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City completes its code update

New Hampton City Council approves third and final reading of 'codification'

By BOB FENSKE
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The New Hampton City Council on Monday unanimously approved the final reading of the city's code of ordinances, ending a process that at times generated plenty of pushback and controversy.

But the conclusion of the process came with nary a whimper as no res-

idents came to Monday's meeting to voice objections to what city leaders have consistently said was a long-overdue update of city ordinances.

"The goal was to get our city code to align with state code," City Clerk Karen Clemens said. "It was a mammoth undertaking, because we really hadn't done much ... in decades, let's just put it that way, but we're finally done, and as soon as this hits the paper, we're

really done."

The city hired Simmering-Cory Iowa Codification to help with the process, but it took four readings — not the usual three — to enact the updated codes.

That's because city leaders made enough changes after the first reading at its May 20 reading that the City Council had to start the process over and approve another first reading

during its June 3 meeting.

But during both the second reading on June 17 and the third reading Monday night, the council didn't receive any public comment. With the third reading approved, the updated code goes into place as soon as the city posts a legal notice, which it is doing in this edition of the Tribune.

Clemens said Tuesday morning that most residents won't "notice a thing" with the new code in place.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

A foamy and fun end to 'Festival Month'

Kids enjoy the "Foam Zone" as part of a Foam Blast Party that was held Saturday at Nashua's Water Over the Dam Days, which capped a month in which Fredericksburg, Alta Vista, New Hampton, Lawler and Nashua all held their annual town festivals. And while Water Over the Dam Days got off to a wet start Thursday and Friday, the party shifted into high gear over the weekend as skies cleared and the humidity disappeared for both the celebration and the Old Bradford Pioneer Village's annual Civil War Reenactment.

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Appeal denied; Patrie receives a life sentence

Sister in victim impact statement says her brother 'cheers' work done by those to obtain first-degree murder guilty verdict

By BOB FENSKE
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The sentence was mandatory, and it was handed down on Tuesday morning when Chickasaw County District Court Judge Richard Stochl sentenced a former Charles City man to life in prison without the possibility of parole for killing a rural Nashua man in the fall of 2012.

The sentence came after Stochl denied two appeals made by Randy Patrie, 41, and his attorneys — one asking for the judge for a new trial and the other asking the judge to overturn the verdict that was handed down on May 23 after a four-day trial.

That jury deliberated less than 50 minutes before reaching its verdict that Patrie shot and killed Kenneth Gallmeyer, a 70-year-old retired grocer in his home located just north of Nashua.

Before Stochl handed down the first-degree murder sentence that is required under Iowa law, Chickasaw County Attorney David Laudner asked the court to receive four written victim

SEE SENTENCE, 5



Police chief hits the streets

Rosendahl takes oath, excited to begin new position in New Hampton

By BOB FENSKE
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Conrad Rosendahl was the first to admit that he felt a nervous excitement Monday, the day he officially took over as the chief of the New Hampton Police Department.

"I'll be honest, it's a little intimidating, but that's OK," he said. "It's a big change for me and my family - a new community, a new department, going from an on-call to a 24-hour department, things like that. But that makes it exciting, too. It's a new challenge and I'm excited to take it on."

Rosendahl's first day on the job started with City Clerk Karen Clemens swearing him in, and then, one of his officers, Austin Hageman, gave him a quick "tour" of the city.

It's not like he's never been to New Hampton before, but driving through a city, he said, is a lot different than policing it.

He's taking over a department that has been in turmoil for much of the past three months.

Former Police Chief Tim Pederson resigned in April despite an outcry from numerous city residents who felt he should be allowed to remain



New Hampton Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl takes the oath of office from City Clerk Karen Clemens Monday morning before beginning his first day on the job.

chief after it was learned that he had taken \$40 from a self-checkout at a Waterloo store and returned after being called by police.

Mayor Steve Geerts appointed Doug Eagan to be the interim police chief, but Eagan resigned from the department in early

May and was replaced by long-time officer Chad McGee.

"Obviously, it's going to take a little bit of time to get to know all the officers, to get to know the community and learn how they're currently doing things,"

SEE POLICE CHIEF, 11



Navy veteran Alicia Miller smiles as she receives her Quilt of Valor during a ceremony that was held Sunday afternoon at the Holy Family Parish Center.

It's a family affair during Quilt of Valor ceremony

Two sisters, three brothers and father and two sons among those honored Sunday

By BOB FENSKE
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The Nie sisters were there. So were the Rethamel brothers. And the Tenge sons were there with their father, too.

It made for a distinctly family affair Sunday at the lastest Quilts of Valor presentation by a local chapter dubbed the Freedom Strippers.

"We do really try to have family members receive their quilts at the same ceremony if we

can," said Quilt of Valor member Linda Kapler, who led Sunday's program that was held at the Holy Family Parish Center. "They have that bond of serving in the military, and we want to present them their quilts together, too. ... Every quilt presented is special, but it's nice to thank sisters, brothers, dads and sons all together for their service."

Abigail and Kennady Nie; Jim, Robert and

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A nice surprise
Chickasaw County leaders learn that ending fund balances are higher than forecast

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Diamond kids
The Tribune and its sponsors celebrate youth softball, baseball coaches and players

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Split gives Chickasaws at least a share of league baseball title!

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Air Force veteran Ryan Tenge is all smiles as he receives his Quilt of Valor Sunday.

Freedom Strippers share stories of veterans

QUILTS: FROM 1

Terry Rethamel; and Everett, Ronald and Ryan Tenge were among the 19 veterans who received quilts during Sunday's program.

The program followed the same path of those from the past.

The presentation of the colors, the Star Spangled Banner, the Pledge of Allegiance, a prayer, a talk about the Quilt of Valor mission, the presentation of the quilts and the definition of a veteran — "whether active duty, retired, National Guard or Reserves is someone who at one point in his or her life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of 'up to and including' their life." — were all part of the program.

For Kapler and her fellow Freedom Strippers members, each program is a chance to thank veterans and award them with a quilt that they have earned by serving their country.

It is also a chance for the organization to share a small part of the stories that these men and women can tell.

Some served for a couple of years, others made the military a career. Most are now civilians but some are still on active duty. But as Kapler shared some of what transpired for the veterans in the armed services, she said she felt like doing so was an honor.

"We had the one veteran who had 56 medals and awards," she said, "and it never ceases to amaze me how family members will come up and tell me, 'We didn't know he had earned that many medals' or 'we didn't know this' or 'we didn't know that.'"

And even those who didn't receive a quilt with their sister, brother or father, Sunday's ceremony qualified as a family affair.

"One of the best parts of these programs for me is to see how the families come to support their veteran," Kapler said. "The pride you see in their faces for their dad, their son, their sister, their uncle, that means a lot to all of us. We know that family members have to sacrifice, too, when a loved one is in the military."

And for quilter Therese Orthaus, Sunday's program was extra special, for she was the one who pieced the quilts of both Abigail and Kennedy Nie, who just happen to be her granddaughters.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Current Army National Guard soldiers and sisters Abigail and Kennedy Nie (above) pose for a picture together during Sunday's Quilt of Valor presentation, and following the ceremony, all 19 recipients (below) face the "paparazzi."

- Army/Army Reserves Sgt. 1st Class Warren J. Gilbert.
- Army Spec. 4th Class Richard Hall.
- Army National Guard Spec. Alyssa Jones.
- Marine Corps Cpl. Jaykob Marvin.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Alicia Miller.
- Army National Guard Sgt. Abigail Nie.
- Army National Guard Sgt. Kennedy Nie.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jim Rethamel.
- Navy Engineer 2nd Class Petty Officer Robert Rethamel.
- Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Terry Rethamel.
- Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Gary Rethamel.
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7	8 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise	9 11:00 Congregate Meal 12:00 Congregate Meal 1:00 Euchre/Bridge	10 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise	11 FREE DONUT DAY! 9am Free Blood Pressure Screening NEI3A-Mom's Meals	12 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise	13 PRIVATE EVENT
14 PRIVATE EVENT	15 9:00 Coffee Club 9:00 Board Meeting 11:00 Exercise	16 11:00 Congregate Meal 12:00 Congregate Meal 1:00 Euchre/Bridge	17 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise	18 MOBILE FOOD BANK 4:00 PM - Volunteers Welcome	19 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise	20 PRIVATE EVENT
21	22 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise	23 11:00 Congregate Meal 12:00 Congregate Meal 1:00 Euchre/Bridge	24 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise	25 LIFE LINE SCREENING 9:00 AM - NEI3A-Mom's Meals	26 9:00 Coffee Club 11:00 Exercise	27
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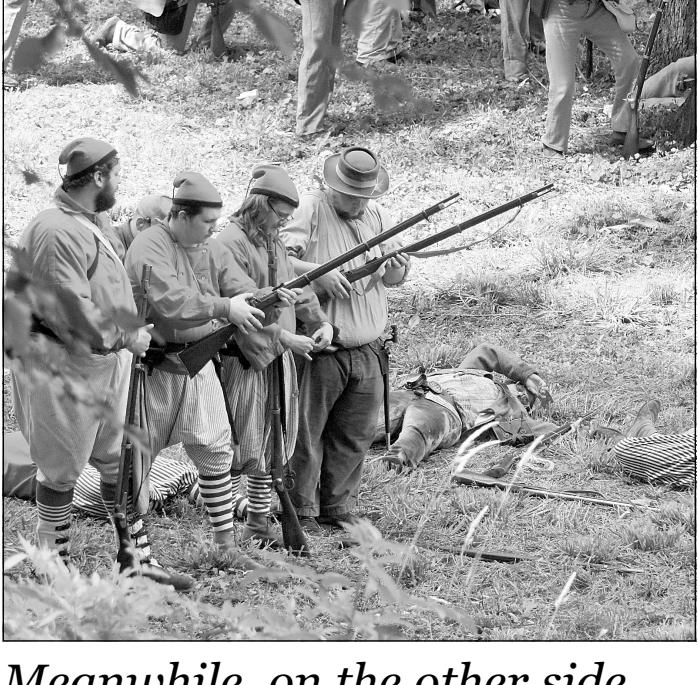
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Bob Fenkse/Tribune

The sun finally shines on Nashua events!

The Water Over the Dam Days parade makes its way down the street Saturday morning as Nashua's annual town festival finally got some weather to its liking. After having to delay several events on Thursday because of rain and moving all of its Friday events to the Big 4 Fairgrounds because of more rain, Saturday provided a perfect day for the county's second-largest city to wrap up "Festival Month." Sunny skies prevailed as Big 4 Fair Board volunteers Dave and Judy Bucknell (below left) serve as grand marshals of the parade and Nick Henningsen (below right), a city of New Hampton employee and Nashua resident, takes the plunge into the dunk tank during Saturday afternoon activities at Cedar View Park.



Meanwhile, on the other side of town, a little history!

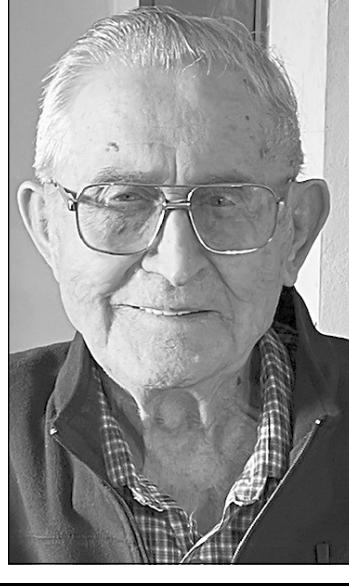
Confederate soldiers (above) prepare to advance on a Union position despite cannon fire (right) from the "Federals" during the annual Old Bradford Pioneer Village's Civil War Reenactment, that drew history lovers to the park near the Little Brown Church. The event was highlighted by "battles" fought each day by the re-enactors.

Paulson 100th birthday

Join us for an open house at the Chickasaw Event Center on Sunday, July 14, from 1 to 4 p.m. to celebrate Bud Paulson's 100th birthday.

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Bud was born on July 9, 1924, and we're excited to celebrate this milestone with him. If you'd like to send a card, you can mail it to 17298 200th Street, Elma, IA 50628.



Ending fund balances better than expected for the county

Department heads, though, ask the Board of Supervisors to begin work on next year's budget sooner than normal

BY BOB FENSKE
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Chickasaw County's Board of Supervisors received some good news Monday, the day the county kicked off its new fiscal year.

In short, the amount of money that various departments "gave back" to the county at the conclusion of the 2023-24 fiscal year was more than expected, which means healthier fund balances for the county.

During a long and trying budget season earlier this year, county leaders counted on receiving about \$500,000 in unspent monies for its General Basic (GB) fund, but according to Auditor Sheila Shekleton, the county could be receiving a little more than \$759,000 back from money budgeted for 2023-24.

"It's just a really good estimate," she told board members on Monday, "and I think we were predicting quite a bit less coming back. ... Good job everyone."

That was a message to department heads, and two of them — County Attorney David Laudner and Sheriff Ryan Shawer — asked the board to consider beginning work on the county's 2025-26 budget this fall.

Laudner said speaking as both a department head and an elected official that he believes

the county will face another tough budgeting year and that instead of waiting until December or January to begin budget talks, supervisors should push the timetable ahead.

"You should have at least a target range I would think as to what your cash balances are going to be remaining in those accounts and what your anticipated tax collectables are going to be so I would suggest you start working with us, sooner rather than later, this fall on a budget," he said. "At least, let's put some projected numbers in and see where we're at, instead of waiting until our normal time."

Shawer agreed, saying an earlier start on putting together the budget "will make the work sessions flow smoother."

According to figures compiled by Shekleton, the county should not only receive the \$759,000 back from GB budgets but will also get about \$278,000 back in General Supplemental budgets.

Supervisor Jake Hackman pointed out that Public Health spent \$232,000 less than budgeted while the Sheriff's Office returned \$132,000.

"I know some of it's GB, some of it's GS, but we're going to have some fund balances that are better than some people thought," he said. "That, I hope, is good news for taxpayers."

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7:00pm Softball: Varsity Varsity (Rescheduled from 05-24-24) vs. Springville @ Turkey Valley High School Softball Field

Monday, July 8, 2024

School Board Meeting

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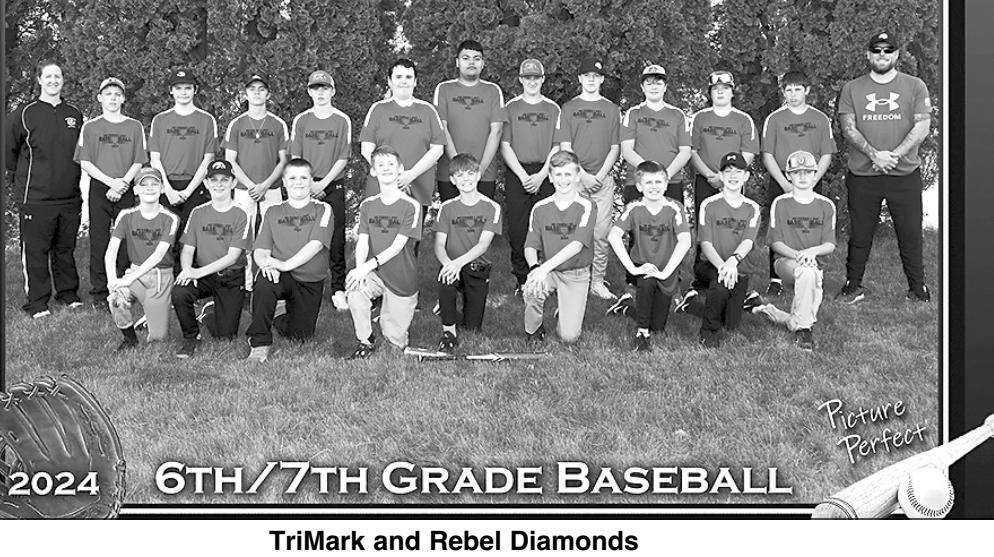
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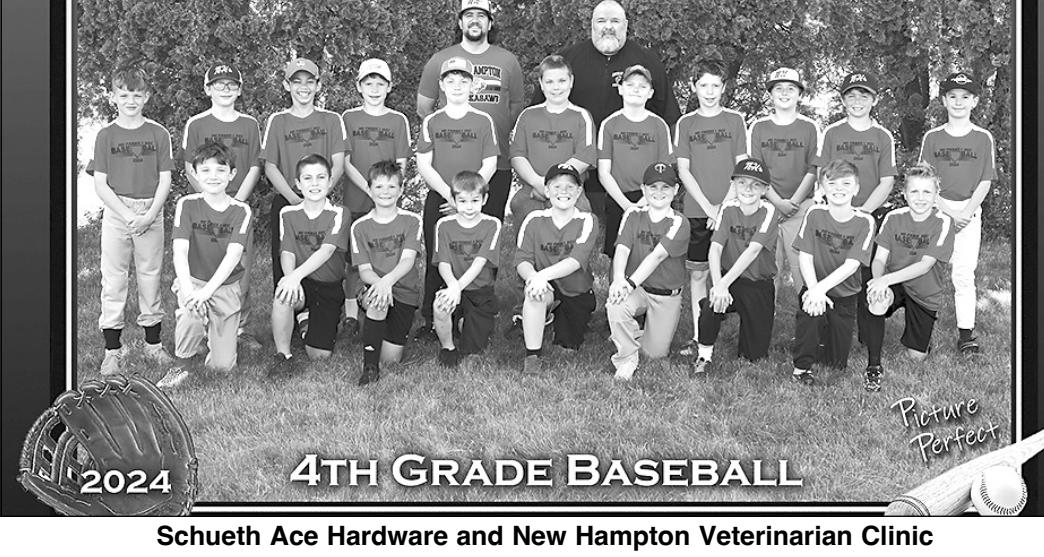
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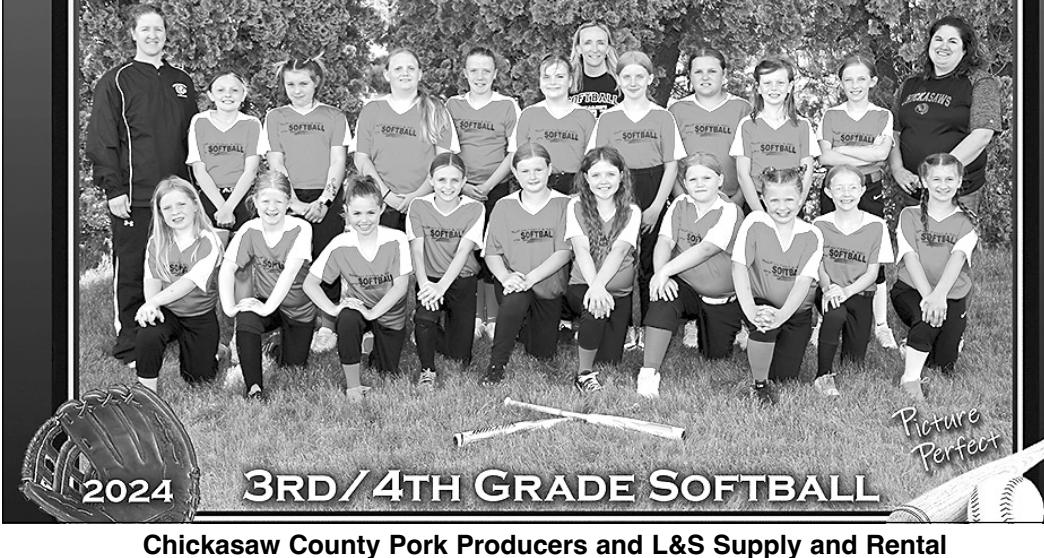
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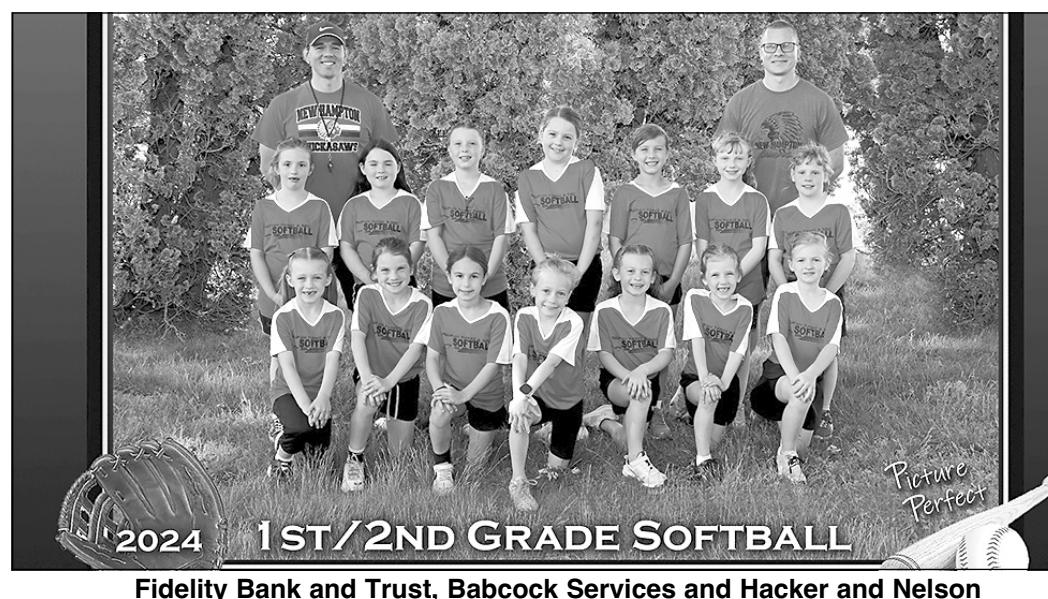
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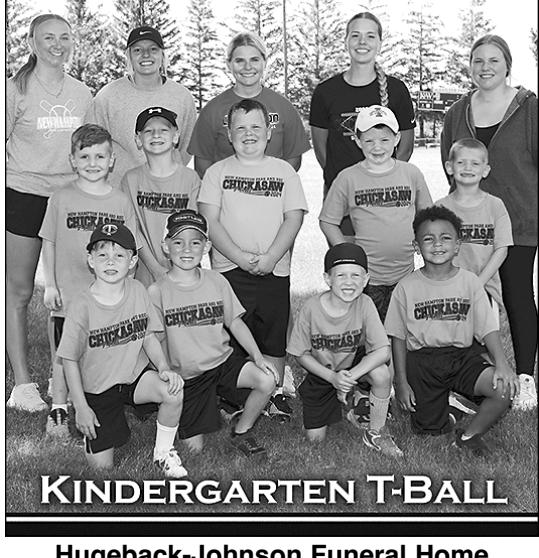
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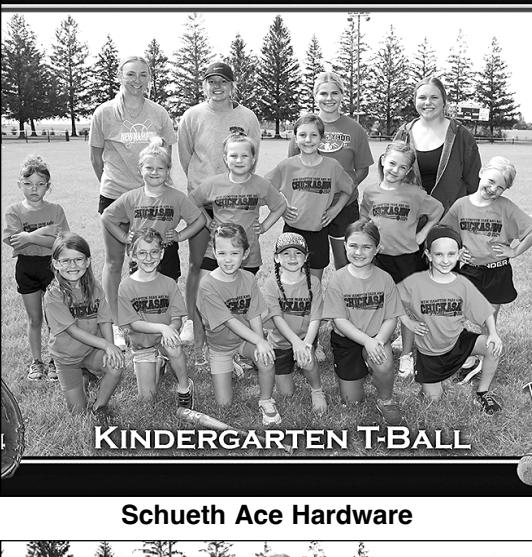
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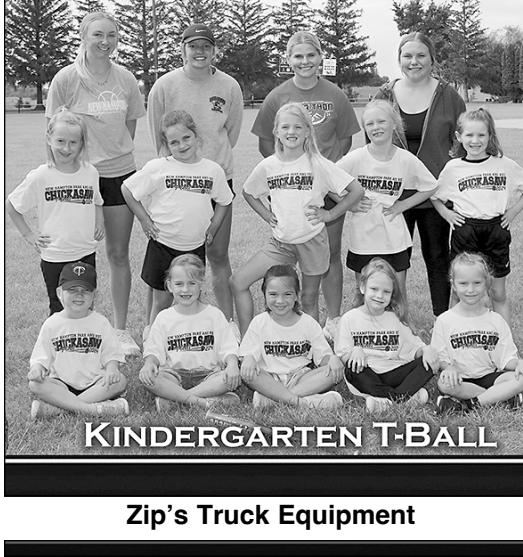


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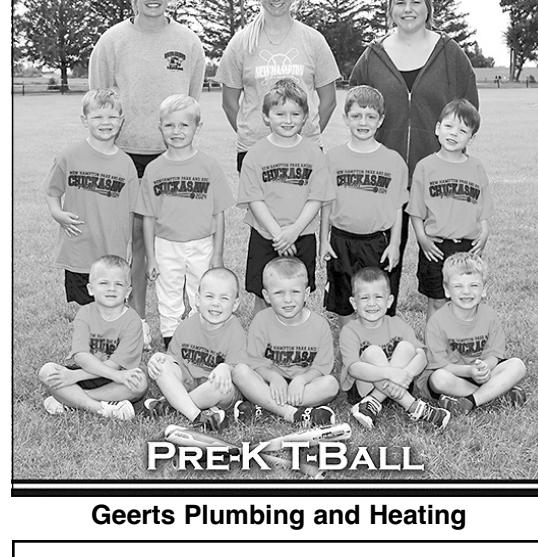
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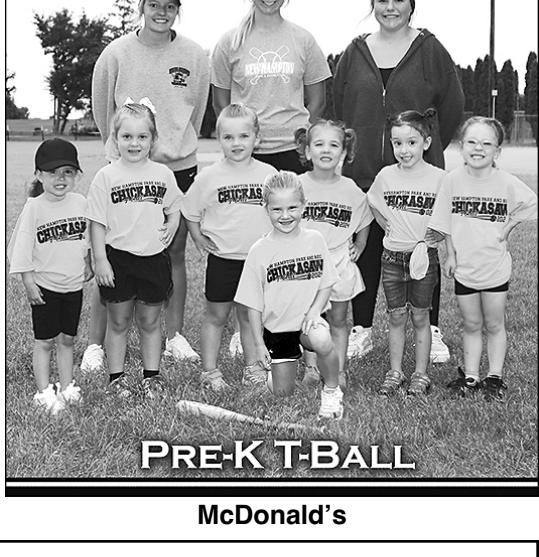


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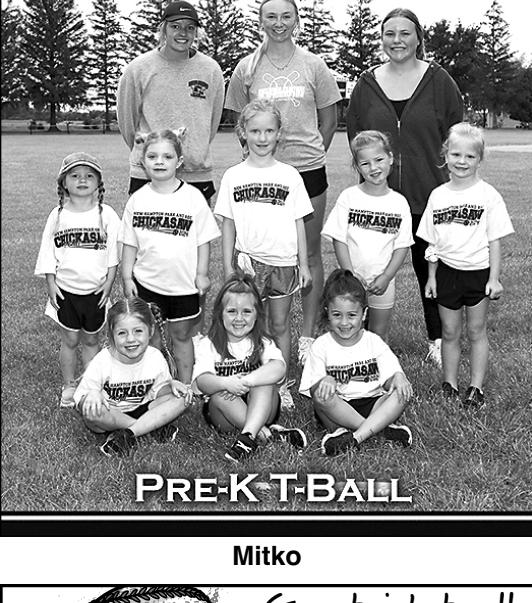
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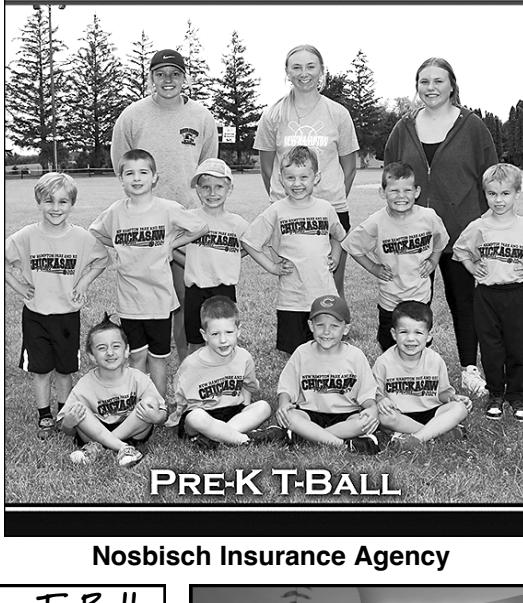


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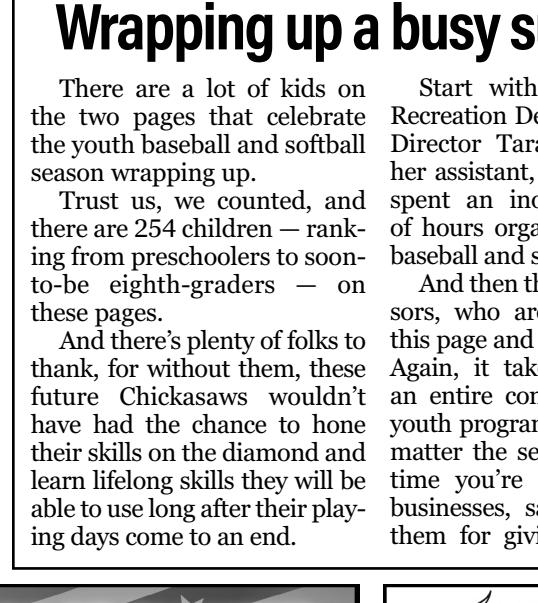
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PRE-K T-BALL

Wrapping up a busy summer with lots of kids

There are a lot of kids on the two pages that celebrate the youth baseball and softball season wrapping up.

Trust us, we counted, and there are 254 children — ranking from preschoolers to soon-to-be eighth-graders — on these pages.

And there's plenty of folks to thank, for without them, these future Chickasaws wouldn't have had the chance to hone their skills on the diamond and learn lifelong skills they will be able to use long after their playing days come to an end.

opportunity to play.

And then there are the coaches — many of whom are volunteers who in addition to their full-time jobs, volunteer countless hours to the 254 kids who are pictured on this page.

Finally, we'll say thank you to our umpires, many of whom were just a year or two out from their own youth sports.

We hope our kids and their parents had a great summer at the diamond ... and we're already looking forward to 2025 on the diamond.

— Bob Fenske

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Chickasaw girls will get to stay at home for softball playoffs

New Hampton picks up two non-league wins; learns it could have two home regional games

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Destination Mikkelsen Park – home, sweet home.

If there's one telltale indication of just where the state of the New Hampton softball program currently rests – it's where the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) sent the Chickasaws when postseason regional pairings were released

late Wednesday afternoon last week.

They didn't send them anywhere.

That's right – when Class 3A, Region 7 opening round play gets underway next week on Thursday, July 11 – New Hampton won't need to hop on the bus or drive very far at all as New Hampton will host

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New Hampton's Cora Schwickerath makes solid contact with the softball in a game played earlier this season at Mikkelsen Park.



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A happy group of New Hampton Chickasaws greet Braden McShane at the plate after he smacked a home run in the first game of a doubleheader with Waverly-Shell Rock on Monday evening.

A CHAMPIONSHIP SPLIT

CLUTCH PERFORMANCES LIFT CHICKASAWS TO GAME ONE WIN OVER W-SR TO CLAIM AT LEAST SHARE OF NEIC TITLE

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There was something in the air Monday night at Mikkelsen Park.

Baseball fans in New Hampton often can't put a finger on it, but they know it when they see it.

Chickasaw coach Cory McDonald calls it "Senior Night Magic" and that winning brand

of baseball was on full display on Monday evening in what turned out to be one of New Hampton's finest performances of the 2024 season.

That's why the Chickasaws' home diamond had a championship feel to it – albeit rain-soaked – in the biggest NEIC doubleheader of the year as New Hampton squared off in a key conference clash for all the marbles.

And they didn't disappoint.

The Chickasaws, ranked sixth in Class 2A, continued its

triumphant run of success stories this summer with its first league title in five years as New Hampton blanked Waverly-Shell Rock in the opener, 4-0, behind junior Jaxon Eckley's heroic performance on the hill and senior Braden McShane's three-run blast in the first inning.

"Congratulations to our six seniors for clinching a share of a conference title on their Senior Night. I talk about 'Senior Night Magic' a lot. I can't explain it," smiled McDonald.

On a night that saw the sky open up in the nightcap and force a 50-minute lightning delay – New Hampton reeled in its first league crown since 2019. The Chickasaws earned at least a share of the conference title and looked to win the league title outright on Wednesday at home versus Waukon in a makeup game that was postponed from last Friday.

"If we just beat Waukon like we know we're going to do and

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Busta grand slam walks off CR

Nieman ends Clarksville game in thrilling fashion

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The Turkey Valley Trojans had a flair for the dramatic this past week.

That's a giant understatement.

Dan Stepan's Trojans came up clutch with their backs against the wall in the opening game of a doubleheader at home last week Thursday against Clayton Ridge (8-16, 8-10).

Squaring off against Eagle junior Max Nuehring – who had a no-hitter headed into the bottom of the seventh inning – the Trojans rallied and in a big way. Nuehring struck out his 11th batter of the game for the first out in that final frame. Pinch hitter Jordan Kriener then singled and started the rally. Nuehring was pulled from the game and Alex Hanson continued the hit barrage for TV with another single. Trojan senior Russell Nieman got on board with the Trojans' third-consecutive single and that set the stage for sophomore star Logan Busta.

Busta promptly smacked a Seth Kregel pitch to dead-away center field for a grand slam to walk the game off for an improbable 4-2 win.

Nieman worked around a two-out double on the hill in the top of the half of the seventh to earn the win. Busta started



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Turkey Valley senior Russell Nieman throws a pitch to the plate versus New Hampton this year.

Wednesday at home versus Clarksville, Nieman walked off the Indians in the bottom of the eighth inning with a single to help his squad prevail by a score of 2-1.

Hunter Kruse, a sophomore, was tough on the mound in the start for TV against Clarksville (1-17). He surrendered five hits and allowed the lone earned run in seven innings of work. He struck out six and walked two. Hanson worked the seventh inning and did not allow a hit.

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