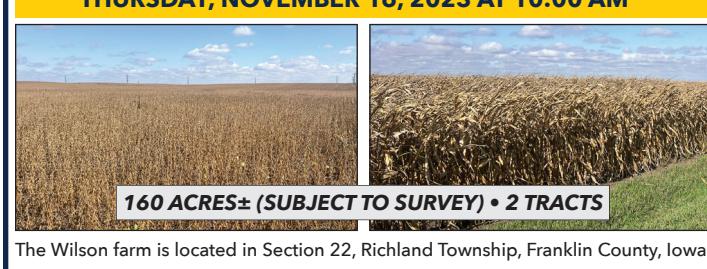
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New Hampton runs all over West Marshall 41-21 to earn first postseason win since '17

BY BOB FENSKE

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The seniors on the New Hampton football team were sixth-graders back in October 2017, and as they headed into Friday's playoff game against West Marshall, all 14 of those seniors had the same thought.

It had been long enough.

And the Chickasaws, especially in the first half, played like they were on a mission as they raced out to a 35-0 lead and rolled to a 41-21 victory over the Trojans in the first round of the Class 2A state playoffs.

"The coaches told us how long it had been since New Hampton won a playoff game," senior lineman Gatlin McCumber said, "and we just made up our minds that we were going to get one no matter what it took. It's a great feeling, but we're not done yet. That's the mindset we have right now."

Longtime New Hampton coach

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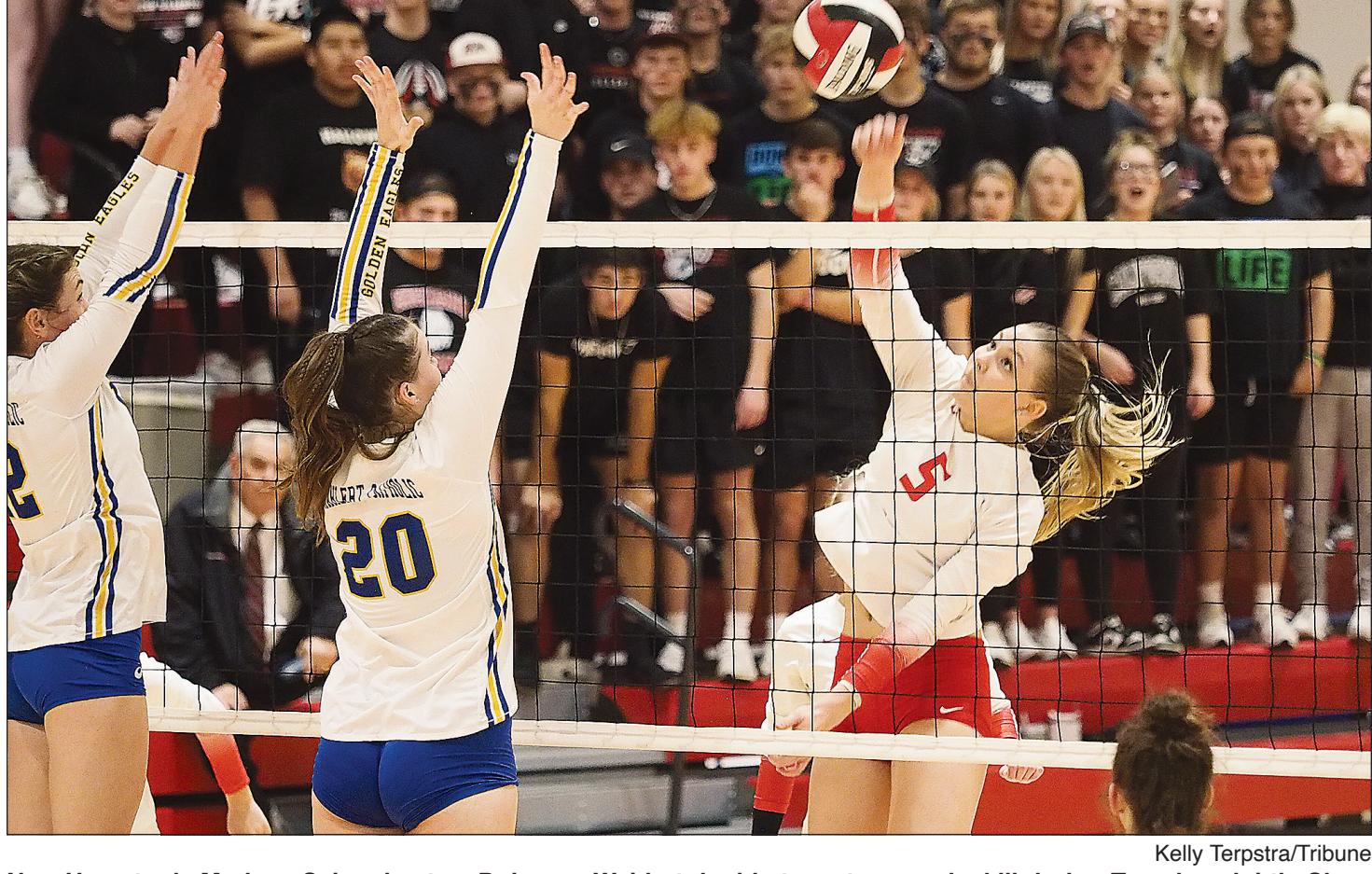
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Scott Frerichs, too, was ecstatic with the win, but he also likes his team's attitude as it prepares for a second-round road game at 8-1 Spirit Lake this Friday evening.

"I think you can go to every one of our boys and they'd say they still haven't played their best game yet," he said after his team, which started the season 0-4, improved to 4-5. "They've stayed together all year, and they've kept working hard every day. I think you saw some of the results of that in the West Marshall game."

The start couldn't have been any better as New Hampton took the

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New Hampton's Marissa Cahoy beats a Dubuque Wahlert double-team to record a kill during Tuesday night's Class 3A regional final.

TOUGH END TO GREAT YEAR

NEW HAMPTON FALLS TO WAHLERT IN FINAL OF CLASS 3A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

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Marissa Cahoy stood on the volleyball court where she had made so many memories, and like the champion she is, answered the questions from a reporter with class and dignity Tuesday night after the most agonizing loss of her amazing high school career.

"You know, I think if we could have gotten that third game," she said, "we just use that energy for the fourth and fifth games and it's a different story."

The New Hampton senior paused for a moment and smiled sincerely.

"As hard as this is — and it's really hard — I've loved playing with these girls," Cahoy said, "and this team will always be a

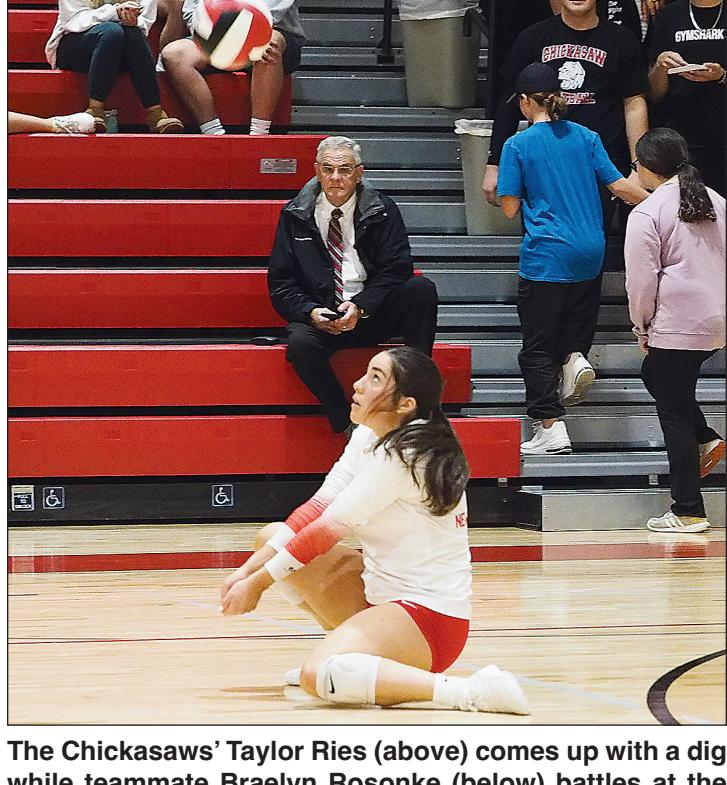
big part of me. Sometimes, you don't get to win. Sometimes, dreams don't come true. It doesn't make the journey less worth it."

The Chickasaws learned a hard lesson — not every story has a so-called happily-ever-after ending — as they saw a brilliant season come to an end with a 25-14, 25-12, 25-23 loss to Dubuque Wahlert in a Class 3A regional final.

Just like that a season in which New Hampton went 31-6, claimed both the NEIC regular season and tournament titles and swept through the first two rounds of regional play was over.

"I think we had some nerves, which is understandable, but

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The Chickasaws' Taylor Ries (above) comes up with a dig while teammate Braelyn Rosonke (below) battles at the net during Tuesday night's match.

