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Decision day arrives on Tuesday

Schwickerath faces pair of challenges in race for New Hampton mayor

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New Hampton Mayor Bobby Schwickerath wants to finish the jobs he started, which is why he wants another term as the city's boss, if you will.

But to win a second term, he's going to have to best two challengers — Steve Geerts and Melanie Schmitt — who

believe they are ready to lead the city through challenging times.

And while all three candidates have done their share of campaigning, it will ultimately be up to New Hampton voters on who will lead the City Council when it meets for the first time in 2024.

"I really believe we're on the right road," Schwickerath said, "and when I came into office, I really wanted us to be seen in a positive light and I wanted

us to really get down to business when it came to our infrastructure, especially the wastewater treatment facility, which we had neglected for 25 years."

Geerts, meanwhile, is touting his leadership abilities honed as the long-time owner and operator of Geerts Plumbing and Heating, his active role in the New Hampton Jaycees, his work on the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors for two terms and serving

as fire chief for more than 24 years.

"I've always felt you can lead by example, and that's what I've tried to do over the years," he said. "I've thought about running for mayor in the past because I really care about this city. I've lived here all my life, and I feel like I have the experience we really need right now."

Schmitt, too, is touting her leadership ability but also said that her 14 years of serving on the city's Board of Adjustment has taught

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Libraries seek 6% increase in county funding

County librarians say facilities facing a number of challenges

By BOB FENSKE
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Chickasaw County librarians not only asked the Board of Supervisors for more money but they also made a plea Tuesday to county leaders to advocate for their facilities with area state legislators.

Five of the six county librarians made their pitches during a meeting on Monday and told supervisors that they, along with county library board members, are asking the county to up its contribution to them by 6 percent.

"We've been doing the same or more with less," New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker said, "and the fact is the increases we've received from you have not kept up with inflation. ... Costs of everything go up, and we're not keeping pace."

Becker pointed out that since 2017, the county's contribution to the facilities in New Hampton, Nashua, Fredericksburg, Lawler, Ionia and Alta Vista have failed to keep up with inflation.

She used two different inflation indicators — one from usinflationrate.com and the other from a government website — to back up her contention. In 2017, the inflation rate was between 1.85 and 2 percent and libraries received a 1.16 percent increase from supervisors. In 2018, inflation was between 1.9 and 2.15 percent and libraries actually saw their funding from the county drop by 0.28 percent.

Becker, though, said inflation has really outpaced county funding the past two years. In 2021, her sources showed the inflation rate was between 3.55 and 7 percent, and county funding remained the same. And a year ago, when

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New Hampton-area kids and their parents (above) make their way down Main Street Saturday morning while Sweets by Keke's Jenny Bouillon hands out candy to "downtown trick-or-treaters" as New Hampton celebrates "Halloween Saturday."

TOUGH HALLOWEEN CALLS

NEW HAMPTON-AREA RESIDENTS MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR JUDGES AT ANNUAL PARKS AND REC HALLOWEEN PARADE

By BOB FENSKE
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Put it this way: New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman was glad she didn't have to judge the costume contest at her department's annual Halloween Parade Saturday.

They had a job that was, in a word, tough.

Like agonizingly so.

"It's amazing how many great costumes are out here," she said as she began announcing the winners of the contest that always precedes the parade and downtown trick-or-treating that make the Saturday before Halloween a must for area kids, adults and families. "And it's amazing how many people are here. It's not the warmest day, that's for sure."

For a 10th straight year, Parks and Rec sponsored Halloween Saturday, and for a 10th straight year, the creative folks from in and

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County attorney: Dam is owned by city of Nashua

Laudner says city in process of clearing up the 'ambiguity'

By BOB FENSKE
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Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner concedes it is "ambiguous" but he told the Board of Supervisors on Monday that he believes the city of Nashua does own the dam located in the city.

And Laudner told board members he's hopeful that the ambiguity will soon be cleared up.

The issue of the dam ownership has been a hot topic for several months after the board



Tribune file photo

approved giving the \$50,000 of

issues with the dam that creates Cedar Lake, a cornerstone

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End of the football road

The New Hampton football captains — (from left) Kam Josephson, Gatlin McCumber, Ben Gilbert, Marshall Zeien and Braden McShane — show their fans the state football playoff trophy the Chickasaws received after New Hampton fell to Spirit Lake last Friday night.

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NEIC regular season and tourney champion New Hampton lands five on all-conference teams

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Dak's Tap fills up with shoppers taking part in the 2022 Craft Crawl at the Pubz during the Holiday Open House, and this year's Craft Crawl will include four different locations — Dak's, Butch's, New Hampton Municipal Utilities and Awards 'n Time.

Kicking off the Christmas season

New Horizons-Chamber staff, especially one in particular, already in the spirit as Holiday Open House nears

By BOB FENSKE
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New Horizons-Chamber Director Liz Zweibohmer, trust us, is excited for Saturday's Holiday Open House, the unofficial kickoff to the Christmas shopping season in New

Hampton.

As she shared details about Saturday's event that her organization "facilitates" during an interview Monday afternoon, Zweibohmer had to concede that she's a distant second in the office when it comes to Christmas season excitement.

And on cue, her assistant, Theresa Rasmussen, received a phone call on her cell phone. As the ringtone "Holly Jolly Christmas" played, Zweibohmer

burst out laughing.
"You see, I told you so," she said. "Theresa's been ready for Christmas for months."

And Zweibohmer hopes New Hampton is ready, too, because as the chamber director put it, "Main Street is going to be hopping on Saturday. Actually, the whole city will be."

In addition to a plethora of retailers offering specials, treats and more, the Holiday Open House will have three differ-

ent craft and vendor shows at six different venues throughout the city, a grand-reopening, a grand opening, great food and an event at the New Hampton Public Library.

In other words, New Horizons and New Hampton merchants are gearing up for — as its flier puts it — "a festive day of holiday shopping and activities."

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Holiday Open House

Saturday, Nov. 4



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Abram and Elsie Harris talk with Santa and Mrs. Claus during the New Horizons-Chamber's 2022 Live Windows Display, and both Santa and his wife are expected to be back in town for this year's event on Dec. 7.

Live Windows to get a parade

New Horizons wants to make annual event even more festive

By BOB FENSKA
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Don't get us wrong, but Saturday's Holiday Open House is a big event. But it's just the kickoff to a busy holiday season for New Horizons-Chamber in particular and New Hampton in general.

The holiday calendar is, in a word, packed, and one of the more popular events — the chamber's annual Live Windows Display — is expanding in 2023.

Chamber Director Liz Zweibohmer said the plan for Thursday, Dec. 7, is to have a Parade of Lights down Main Street followed by the Live

Windows.

"We thought we would give it a try and see how it works," she said. "We just think it would be another cool way to celebrate New Hampton and the Christmas season."

Although details aren't final-

ized yet, the parade will in all likelihood be held sometime between 5 and 5:30 p.m., and businesses and organizations can light or decorate — or better yet, do both — golf carts, UTVs, trucks and floats.

"Live Windows is always

- Thursday, Nov. 23: Little Light of Mine annual holiday lights display begins at Mikkelsen Park.
- Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-25: Little Light of Mine horse wagon rides through the park.
- Saturday, Nov. 25: New Horizons-Chamber Home for the Holidays/Small Business Saturday.
- Saturday, Dec. 2: New Hampton Women of Today Santa Store, New Hampton Community Center.
- Saturday, Dec. 2: Carnegie Cultural Center Santa Saturday.
- Thursday, Dec. 7: New Horizons-Chamber Parade of Lights and Downtown Live Windows.
- Saturday, Dec. 9: Little Light of Mine Santa/Fireworks at Mikkelsen Park.
- Saturday, Dec. 16: New Hampton Parks and Recreation Breakfast with Santa, New Hampton Community Center.
- Saturday, Dec. 16: New Horizons-Chamber Pancake Saturday.

Holiday Open House set for this Saturday in New Hampton

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"I look at our role as a facilitator to make sure we give everyone — the people who live here, our visitors, everyone — a great shopping experience and a fun day," Zweibohmer said. "It's our chance to put our best foot forward, not just as a chamber but as a community. And we're going to give even the most die-hard shopper a busy day."

The Holiday Open House begins at 9 a.m. when businesses will be open and ready to put their customers in a Christmas mood.

That's also the time the three vendor shows open. The Maker's Market will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center, i.e., the St. Joe's school gym. The Craft Crawl at the Pubz will be held at four locations — Dak's Tap, Butch's, New Hampton Municipal Utilities and Awards n Time — and run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while the Fall and Winter Craft Show will run during the same time period at the Chickasaw Event Center.

Two businesses will not only celebrate the start of the holiday shopping season but also hold

special events as Pocketful of Posies, which recently moved to its new location at 10 N. Locust Ave., will hold a grand re-opening while Rebel Diamonds will hold a grand opening celebration at its store that is located at 9 E. Main St.

Meanwhile, the New Hampton Public Library will be have a "Make and Take Craft + Cocoa" from 9 a.m. and noon, and for those shoppers who need some sustenance, the Chickasaw Event Center will hold a breakfast and lunch fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while the New Hampton Golf and Country Club will have "Lunch at the Clubhouse" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Holiday Open House also kicks off the chamber's Holiday Punch Card program, and shoppers will receive "double punches" on Saturday. A card is "filled" when a shopper spends \$100 and then becomes part of the weekly drawings in which thousands of dollars in prizes are given away.

Zweibohmer paused and laughed.

"Just ask Theresa," she said, "but seriously, it's a chance to celebrate our local businesses and all they have to offer."

a really festive event," Zweibohmer said, "so why not make it even more festive? We'll get more information out, but we think this will add to what already is one of our more popular events."

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Ralph and Cathy Steinlage on their wedding day

Hinson feels for area farmers affected by drought

Congresswoman: Work on new Farm Bill is continuing

By KELLY TERPSTRA

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Crops suffered to a staggering degree on Iowa's farmland this past summer.

Extreme drought, often times rated out as exceptional in this portion of the state, enveloped fields of corn and soybeans and drastically altered their yields.

That was one of the reasons U.S. Representative Ashley Hinson made the trek up north on Tuesday to visit MBS Family Farms in Plainfield — a business owned by the Mehmen family since 2005.

Hinson is in her second term as a Republican congresswoman from Marion who represents Iowa's Second Congressional District. She talked about the challenges that her constituents — many of them farmers — are facing with rising production costs and the unpredictable weather patterns brought on by Mother Nature.

"The lack of rain is a real problem, but that's where technology advancement can help things to be more precise," said Hinson, a West Des Moines Valley High School grad that left a career as a broadcast TV journalist in 2016 and entered into the realm of Washington, D.C. and big-time politics three years ago.

She has gotten to know the Mehmen family over the years — specifically Kyle and Kerri Mehmen, co-owners of MBS Farms, along with Kyle's parents, Stan and Karmen Mehmen.

There's obviously good years for farmers and not-so-good years. This past harvest — which isn't done quite yet for the Mehmen family — won't be breaking any records anytime soon, that's for sure.

"We have the worst crops in four counties," said Kyle. "We're at the epicenter of it."

But MBS still makes due, despite a harvest that took a major hit because of the drought.

"Our operation and our subsidiary businesses support 20 employees," said Karmen.

The Mehmen family runs a state-of-the-art farming operation that involves quite a few acres of land farmed across northeast Iowa and surrounding counties.

Hinson hopped into one of MBS' combines early Tuesday morning to oversee the land that Kyle, MBS's General Manager, and his staff all help oversee in some form or fashion.

"I had a chance to go out in the combine with Kyle. We talked about precision agriculture



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson (third from right) poses with MBS Family Farms staff members during a visit to the area on Tuesday morning.

and how that has really changed the industry — specific to times like right now where we're in a drought where yield is really going to matter," said Hinson.

What Hinson saw was a lot different than this region of the United States endured during its last substantial drought — which happened 11 years ago.

"The last really severe drought we had was 2012. Our average yields where we ended up that year — compared to where we will end up this year — it's like a third again more," said Mehmen. "It's down a lot. It's still not good, but in 2012 we were going over a crest of a hill where the soils weren't very good. I said this would be 100 percent zero — nothing. We at least have something coming into the combine."

That's progress in the midst of hard times where the prolonged lack of moisture led to some farmers cutting their corn crop to feed their livestock — the yield was so bad or burnt to the point of no recovery.

Rain is going to be absent from time to time. That's why modern machines, advances in seed technology and conservation practices have helped produce a better yield. There's also programs provided by the federal government, that can go a long ways to help farms a lot smaller than the Mehmen family stay above ground and not foreclose.

Not that the Mehmen family doesn't appreciate assistance as well from the government to help feed the nation. Any amount helps — no matter the size of the operation.

That's where Hinson comes in.

The U.S. Farm Bill has yet to be passed and with it comes aid and help in the form of \$6 billion for farmers and consumers of the fruits of these modern-day agriculturalist's labor.

"The Farm Bill itself expired Sept. 30, but most of the provisions that would really affect our farmers in the district aren't in place until the end of the year," said Hinson. "We have a little bit of grace period here in the next few weeks to kind of get things done."

The bill features food assistance (SNAP/EBT), community programs, crop insurance programs and conservation funding that can benefit farmers and citizens of America in any number of ways.

The Farm Bill is up for vote every five years and was first implemented in 1933.

"We are working through the appropriations bills process. I think we're going to have two or three of those on the floor this week," said Hinson. "We had a little hiccup there in the middle when we had the Speaker battle. That's settled now. So our job is to get the appropriations bill done. With that said, both of these are happening concurrently."

Hinson is speaking of newly elected Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, who after several failed attempts to nominate and get the proper number of votes for other candidates, was finally sworn in to replace former Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy last week.

"I'm just happy we are united behind a House Speaker. We can get things moving again," said Hinson.

Hinson was a backer of McCarthy, but thinks Johnson has what it takes to lead the U.S. House of Representatives.

"I was a big proponent of Kevin McCarthy. I think he was doing a good job and helping us pass these bills. Some of the very people who voted to oust him were some of the same people who were trying to hold back progress. I'm sad about where we ended up, but I think also Mike will do a great job. He has good conservative values and will help us negotiate the most conservative legislation that we can get through."

Hinson, along with Missouri Congressman Mark Alford — himself a former TV news reporter and anchor — are both whips on a team supporting the passage of the Farm Bill. That means states like Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio

are all in their territory and getting support from Alford and Hinson to make the Farm Bill a reality so it can be passed.

"There are a couple of us that are really helping to lead the charge to make sure we can get this done," said Hinson.

MBS has utilized Conservis for the last 15 years. That's a company out of Minnesota that provides resource planning software to farmers such as the Mehmen family that has real-time applications that farmers can reap the benefits from.

"It's evolved a lot," said Kyle.

"You wouldn't even recognize it. It's always updating and always new. Early on, we were part of the development team. We were a pilot."

Karmen Mehmen explained what Conservis allows her farm operation to do better.

"There's a lot of people that have software for financial data, but this is production data that is handheld, on your phone and we put work orders into Conservis and when the boys get to a certain farm — it recognizes what farm it is. They pull up their work order and they know exactly," said Karmen.

With the advent of computers that help humans farm and science actually changing the physical characteristics of seeds — there is still trial and error and adjustments that need to be made.

"Seed technology has changed immensely and conservation practices," said Kyle. "It's certainly not a one-size-fits-all. You don't just get to flip a switch and say hey, 'this all works right now.' The improvement isn't linear. There's setbacks."

But in the end, it's the bond between landowner and politician that is perhaps just as important as rain is to a bountiful harvest.

"I am not a farmer, clearly. I don't foresee myself entering into that field. What I do need is I need people who are actually in the field to tell me their perspective on how policy can help them and how policy can hurt them," said Hinson. "That context is really important when I do have a minute to have an impact on a farm bill to make sure the legislation is what it needs to be coming out of the final process."

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Avoid these investment mistakes

We all make mistakes in many areas of life. These mistakes are usually fairly harmless — we took a wrong turn while driving, used the wrong ingredients in a recipe and so on. But sometimes, our mistakes can be costly — especially those connected to investing.

Here are some of the most common investment mistakes:

- Too much buying and selling — Some people find it exciting to constantly buy and sell investments in the pursuit of big gains. Yet, frequent trading can work against you in a couple of ways. First, it can be expensive — if you're always buying and selling investments, you could rack up taxes, fees and commissions. Perhaps even more important, though, excessive purchases and sales can make it difficult to follow a unified, cohesive investment strategy. Such a strategy requires, among other things, careful construction and management of an investment portfolio that's appropriate for your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Heavy trading can disrupt this strategy.

- Failing to diversify — If you only owned one type of asset, such as growth-oriented stocks, your portfolio could take a hit when the financial markets go through a downturn. But not all investments will respond the same way to the same forces — for example, stocks and bonds can move in different directions at any given time. And that's why it's usually a good idea to own a mix of investments, which can include domestic and foreign stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit (CDs) and government securities. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the impact of market volatility, it can't guarantee profits or protect against losses in a declining market.

- Trying to "time" the market — "Buy low and sell high" might be the original piece of investment advice, but it's pretty hard to follow — because no one can really predict when an investment will reach "low" or "high" points. Also, trying to "time" the market in this way



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can lead to bad decisions, such as selling investments whose price has dropped, even if these same investments still have good business fundamentals and strong prospects.

- Not understanding what you're investing in — If you don't know the nature of investments when you buy them, you could set yourself up for unpleasant surprises.

For example, some companies, by the very nature of their business and the type of industry they're in, may consistently pay dividends to their investors even though their stock prices may only show relatively modest price gains over time. If you bought shares of this stock, thinking it had the potential to achieve quite substantial appreciation, you might end up disappointed.

- Making the wrong comparisons — You're no doubt familiar with some of the most well-known investment benchmarks — the S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial

Average and the Nasdaq Composite. But it might be counterproductive to compare your results against these indexes. If you have a diversified portfolio, you'll own an array of investments that won't fit into any single index or benchmark, so you won't get an apples-to-apples comparison. You're better off comparing your portfolio's performance against the only benchmark that really matters — the progress you need to make to help achieve your goals.

Investing will always have its challenges — but you can help make it easier on yourself by staying away from as many mistakes as possible.

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Library directors (from left) Cathy Humpal (Lawler), Heather Hackman (Nashua), India Watson (Ionia) and Carrie Becker (New Hampton) share a light moment during a meeting with the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday morning.

New state law to phase out library levies

LIBRARIES: FROM 1

Inflation was between 6.15 and 6.5 percent, county funding for libraries increased by just 1.5 percent.

During her presentation to the board, Ionia Library Director India Watson emphasized that libraries "are more than just books" and touted the programs her facility and others offer residents. And Watson added that libraries provide "economic development" to the communities they serve.

"Libraries statistically are likely to attract new businesses, and they increase property values within the radius of the library," she said. "They improve the overall quality of life for citizens regardless of their age, color, gender or abilities by offering free information, education, recreation and connections."

Watson added that all the county's libraries are "still facing an increase in needs and demands for the people who are hit hardest by the changing economy and that is children and the elderly."

County libraries received \$124,337.50 from the county a year ago, but at one point, supervisors were considering giving libraries \$100,000 — a decrease of 18.4 percent — but librarians and patrons from throughout the county lobbied hard during a Board of Supervisors meeting that had to be held in the courthouse's courtroom to accommodate the crowd.

The librarians in attendance on Monday touted all the ways in which it works with the elderly, adults and children and also talked about the challenges that their facilities will face in coming years.

For two of the libraries — New Hampton and Nashua — the hurdles are even greater because of a bill that made its way through the Iowa Legislature this past spring.

Under House File 718, libraries will see the amount collected for libraries from voter-approved levies reduced each year and be phased out in 2029. The library levy accounts for 20 per-

COUNTY SPENDING ON LIBRARIES

Here is what Chickasaw County has allotted to libraries in the county since 2014.

2014.....	\$104,993
2015.....	\$115,493
2016.....	\$118,958
2017.....	\$120,338
2018.....	\$120,000
2019.....	\$121,800
2020.....	\$122,500
2021.....	\$122,500
2022.....	\$124,337.50
2023.....	\$131,797.75*

* The amount the Chickasaw County Library Association is requesting this year from supervisors, who did not take any action on the matter during Monday's meeting.

cent of the annual budget for the New Hampton Public Library and 12.6 percent of the annual budget for the Nashua Public Library.

"That means I have to shorten my hours and lay off people," Becker said in an interview Monday afternoon. "It's frustrating because it was kind of done over the cloak of darkness. ... It, to me, is a slap in the face of our voters who approved our levy."

During the Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday, Nashua Library Director Heather Hackman urged the five board members to lobby local legislators to get HF 718 changed during the 2024 session.

"We ask that you help us by contacting our state legislators and that they propose and support an amendment to House File 718 that would restore the library levy to the cities and honor the wishes of the voters and who voted them in," she said. "If a funding increase is something the county can't support, please understand the impact. Services, not just books, will be eliminated."

Carnegie to hold two special events this month

The Carnegie Cultural Center will hold two events this month, including a gingerbread mak-

ing class set for Nov. 18 and a "Sunday Story" that will be held the following day.

The gingerbread class will run from 11 to noon and is part of the museum's Creator's Club that meets once a month. The Sunday Story event is set for 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19.

Pre-registration is required for the Nov. 18 class and can be completed by calling 641-394-2354.

Compost and brush pick-up set for Nov. 18 in New Hampton

Compost and brush pickup will take place Saturday, Nov. 18 in New Hampton.

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County attorney says Nashua is working to clean up dam 'paperwork'

DAM: FROM 1

of Chickasaw County's second largest city.

"As of now, the county, the Assessor's Office, the Auditor's Office for the last 30 some years have all been treating it as though Nashua owns the dam," Laudner said. "I don't see anything in here to controvert that, particularly knowing what the intent is and particularly knowing that the city attorney and the city of Nashua are going to work on cleaning up and fixing the problem."

The problem is in paperwork that dates back decades.

In an agreement between Iowa Public Services, the forerunner to Mid-American Energy, and the city that was signed in 1987, it is clear that IPS was agreeing to convey the hydro-electric power plant and dam to the city.

The agreement includes a property description, "except the east seventy (70) feet south of the mill race of said lot." But it also states the conveyance is for the land and "together with the hydro-electric power plant and dam located thereon."

But four years later, the deed issued states the property description, followed by "except the East Seventy (70) feet south of the mill race of said lot together with the hydro-electric power plant and dam located thereon."

"When they transposed over to the actual deed, whoever transposed that, got rid of the period and the capital T and merged that into one big sentence in one big paragraph," Laudner said. "That's where the confusion arises, in my opinion."

Laudner, though, said that because the two documents are confusing — "since reasonable people can read it differently" — intent comes into play.

"The bottom line is then if it is ambiguous, then you get to use all the intrinsic evidence, which means all the other stuff, to prove what the actual intent was," the county attorney said.

"I think it's very clear what the intent was. There's zero doubt in my mind, the intent was to transfer the [dam]. They raised the \$400,000 to fix it up. Four years later, they did the deed. Someone just made an error transposing it over onto the [deed]. There's no question in my mind ... I think the intent was clear, to transfer it over."

Laudner said that he has been in contact with Nashua's city attorney, David Skilton, and has been told that the city "is in the process of working with Mid-American to get a new deed to not only to clean up mess forgetting a period and a capital T ... He's working with Mid-American to clean up someone's error. I'm optimistic that in a couple of months that deed will get signed and filed and all this can be put to bed."

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Why we celebrate Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday in the United States starting in 1789. In 2023, Thanksgiving in the US will be on Thursday, Nov. 23.

For Canada, in 1957, the Canadian Parliament proclaimed Thanksgiving the second Monday in October, or Columbus Day for the United States.

In the United States, Thanksgiving is historically a day to praise and thank God for our blessings and ask Him to heal the nation's wounds. It was also a national day of penitence to humbly repent for our sinfulness and selfishness.

Thanksgiving became a national holiday in 1863. During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving:

As a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverse- ness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

Meaning of Thanksgiving: Praise to God

In the Bible, thanksgiving means devotion, sacrifice, praise, or an offering. Thanksgiving is to glorify God as an act of worship, giving thanks for all things as part of God's providence. Allabouthistory.org gives a beautiful definition of Thanksgiving as primarily about relationships:

The true meaning of Thanksgiving focuses upon relationship. Thanksgiving is a relationship between God and man. Upon their arrival at New Plymouth, the Pilgrims composed The Mayflower Compact, which honored God.

Thanksgiving begins with acknowledging God as faithful, earnestly giving Him thanks, in advance, for His abundant blessings.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 107:1)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:6)

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High. (Psalm 7:17)

History of the First Thanksgiving

Abraham Lincoln wasn't the first president to declare a national day of thanksgiving for the people of the United States. In 1789, George Washington proclaimed "a day of public thanksgiving and thanks" to thank God for his protection and as the source of all that is good. In his proclamation, he wrote,

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be — That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks — for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation...

Thanksgiving in the United States is often traced back to 1621 when the Plymouth Colony settlers and the Wampanoag shared a meal celebrating the harvest. Their trial began in 1620 with the voyage of the storied Mayflower, a 65-day long ordeal in which 102 men, women, and children crossed the stormy Atlantic in a space the size of a city bus.

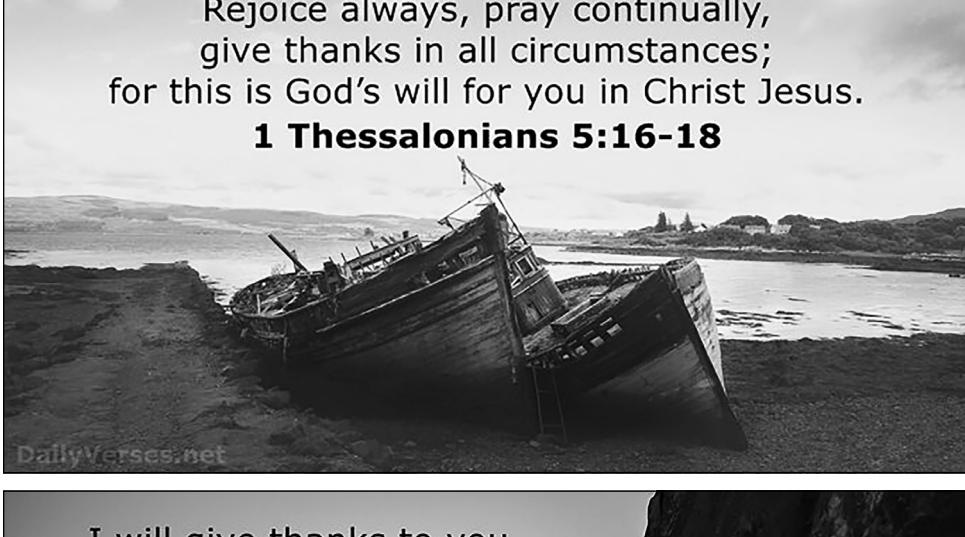
Then followed a cruel New England winter for which they were ill-prepared. Due to exposure to starvation, their number dwindled rapidly so that by the onset of spring, half of them had died. Fourteen of the eighteen wives had perished, and widowers and orphans abounded. The Pilgrims could celebrate in this setting as a testimony to human resilience and heavenly hope.

Yet celebrate they did, sometime in the autumn of 1621 after God had granted them a bountiful harvest. It's an inspiring story, and it's good for Christians this Thanksgiving to remember it. I don't



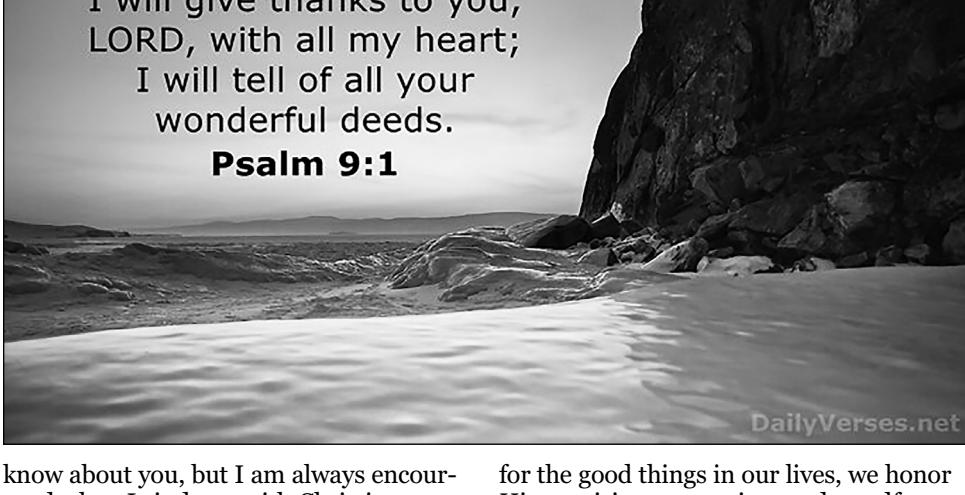
Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1



know about you, but I am always encouraged when I sit down with Christian friends and hear how God has sustained them in hard times.

Remembering the Pilgrims' story is a lot like that, although the testimony comes to us not from across the room but across the centuries. The celebration lasted for three days. Here's how settler Edward Winslow described their thankful hearts,

And although it is not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty.

The tradition of giving thanks continued spontaneously in the colonies.

Winslow wrote at length about the occasion that the Pilgrims would have remembered as their first Thanksgiving Day in America. It occurred in the summer of 1623, nearly two years after the event that we commemorate. During that summer, a two-month-long drought threatened to wipe out the Pilgrims' crops, and the prospect of starvation in the coming winter loomed over them.

Governor Bradford "set apart a solemn day of humiliation, to seek the Lord by humble and fervent prayer, in this great distress." The Pilgrims gathered for a prayer service that lasted some 8-9 hours, and by its end, a day that had begun hot and clear had become overcast, and for the next fourteen days, a steady, gentle rain restored the parched earth. "But, O the mercy of our God," Winslow exulted, "who was as ready to hear as we to ask."

(excerpted from The First Thanksgiving We Don't Remember)

Some historians link the pilgrims' Thanksgiving celebration to the holiday of Sukkot, also called the Feast of Tabernacles in Leviticus 23:33. Other scholars point out the Puritans' debate of having a fixed date to give thanks; instead, they would proclaim special days of prayer. While the link between Thanksgiving and Sukkot is uncertain, there is no doubt that God calls his people to give thanks.

Christian Meaning and Significance of Thanksgiving

As Christians, we can reclaim Thanksgiving — rather than just being a day where we eat too much and strategize our Black Friday sales plan of attack — we can go back to our historical and spiritual roots as we thank God. We can follow Abraham Lincoln's example by repenting and asking for God's forgiveness for our personal sins and our nation's perverseness.

We should seek to reconcile with others and apologize for the harm we have caused. Our actions should reflect our grateful hearts. We should thank God for the people that are in our lives. We can acknowledge God's blessings by enjoying a meal with friends and family.

We can share the grace that God has given us by serving the homeless or inviting people who have no place to go on Thanksgiving.

Just having an attitude of gratefulness is not enough. We must say "thank you" to God for the kind and beautiful things He has done for us. When we thank God

for the good things in our lives, we honor His provision, protection, and steadfast love. Saying "thank you" by praising Him, worshiping Him, and honoring Him for what He has done for us is an appropriate response to God's kindness.

"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign." Revelation 11:17

A Thanksgiving Sacrifice

God set up a system for the Israelites to show their thankfulness through a specific thanksgiving sacrifice called a peace offering (Leviticus 7:11-15).

"And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings that one may offer to the Lord. If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the thanksgiving sacrifice unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of fine flour well mixed with oil. With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall bring his offering with loaves of leavened bread."

The person who made this type of sacrifice was doubly blessed. First, he had a situation that caused him to want to give thanks to God, and second, he was able to celebrate the blessing by sharing a good meal with the priest and others.

"I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord." Psalm 116:17

Jesus taught His disciples to make sure they had been reconciled in their relationships before making a sacrifice.

"So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

Thanksgiving Prayers

A Simple Prayer for Thanks. Dear God, I want to pause this Thanksgiving Day and thank you for the blessings surrounding me. For another day, for family, friends, for food on the table. You are the source of all good things, and we praise you for the simple things that bring us joy. Help us keep our eyes on you this day and every day so our lives may be filled with praise and joy. Amen.

A Thanksgiving Meal Prayer for Blessings Past and Present. Lord God, we gather around this table to humbly thank You for all that You have given us this past year — not just what is on this table, but who is sitting around this table. Thank you for life and laughter, health and happiness, relationships and memories. Thank you, too, for the lessons learned and the tears we've cried because of Your ability to grow us through them.

Thank You for Your comfort and presence in light of good days and bad. Thank You for what we have now, what we had yesterday, and what You will continue to give tomorrow. Let us never take that for granted, but to always be grateful for every good and perfect gift that comes from You. May we have hearts full of thanksgiving today and every day of our lives. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Amen.

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Duane and Colleen Ortmayer

Ortmayer 54th anniversary

Duane and Colleen (Brunner) Ortmayer celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on Wednesday.

They were united in marriage on Nov. 1, 1969.

Together they have raised four children — Rodney (Anne) Brunner of Longmont, Colorado, Renee (Quinn) Patterson of Sigourney, Doug (Sandra) Ortmayer of Charles City and Denise (Michael) Strange of Greenfield, Indiana.

They have been blessed with nine grandchildren — Chris Smolik, Adrienne (Raul) Toledo, Robin (Pin) Fogg, Roxanne (John) Townsend, Dylan Patterson, Emily (Ryan) Weber, Hunter (Katherine) Ortmayer, Noah Strange and Nicklaus Strange.

Their blessings are continued with seven great-grandchildren — Oliver Toledo, Olivia Townsend, Sophia Patterson, and Riley, Ella, Karlie and Maycie Weber.

Benefit for New Hampton High grad to be held Friday in Waucoma

The Waucoma Event Center will be the location of a fundraiser this Friday for Andrea Burgart — the former Andrea Shekleton — a New Hampton High School graduate.

The benefit will run from 5 to 10 p.m., with a free-will donation meal provided by Lynch BBQ, kids activities and more.

There are a variety of ways to help Andrea, her husband Gerry and their children. Financial donations may be mailed to Security State Bank — in care of the Andrea Burgart fundraiser — PO Box 549, New Hampton IA 50659. All money will go to family to pay medical bills and other expenses.

Silent and live auctions will be held at the fundraiser, anyone wishing to donate items may do so by dropping them off at Kahn Tile, 2176 225th St. in New Hampton or by calling Katie Resor (319-269-9291) or Sandy Boeding (641-330-3363) to coordinate pickup by Friday, Oct. 27.

Andrea has been suffering from a progressive brain tumor the past 13 years, but the cancer has been more aggressive the past few months.



Supervisors cool to idea of adding sergeants to Sheriff's Office

BY BOB FENSKE

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Chickasaw County Sheriff Ryan Shawver made his sales pitch to add sergeant positions to his department, but on Monday at least, the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors weren't in a buying mood.

They didn't necessarily kill the idea, but they said they wanted to get through negotiations on a new contract with the union that represents sheriff's deputies and other staff members.

Shawver's proposal is to name two deputy sergeants, who would serve in "leadership roles" underneath himself and Chief Deputy Zach Nosbisch.

"It would allow them more of a leadership role for the department, giving them more responsibilities," Shawver said. "It would give some of our younger officers someone to go to initially. We would still oversee the department obviously, but I think this is would be a good step for us."

Shawver said he came to the supervisors because the first step in the process would be approaching the union to discuss adding the sergeant positions to the union contract, but board members tapped the brakes on the plan, at least for now.

The sheriff told board members that he envisioned a \$2 per hour raise for the sergeants and that "right now, I don't think we'd need a budget amendment" to go forth with the plan.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said that although he under-

NHHS students to perform 'Oklahoma' Nov. 10-11

New Hampton High School students are putting the finishing touches on its every-other-year-musical that will be performed Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10-11, at the school district's auditorium.

"Oklahoma" is set to take the stage at 7 p.m. on both evenings and tickets will be available at the door.

stood that Shawver's plan would grow leadership within the department, but added that "I'm concerned that we're getting possibly too top-heavy with the amount of employees we have."

Other supervisors weren't as opposed to the plan as Kuhn, but Supervisor Jake Hackman wanted more information on what other counties were doing when it came to sergeant positions. And supervisors also wanted to discuss the proposal during union negotiations before moving ahead with Shawver's proposal.

In other news from Monday's board meeting:

- Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal gave board members more information about the water testing that

"We're not sending something to be tested every day," Humpal said, "but we do have to do samples daily."

The county is exploring pay-

ing for the city of New Hampton to extend its water line to the Heritage, in part because of the cost of testing, but the two sides are at an impasse when it comes to the county paying for a larger water line and an auto-flusher that the city wants installed.

• Board members also hashed out details with Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson about the release of bidding specifications for remodeling work that needs to be done to add living quarters to the county-owned ambulance station.

Bid specs were sent out last week, but those interested in bidding on the project can pick up copies at the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office. Bids are due by Nov. 27.

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Thursday	67	46	.05
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Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high of 45 and a low of 30.

Friday: Mostly cloudy but warmer with a high of 54 and a low of 35.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain; high 50, low 36.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain; high 49, low 38.

Extended forecast: It's going to be a dreary start to the work week as cloudy skies continues with highs in the upper 40s and lows dropping to near 30.

Meetings**MONDAY**

• Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.

• New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

• In 1948, In one of the greatest upsets in presidential election history, Democratic incumbent Harry S. Truman defeats his Republican challenger, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, by just over two million popular votes.

• In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signs a bill in the White House Rose Garden designating a federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr., to be observed on the third Monday of January.

• In 1986, Norwegian distance runner Grete Waitz wins her eighth New York City marathon.

• In 2000, the first residential crew arrives aboard the International Space Station, beginning the longest continuous human habitation in low Earth orbit, which continues to this day.

• In 2016, the Chicago Cubs win their first World Series championship since 1908, beating the Cleveland Indians, 8-7, in a thrilling Game 7 delayed by rain.

Birthdays

• American frontiersman Daniel Boone was born in 1734.

• James Polk, the 11th president of the United States, was born in 1795.

• Warren G. Harding, the 29th president of the United States, was born in 1865.

• Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love turns 25.

• David Schwimmer, who starred on TV's "Friends," turns 57.

• Popular 70s and 80s TV actress Stefanie Powers turns 81.

Corrections

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If you see an error, please call Editor Bob Fenke at 641-394-2111.

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Robert 'Bob' Weigel, 85

Robert "Bob" Weigel, age 85 of New Hampton, passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at New Hampton Nursing & Rehabilitation Center surrounded by family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at Holy Family Catholic Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Jim Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, New Hampton with Tanner Weigel, Bryan Dungey, Chad Dungey, Skylar Kemp, Shane Kemp, Ryan Weigel, Morgan Weigel, Rachel Weigel, Olivia Weigel, Dana Nelson, Hannah Nelson, Calison Weiss and Channing Sorensen serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the Mass at the church on Thursday.

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

Born on June 12, 1938, to Harold and Celestine (Schueler) Weigel in rural Chickasaw County, Bob was a loving, friendly and generous man whose life was defined by his deep faith, unwavering dedication to his family, and his earnest commitment to his community.

Bob's life story began in the tight-knit community of Chickasaw County, where he was born and raised. He attended school and later graduated from St. Mary's Catholic School in North Washington. Bob's education laid the foundation for his lifelong commitment to hard work and community service.

He spent 44 years working for Chickasaw County, starting with building bridges as part of the crew and eventually rising to the position of foreman. Known as "Wig" among his colleagues, Bob's dedication and work ethic were legendary.

In his younger years, Bob also spent evenings bartending at various places in New Hampton, further strengthening his connections within the community.

In 1958, Bob met Irene Schlichte from Waucoma at a dance in Lawler. Once Irene agreed to a first date, a beautiful love story unfolded. The couple was married on January 28, 1959, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma.

They made their home in the New Hampton area, where they were blessed with five children. Family was everything to Bob, and he cherished every moment he spent with his loved ones. His family fondly remembers Saturday morning road trips,

Betty Lou Orric, 82

Betty Lou Orric, age 82 of Nashua, died Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at her home.

No formal services will be held.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua has been entrusted with Betty's arrangements. Online condolences for the Orric family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

Magdalene Sloan, 87

Magdalene (Maggie) Anne Sloan, age 87 of Rochester, Minnesota and formerly of Waucoma, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at the Stewartville Care Center in Stewartville, Minnesota.

A Memorial Mass will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waucoma with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Friends may greet the family an hour prior to the Mass at the church. A Rosary will be held at 8:40 a.m. at the church; all are welcome to attend.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hugeback Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences for the Sloan family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com.

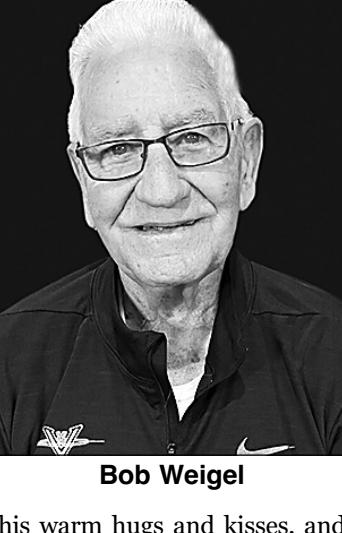
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The family of Tony Hoffman will be forever grateful for the tremendous amount of kindness and concern shown during this very difficult time. There are no words to express our heartfelt thanks.

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Bob Weigel

Anthony 'Tony' Gerhard Hoffman, 43

Anthony "Tony" Gerhard Hoffman of Ionia passed away on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023, while serving his community.

The funeral service was held at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia, with the Rev. James Goerend presiding.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at St. Boniface Church in Ionia.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton were entrusted with Tony's arrangements. Online condolences for the Hoffman family may be left at www.hugebackfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the



Tony Hoffman

tors and eventually started his own business. Most recently, he was a mill worker, building custom doors.

Tony was the first child born to Edward and Shirley Hoffman. He spent his childhood on the farm, learning from his dad and uncles as well as becoming best friends (and sometimes rivals) with his nine younger siblings.

Following high school, Tony took up the trade of carpentry. He worked for several contrac-

Beverly Bailey, 91

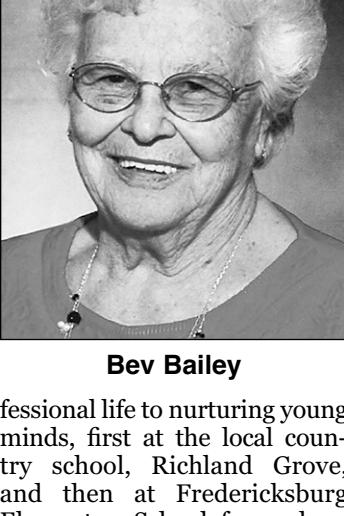
Beverly Bailey, age 91 of Nashua, died Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at Chautauqua Guest Homes No. 2 in Charles City.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, with the Rev. Drew McHolm presiding.

Interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Nashua, with Brian Sullivan, Mark Bailey, James Hampton and Chris Beckley serving as pallbearers.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua. Visitation will continue an hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

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



Bev Bailey

fessional life to nurturing young minds, first at the local country school, Richland Grove, and then at Fredericksburg Elementary School, from where she retired after years of dedicated service.

On June 27, 1954, Bev united in marriage with Donald Henry Bailey, affectionately known as Bev, passed away peacefully at Chautauqua Guest Homes in Charles City, Iowa, on Oct. 28, 2023.

Born on Aug. 1, 1932, in rural Nashua, Bev lived a life characterized by love, passion and generosity. Beverly Mary Sudol, daughter of Jake and Ethel (Chadwick) Sudol, spent her entire life in the Nashua area.

After graduating from Nashua High School in 1951, she pursued her passion for education at Warburg College and graduated with a teaching degree. Bev dedicated her pro-

On June 27, 1954, Bev united in marriage with Donald Henry Bailey, and they were blessed with three children — Terry, Anita, and Kirk. Bev was not only a devoted mother but also an active member of the community. She helped on the farm, worked tirelessly in 4H, Junior Federated Club, Pythian Sisters, Farm Bureau and Bradford Homemakers Club. Her faith was a cornerstone of her life, and she was a lifelong member of the Little Brown Church.

After retirement, Bev and her husband Donald found joy in running a gift shop at the Little Brown Church.

Her legacy of love and com-

mitment will continue to live on through all who were blessed to have her in their life.

Bev was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Jack and Agatha Hoffman; maternal grandparents, Irving and Florence Thordson; three uncles, Michael Thordson, Dave Bynon and Larry Kellogg; and one aunt, Julie Lindsay.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jake and Ethel (Chadwick) Sudol; her husband, Donald, in 2007; her granddaughter, Teresa Sullivan; and her brother, Jerry Sudol.

Bev was survived by her three children, Terry (Cindy), and Anita (Tom) Sullivan, both of Nashua, and Kirk (Deb) of Charles City. She was a beloved grandmother to six grandchildren, Matthew Bailey, Leslye Bailey, Tanya (Jim) Hampton, Brian (Andrea) Sullivan, Mark Bailey, and Megan (Chris) Beckley. Bev also had the joy of being a great-grandmother to six great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Alex Hampton, Aiden and Connor Sullivan and Weston and Wyatt Beckley. She is also survived by her brother, Orlin (Deb) Sudol, and sister-in-law, Barbara Sudol, both of Nashua.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents, Jake and Ethel (Chadwick) Sudol; her husband, Donald, in 2007; her granddaughter, Teresa Sullivan; and her brother, Jerry Sudol.

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Beverly Bailey's life was a testament to her love for family, passion for education and dedication to her community. Her generous spirit touched all who knew her, and she will be deeply missed.

Her legacy of love and com-

mitment will continue to live on through all who were blessed to have her in their life.

Carol Drewelow, 78

Carol Drewelow, age 78 of New Hampton, died Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton with Pastor Kevin Frey presiding.

Interment will be held at the Boyd Cemetery with Blake Drewelow, Joshua Drewelow, Jordon Drewelow, Chace Doyal, Justen Brown and Matthew Bormann as pallbearers.

Carol was born to Victor and Anna Vorwald in New Hampton on Oct. 21, 1945. Carol attended the Little Red Brick Schoolhouse.

It was through her sisters that she was introduced to Lloyd Drewelow from Boyd. The couple married on Oct. 6, 1964, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton, where they both remained lifelong members.

They raised their children in New Hampton, strengthening their bond with the community.

Carol was an industrious woman who worked at Sara Lee for six years and later as a housekeeper at Perkins Hotel, nursing homes, and private homes. She was known for her diligence and dedication, always ensuring that her work was done to the best of her ability.

Her commitment and work ethic were admired by many, and she inspired those around her with her strong spirit and positive attitude.

In addition to her work,



Carol Drewelow

Carol had a variety of interests that she enjoyed throughout her life. She had a deep love for bird watching and reading, and she found great joy in spending time with her family.

She had a knack for cleaning, a passion for flowers, and a special talent for baking. Known for always having the best groceries, Carol was a frequent shopper at Fareway and the Dollar Store. She was a jokester, always ready to share a laugh or a witty remark, and her pragmatic and

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She was second in the conference in kills (184) and fourth-best in kill efficiency (.196). She also came up with 170 digs and produced 21 aces. Her serve efficiency was 89 percent.

"Adriana was a unanimous vote and it was well deserved. She played all six positions and led the team in attacks. She was a strong key to our offense. Adriana was vital to our team and will be sorely missed next year. She was a great co-captain for our team," said Vrzak.

Maici Weber and Reicks were named all-conference for the first time in their prep careers.

Weber was the second-best assist leader in the league with 389. Emily Edeker of West Central was No. 1 with 464 assists.

Weber — also a six-rotation player like Tiedt — was fifth in the UIC with 39 blocks. She racked up 71 kills — an amazing total considering she was TV's main setter.

"She was the force behind our attacks! Not only was she strong for our team with sets, she also had numerous kills and point-saving blocks. She was a great co-captain for our team," said Vrzak.

Reicks stood tall up top near the net at the middle position with 51 blocks. That put her in second place in terms of most blocks in the UIC.

Reicks also came up with 72 kills and was very proficient in the serving department. Her 23 aces were tops on the team and she clipped out to an almost 94 percent rate in serve efficiency.

"Kinsey was our player who stepped up in the middle position. She was a force alone and with Maici on the blocks. Kinsey stepped up on the offense as a key player for us," said Vrzak.

Halle Weber — Maici's older sister — secured her third all-conference selection as the Trojans' libero. Halle was named to the second team her junior and sophomore seasons.

Halle Weber led the team in digs (238) and generated a 94 percent serve efficiency to go along with 21 aces.

"With her ability to read the court, she played her position very well — getting her 95 digs in the conference. Halle was also a key success to our serving line. With her little smile and tendency to always be happy, she will be missed next year, too!" Vrzak added.

Thronsdson was TV's other setter and also helped out immensely on the back row for the Trojans.

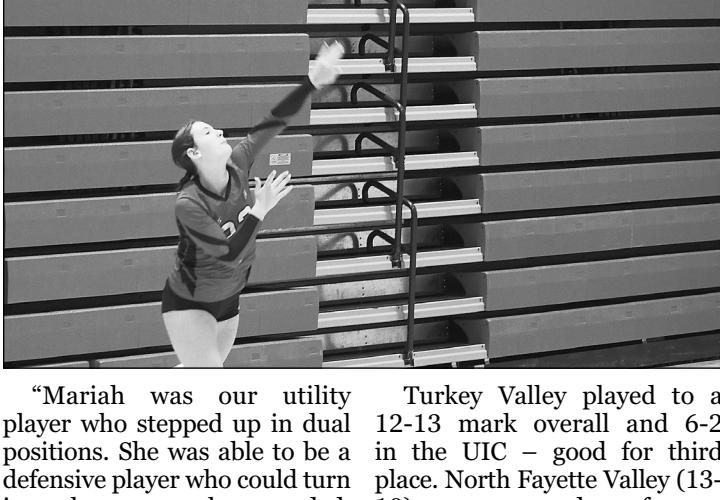
She was No. 2 in serve efficiency in the league with a 96 percent success rate. NFF's Allison Torkelson just beat her out in that serve category by percentage points — 96.7 to 96.1 percent.

Thronsdson came up with 81 digs and 17 aces in her serve game.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley seniors Halle Weber (above) and Mariah Thronsdson (below) capped their careers with all-UIC volleyball honors.



Mariah was our utility player who stepped up in dual positions. She was able to be a defensive player who could turn into the setter when needed. She also was a major contributor to our serving team. With the ability to transform positions in the back, she will be missed also next year!" said the TV co-coach.

TV seniors this fall were Tiedt, Halle Weber, Thronsdson and Ryann Schmitt.

Sumner-Fred's Trainor ends Mid-Prairie star's run of titles

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star race in Pella on Saturday.

"I was pretty happy just because I'm used to the cold weather," said Glaser. "I run outside as long as I can. Once it starts hitting like 15, 10 degrees, that's when I have to head to the CWC (Chickasaw Wellness Complex)."

Glaser said she was pleased about her state performance.

"I was ready for whatever it was going to throw at me," said Glaser about the state course.

In such a big race as those run at Lakeside — runners of any caliber can get swallowed up by the pack and never recover. That didn't happen to Glaser, who has been to the course before, but not as a runner.

Winter leads Wartburg to second consecutive American Rivers title

The Wartburg College football team is headed back to the Division III national playoffs as the Knights, who are coached by New Hampton native Chris Winter, clinched the American Rivers Conference championship this past Saturday with a 24-14 win over Central on Saturday.

Wartburg improved to 9-0 overall and 7-0 in ARC play and clinched the conference's automatic bid for the playoffs.

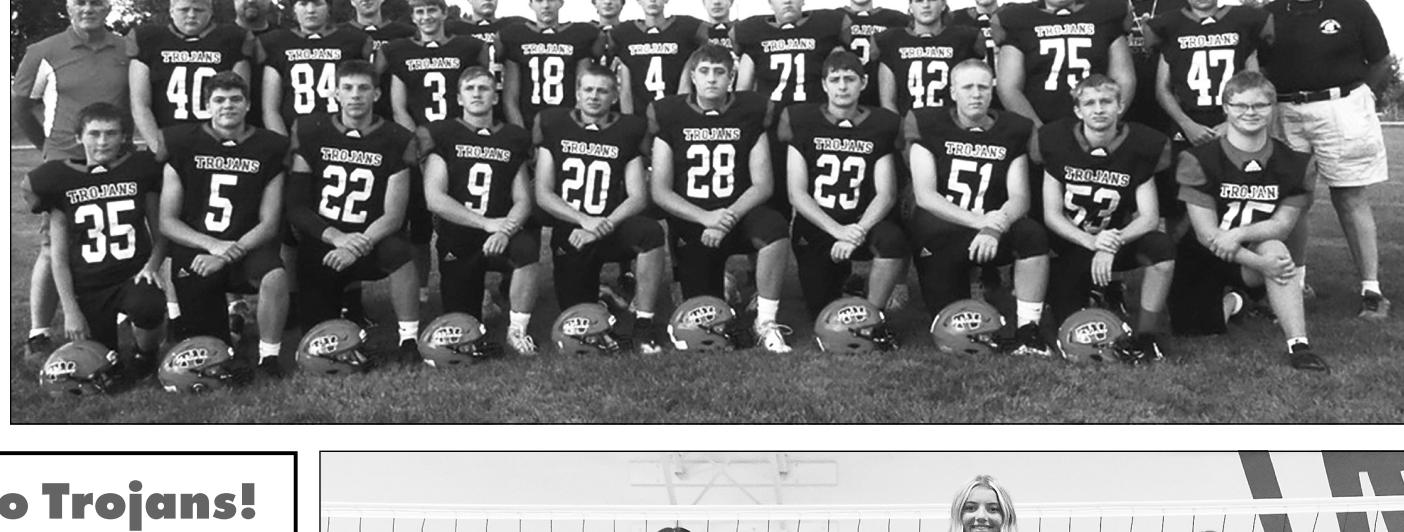
A year ago, Winter led Wartburg to its most successful season in school history as the Knights went 13-1 and advanced to the semifinal round of the playoffs.

Wartburg will close out its regular season this weekend when it plays a road game at Nebraska Wesleyan and will learn its playoff opponent when the Division III field is revealed on Nov. 12.



Winter

Our Trojans gave us plenty of memories this fall!



Trojan football

Members of the Turkey Valley football team included (front row, from left) John Forbes, Caleb Kurtenbach, Oliver Schmitt, Burke Busta, Russell Nieman, Braylen Byrne, Tucker Reicks, Hunter Kruse, Reid Brammow, manager Larry Vrba, (middle row) coach Mark Scott, Wyatt Maklenburg, Traejin Keel, Hugo Busta, Kaden Schmidt, Alex Hanson, Eli Holthaus, Parker Reicks, Graham Schmitt, Jayden Rausch, coach Frank Wilson, (back row) coach Alvin Hackman, Logan Busta, Gavin Berst, Mitchell Kriener, Jordan Kriener, J.D. Kruse, Cale Langreck, and coach Dan Stepan.



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Trojan cross country

Members of the Turkey Valley cross country team included (from left) Russell Nieman, Bella Stika, Bode Balk, Hazel Nieman and Avery Franzen.

Your 2023 Halloween Parade Costume Winners!



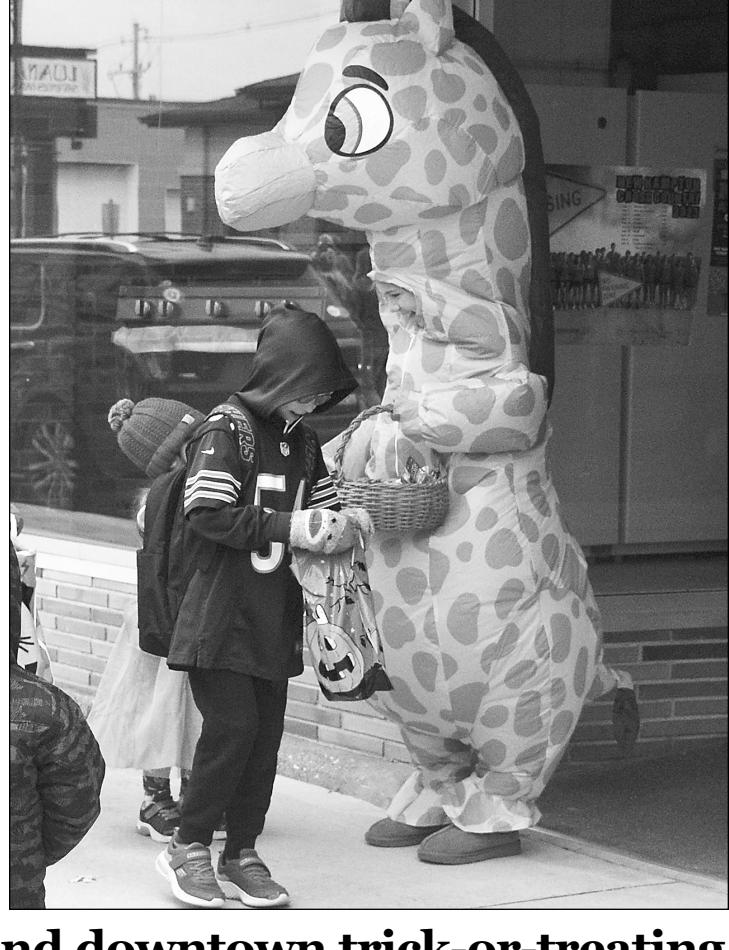
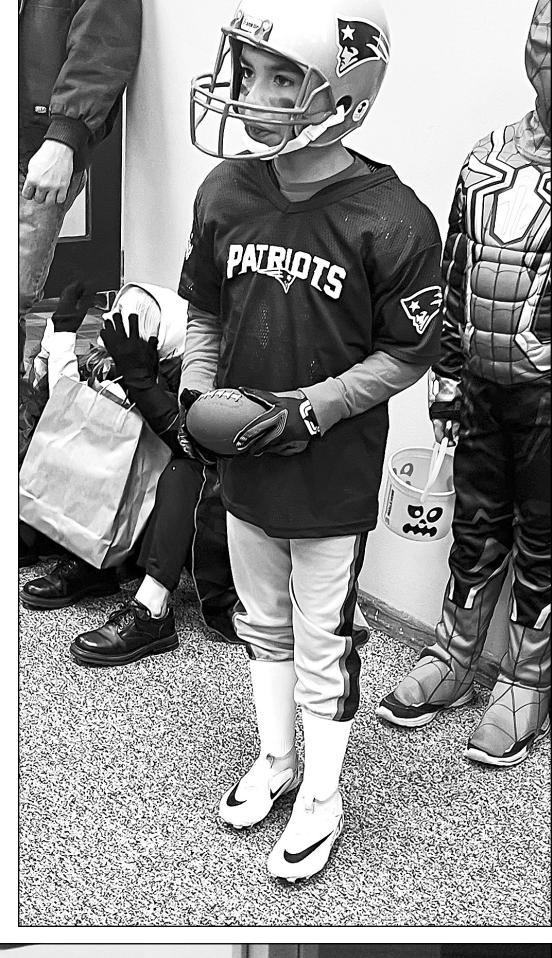
We didn't get all the names, but we did nail down the "costumes" of this year's Halloween Parade winners and they included (clockwise, from top) the scarecrow and fisherman, ages 0-2; Shark Tank, group costume; Spiderman and Taylor Swift-Junior Jewels, ages 6-10; Billy Butcherson and Pumpkin Man, ages 11-17; Doctor and Patients, group costume; Sally and Macificent, adults; and Wednesday Addams and Maverick, ages 3-5.

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Scenes from a cold but fun Halloween Saturday

The Glaser family (above) — one of several families that always come up with a great group costume — strolls down Main Street Saturday afternoon, a group of kids (below left) "catch up" before the parade starts, New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackmann (below center) announces the winners of the costume contest and Warren Wuchter (below right) tells his little sister, Clara, that there's nothing to be scared about when it comes to the parade.



Both organizations like the New Hampton Lions Club (above) and businesses like Hometown TV and Appliance (right) take part in downtown trick-or-treating that followed Saturday's parade.

Frigid morning doesn't hurt attendance at Halloween Parade and downtown trick-or-treating

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around New Hampton turned out in droves.

Those costumes were so good that the event organizers changed the rules when it came to naming a top prize for the "best group" costume.

"We're going to have two, and honestly, we could have had five or more,"

Hackman said during the awards ceremony that was held just before dinosaurs, pigs, cows, football players, superheroes and more made their way up Water Avenue and down Main Street for the parade. "You definitely made the judges work this year. We say that every year, but this year was even better than it's been in the past and that's saying something."

The Parks and Recreation Department held its first Halloween Parade back in 2014, when it was held on a Tuesday evening.

A year later, the department moved the event to Saturday, where it's stayed ever since.

Saturday marked the 10th year of the parade and downtown trick-or-treating, and although the temper-

ature hovered around 30, if the event has proven one thing, it is this: We are a hearty bunch when it comes to our Halloween Saturdays.

Mother Nature has thrown a little bit of everything at us over the past 10 years. It's rained. We've seen snowflakes. And honestly, Mother Nature has given us few warm, sunny days when it comes to the downtown cele-

bration.

It doesn't matter, though. Folks show up. And they get more creative every year.

"It's just a fun, family event," Hackman said, "and to see all the businesses and groups take part in the trick-or-treating, it's great to see the support we have for our kids and our families."



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A trio of New Hampton tacklers — (above, from left) Ben Gilbert, Kam Josephson and Talyn Bohaty — work to bring down Spirit Lake's Dylan Stecker while Kale Venem (below) gets off a punt during the second round game of the Class 2A state playoffs that was played on Friday.

Spirit Lake speed too much for Chickasaws

New Hampton's 'turnaround' season ends with a thud as Indians roll to a 48-6 playoff victory

BY BOB FENSKE
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From the journal of Captain Obvious: It wasn't the way New Hampton wanted to see its football season come to an end.

Then again, Spirit Lake was just simply that good on Friday night as the Indians used their speed, their size and their diversified attack to roll to a 48-6 win over the Chickasaws in a Class 2A state playoffs second-round game.

"Their speed on both sides of the ball was the best we've seen all year, and I think anyone who saw us in the second half of the season will say we didn't play our best game," New Hampton coach Scott Frerichs said after the Chickasaws closed out a season in which it started 0-4 with a 4-6 record. "That's frustrating, but I thought our effort was decent... We just ran into a very good football team."

Save for a hiccup on its first drive, Spirit Lake dominated the Chickasaws — outrushing them 225-67, outpassing them 176-28 and recording 13 tackles for loss to New Hampton's one.

On the opening drive of the game, Spirit Lake needed just two plays to go from their own 46-yard line to the Chickasaws 7, but an errant snap on a first-and-goal play cost the Indians 22 yards and New Hampton came up with a stop.

Hope abounded on the sidelines that the Chickasaws had taken the first punch and responded, but on New Hampton's first play from scrimmage, a botched snap led to a fumble that Spirit Lake recovered at the Chickasaw 19-yard line. Three plays later, William Ditsworth's 4-yard touchdown run gave the Indians a 7-0 lead.

And then New Hampton muffed the kickoff, had to start a drive at its own 10-yard line, got just one first down and had to punt. The Indians needed just five plays to go up 14-0, and the rout was on.

"We struggled on special teams, there's no other way to put it," Frerichs said, "and we kept giving them short fields. Against a team like that, that's not going to work. We found that out in a hurry."

After New Hampton held Spirit Lake on that first drive, the Indians scored on their next



seven drives and the final 27 minutes of the game was played with the running clock after the Indians made it 35-0 with 3:11 left in the first half.

Meanwhile, the New Hampton offense couldn't get any traction against a Spirit Lake defense that spent a good portion of its night in the Chickasaw backfield.

The Chickasaws did get 71 rushing yards from Braden McShane, who had rushed for 776 yards in the four games since returning to the offensive lineup after sitting out 3 1/2 games with a hamstring injury, but the rest of the offense combined for just 14 yards.

New Hampton's lone score came on an Adam Ewert 11-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter, but by then, Spirit Lake was emptying the bench and making preparations for its quarterfinal game against West Lyon.

"I think it's tough — it's always tough when a football season ends — because our guys had responded so many times this year," Frerichs said, "and you know when you do that, sometimes it's just hard to rebound again."

"I think all of our boys are disappointed — they loved playing football — and I'm sure they'll be the first ones to say we didn't play our best. Spirit Lake obviously had something to do with that, but all of us coaches ... we're proud of what these boys accomplished this year."

After the first four games of

the year, few would have even expected New Hampton to be playing on the last week of October; after all, after getting pummeled at home by Osage on Sept. 15, New Hampton was 0-4 and had been outscored 173-52.

But the Chickasaws got their first win of the season on a rainy night in Oelwein and followed that up with two big wins — a 30-14 homecoming victory over North Fayette Valley and an impressive 35-6 road win against Cresco — to earn a shot at a District 3 title.

Although New Hampton fell in a 28-27 overtime heartbreaker to Waukon on Oct. 13, the Chickasaws rebounded to beat West Marshall 41-21 in the opening round of the playoffs to become the last District 3 team standing. It was New Hampton's first postseason win in six years.

The magic, though, ran out on Friday, and the loss closed out the high school football careers of 14 New Hampton seniors — Talyn Bohaty, Ben Gilbert, Jack Shawver, Ty Robinson, McShane, Ethan Swhela, Ethan Praska, Olandreon Saunders, Leander Reicks, Gatlin McCumber, Ty Shekleton, Marshall Zeien, Kam Josephson and Cael Laures.

"We're appreciative of this group of seniors — many of them who have been key members of our varsity program for three years," Frerichs said. "It's always hard to see seniors play that last game, and this year is no different."

SPIRIT LAKE 48, NEW HAMPTON 6

NH	0	0	6	0	-	6
SL	21	20	7	0	-	48

FIRST QUARTER

SL - William Ditsworth 4 run (Ditsworth kick), 9:15.

SL - Ditsworth 12 run (Ditsworth kick), 6:00.

SL - Owen Lalumendre 1 run (Ditsworth kick), 2:01.

SECOND QUARTER

SL - Dylan Stecker 14 pass from Caden Lundt (Ditsworth kick), 11:55.

SL - Bode Higgins 4 run (Ditsworth kick), 3:11.

SL - Stecker 9 pass from Lundt (kick blocked), 1:57.

THIRD QUARTER

SL - Joey Andres 40 run (Ditsworth kick), 9:17.

NH - Adam Ewert 11 run (kick failed), 3:30.

TEAM STATS

	NH	SL
First downs	9	8
Rushes-yards	36-67	19-225
Passing yards	28	176
Total yards	95	401
Att-Comp-Int	16-4-0	17-10-0

NEW HAMPTON INDIVIDUAL STATS

Rushing - Braden McShane 19-71, Adam Ewert 2-16, Ethan Praska 4-5, Ethan Swhela 3-2, Jaxon Eckley 2-(5), Beau Serie 1-(7), Ben Gilbert 5-(15).

Passing - Gilbert 4-15-0 - 28, McShane 0-1-0 - 0.

Receiving - Ewert 2-14, Serie 1-13, McShane 1-1.

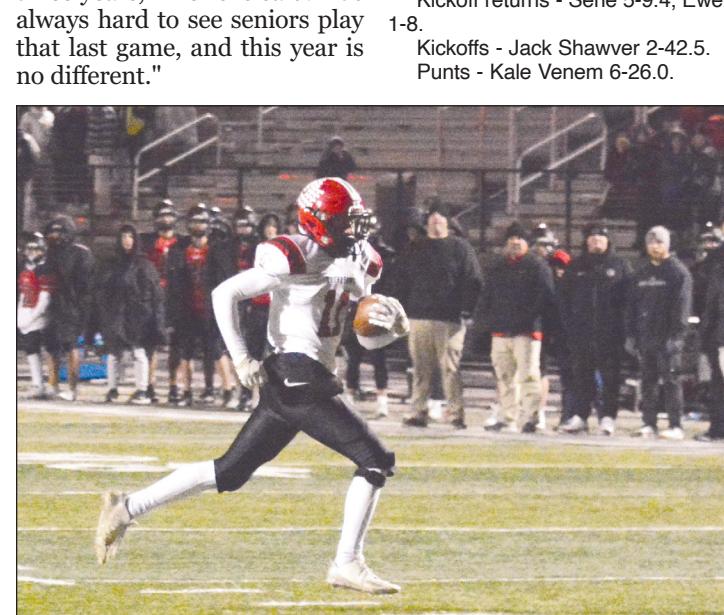
Tackles - Talyn Bohaty 4, McShane 3, Gilbert 3, Ethan Swhela 2.5, Leander Reicks 2.5, Serie 1.5, Ty Robinson 1.5, Cael Laures 1, Eckley 0.5, Olandreon Saunders 0.5, Ryan Willadsen 0.5, Ty Shekleton 0.5, Marshall Zeien 0.5, Kam Josephson 0.5.

Tackles for loss - Swhela 1.

Kickoff returns - Serie 5-9.4, Ewert 1-8.

Kickoffs - Jack Shawver 2-42.5.

Punts - Kale Venem 6-26.0.



New Hampton quarterback Ben Gilbert (left) throws a pass while teammate Adam Ewert (above) scores the lone Chickasaw touchdown Friday night.



Photo courtesy of Jamie Ohrt

New Hampton freshman Sophie Glaser attacks the Kennedy Park course in Fort Dodge during the Class 2A state cross country meet on Saturday.

New Hampton freshman toughs it out at state meet

Despite an injured toe and frigid weather, Glaser enjoys state cross country experience

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Sophie Glaser is definitely old school.

One could easily call the Chickasaw freshman a throwback to a bygone era.

Running in her first varsity high school race ever at the state meet on Saturday morning — the New Hampton multi-sport standout did more than just cross the finish line at Lakeside Golf Course in Fort Dodge.

First, she overcame an injury that may well have prevented numerous entrants — there were 140 girls competing in Class 2A — from even lacing up their running shoes and tackling the tough course at Kennedy Park.

Then, after she placed 58th in 20:49 on a bum toe, she stuck around near the finish line to cheer on the rest of the runners as they ran past the tape and gasped for air in the freezing, late October 30-degree weather.

To say Glaser cares might be the understatement of the century.

"I've never been in a sport like cross country. We're all family," said Glaser, just a freshman. "You're all running together. I wouldn't be able to do anything without my teammates. I didn't have any of my teammates running, so those girls were my teammates that day."

Her head coach — Jamie Ohrt — was almost left speechless as she witnessed her top runner congratulate each and every competitor in her class after they eventually crossed the finish line with the final few strides of the 2023 season officially put in the record books.

"She was there for a long time and I gave her a big hug later — people don't do that," said Ohrt about Glaser supporting her fellow challengers in the large race that also wanted to beat her and finish ahead of the humble, yet determined Chickasaw.

Ohrt, which had high hopes of sending her New Hampton girls squad back to Fort Dodge for the second consecutive season, didn't see that materialize this fall. Yet, to see her star freshman finish strong at state — all the while battling adversity — made her beyond proud.

"Thinking about just the kind of kid she is gives me chills and it gives me hope for future Chickasaw runners," said Ohrt.

Just how did Glaser injure her toe? Without going into specifics — the injury happened the night before the race on Friday evening at Glaser's motel.

"It was like black and blue," said Ohrt, in her 11th season.

"It was bad."

Whether or not the toe was

actually broken and to what degree — that's anybody guess. Obviously, that final determination would have to be something a doctor would diagnose.

"It seems like it. I'm not going to go to the doctor because there's not really anything they can do about it," said Glaser about the possibility of the toe being fractured.

The injury sure as heck wasn't going to stop Glaser from running.

So the Chickasaw wrestler wrapped the toe and tried to ignore the pain.

"I was a little bit worried about it just because it was bothering me quite a bit the night before," said Glaser. "I tried to stay calm because I figured the adrenaline rush would help a lot."

She found out the extent of how the injury felt when she woke up Saturday morning and had to prepare for the biggest race of her life.

"It was kind of weird. The day of — I don't really know if it was just because my body was ready to race. It really didn't hurt that bad — before or during the race," said Glaser.

Then Glaser remembered what her Chickasaw teammates had done in similar circumstances — like fellow freshman Connor Stumme, who gutted out his state qualifying run the week before at Dike with a bothersome and extremely painful hip issue.

"Injuries are going to slow you down, if it's not terrible — it's not going to stop you," said Glaser. "A lot of my teammates showed that this season. We learned how to tough it out."

Who knows what time Glaser would have been able to put on Saturday in Fort Dodge had the injury not taken place? She ran a personal-best 20:10 at that aforementioned qualifier. That was over 30 seconds faster than her previous PR.

"She's a tough kid," said Ohrt. "They don't make 'em like her much anymore," said Ohrt. "There's no excuses with her. It's refreshing as a coach. She's the real deal."

The weather didn't do Glaser or any of the other runners that competed on Friday any favors. Mother Nature sent a cold spell across the midwest over the course of the two-day state event.

"It was terrible. It was 30 degrees when the gun went off," said Ohrt.

Glaser shook off the cold. That's old hat for the Chickasaw, who started wrestling practice on Monday and will train this week with senior Megan Pickar — who will run in the senior all-

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton's Marissa Cahoy rejects a Crestwood kill attempt during a Northeast Iowa Conference tournament match that was played in the Chickasaws' home gym.

NEIC champs land five on all-NEIC volleyball

Chickasaws' Cahoy, Wegner and Pesek named to first team while Steinlage and Rosonke earn second-team honors

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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It was an amazing season for the New Hampton Chickasaw volleyball team this fall.

No loss in the regional final versus ninth-ranked Dubuque Wahlert is ever going to change that fact.

Jess Geerts' squad – ranked almost the entire season, sans the pre-season poll put out by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union – demonstrated that they're one of the better Class 3A squads this season despite not being including in the state field that will determine five separate champions in the state of Iowa for prep volleyball tonight (Thursday) in Coralville.

New Hampton finished with a final ranking of No. 6 in Class 3A and played to gaudy 31-6 record in 2023 – which included back-to-back NEIC championships. Those league crowns came in both the regular season and postseason tournaments.

"What a great year we have had! Coming up short of our goals was heartbreaking. These girls have worked so hard on a game they love. Nobody can take away the many talents all of these ladies shared in our gym as Chickasaws," said Geerts, who put a wrap on her 18th season as leader of the NH volleyball program.

For those tremendous accomplishments and effort displayed by Geerts' Northeast Iowa Conference squad – they

reaped postseason rewards handed out by the league that consists of six teams. New Hampton headlined the NEIC all-conference teams with five selections – the same number league runner-up Charles City reeled in.

Both schools featured three first-team selections and comprised over half of the 18 overall picks that were deemed all-conference worthy. New Hampton stopped.

Charles City in five this year – 16-25, 25-17, 19-25, 25-17, 15-5 – on the Comets' home floor in the regular season head-to-head matchup. NH also topped the Comets in two sets – 25-23, 25-23 – at a triangular back in late August and in the NEIC Tournament, 22-20, 21-15.

Earning all-conference honors this year for the Chickasaws were seniors Marissa Cahoy, Molly Wegner, Hailee Pesek, Paige Steinlage and junior Braelyn Rosonke.

Cahoy – NH's six-foot, two-time all-state player – cracked the All-NEIC squad for the fourth time. She has been named to the first team three years in a row and was an honorable-mention selection her freshman year.

Cahoy was the league's most dominant player and covered every inch of the court as an outstanding six-rotation player that was next to impossible to stop out on the hardwood.

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ALL-NORTHEAST IOWA CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM

Marissa Cahoy	New Hampton	Sr.
Keely Collins	Charles City	Sr.
Molly Wegner	New Hampton	Jr.
Sydney Biemann	Waverly-Shell Rock	Jr.
Hailee Pesek	New Hampton	Sr.
Sofia Parrott	Charles City	So.
Oliva Johnson	Crestwood	Jr.
Emma Miller	Charles City	Sr.
Ellie Rolfs	Decorah	Jr.

SECOND TEAM

Paige Steinlage	New Hampton	Sr.
Mya Rimrod	Charles City	Jr.
Braelyn Rosonke	New Hampton	Jr.
Delliah Kroymann	Waverly-Shell Rock	So.
Keely Anderegg	Charles City	So.
Willa Troendle	Waukon	So.
Maddy Frahm	Decorah	Sr.
McKinley Massman	Decorah	So.
Ella Wilkins	Waukon	So.
Elizabeth Frerichs	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.
Ellie Thompson	Waverly-Shell Rock	Sr.



New Hampton senior Molly Wegner (above) puts up a set while fellow Chickasaw senior Hailee Pesek (below) takes a swing during a regional match against Osage.



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Turkey Valley's Tiedt leads five Trojans on all-UIC volleyball teams

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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Turkey Valley co-coach Tammy Vrzak is going to be sad to see her seniors graduate, but she knows the memories they created will last a lifetime.

Three of Vrzak's seniors were named to the Upper Iowa Conference squad that was recently released this past week.

One such senior – outside hitter Adriana Tiedt – was named to the UIC first team for the third year in a row.

TV's senior selections to the all-league team were Tiedt, along with Halle Weber and Mariah Thronsdson. Each of those seniors was tabbed for the honorable-mention team.

Trojan sophomore Maici Weber and TV junior Kinsey



Reicks were selected to the second team.

Tiedt was once again lights

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Turkey Valley senior Adriana Tiedt digs a ball during a match against MFL-Mar-Mac this season.

Thank You

Trying to find the words is hard when there's so much we want to say. We can't thank each and every one of you enough for the love and support you've shown us before and after Kaden's passing. It's truly overwhelming. You've all brought us to tears more times than we can count. From the extremely thoughtful messages, cards, gifts, prayers, flowers, people stopping over, the drinks and food, the everyday supplies, the green ribbons put all around town, and just the amount of hugs and people checking in daily is all so amazing. A very special thank you to: Pastor Darin Cerwinski and Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Homes for the BEAUTIFUL services for Kaden, you honored him so well. To the N-P High School and their staff for allowing us to have the services at the school and allowing time for students and staff to attend. To the Chickasaw Country Sheriff's Department, the Nashua EMS, the Nashua Fire Department, the area news channels & surrounding communities and people on Facebook for doing everything to help find Kaden. To our awesome family at Wilken & Sons, they kept everything going when we weren't there and are still continuing to do so, they are all so amazing and we're incredibly lucky to have them! And finally to our WONDERFUL family and friends, you guys are our rocks, we couldn't get thru this without you all. You have no idea how much you mean to us and how thankful we are that you're in our lives! Small towns are absolutely amazing, especially in times like this, we wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Please remember to always be kind, you never know what someone may be going through.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

- Andy, Sara and Drew Wilken

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Cahoy was the league leader in kills (318) and blocks (65). She was third in the NEIC in aces (44) and fifth in digs (260). Cahoy sported the second-best kill efficiency (.352) in the conference. The only player better was Rosonke, who led the league with a .453 clip.

Cahoy amassed over 1,000 kills in her legendary prep career at New Hampton.

"Marissa has provided so much for our program over the years and her final year being her best. Her leadership on the court and in the gym was hands down phenomenal. She led by example and took charge," said Geerts. "We will patiently wait to see what other awards Marissa earns in the next few weeks."

Wegner cemented her status as one of the better setters to play in the NEIC with her third first-team selection in a row.

She was third in total assists with 502 behind CC's Sofia Parrott (707) and Waverly-Shell Rock's Sydney Bienemann (640).

Wegner – like Cahoy – also achieved a milestone moment in her senior season as she racked up her 1,500 assist in the latter stages of the season.

Wegner also came up with 17 aces and was 92 percent successful on her

serves.

"Molly became a six-rotation player this year helping this team boost the success of the team this year. Molly has been a great leader on and off the court. Molly will be in the memory books for her dedication and hard work ethic," said Geerts.

Pesek – NH's left-handed rightside hitter that also developed into a six-rotation player – was selected to her first all-conference squad. The first-team All-NEIC selection had the league's fourth-best kill efficiency (.273) and was second on the team in kills (190) and just one back of Cahoy for the team lead in digs with 259.

Pesek was also an adept server as she sent 22 aces down and connected on almost 89 percent of her serves.

"Like Molly, Hailee worked hard this summer in the weight room and at open gyms. Hailee is not afraid of work and never complained. Hailee had the drive to win, which is going to put her in great places in life," said Geerts.

Steinlage was named to the second team all-conference squad for back-to-back years. She tallied 40 aces – second-most for the Chickasaws – and converted on 90 percent of her serves.

Steinlage racked up 166 digs and provided New Hampton with a solid attack near the net with 142 kills.

"Paige did a great job adjusting to

a new role on the court this year. She still set, but got some outside swings in as well. Paige will always be known for her unpredictable dumps and tips. She was so sneaky on the court and was good at it! One of Paige's many talents was being able to see the court so well. Paige was a team captain and a leader in the gym. She was always willing to help others out in the gym," said Geerts.

Rosonke was a fierce and imposing presence near the net for New Hampton and for that success she was tabbed for the second team.

Rosonke – New Hampton's six-foot middle – powered her way to 180 kills and was the most productive in the conference with a No. 1 kill efficiency rating of .453. She also came up with 26 blocks – second on the team.

"We are excited to have her back for another season. Braelyn works hard in the gym and is a great leader on and off the court. She is very coachable and was third in kills for our team. Braelyn worked extremely hard in the summer lifting weights and attending open gyms," said Geerts.

New Hampton lost to Wahler (18-12) in the Class 3A, Region 4 final by a scores of 25-15, 25-12 and 25-23. The Golden Eagles – seeded No. 8 – played No. 1 seed Mount Vernon (33-4) on Tuesday in the opening round of the



New Hampton's Paige Steinlage beats the block attempt to get a kill in a match against MFL-Mar-Mac earlier this season.

Class 3A state tournament held at Xtream Arena in Coralville.

The Chickasaws went undefeated in NEIC regular season play with a 5-0 mark and did not lose a match in the NEIC Tournament as well. New Hampton has not suffered a loss in league play for two seasons.

New Hampton's other seniors were

Jenna Heeren, Claire Geerts, Megan Pickar and Jayda Noehl.

"We are forever grateful for each and every one of them and their dedication to our program. My favorite thing about this group is how well they picked each other up. We wish them the best and can't wait to see what big things they do in life!" Geerts said.

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