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Supervisors will go without Comp Board

New law means counties can opt out of having board; county leaders say they will do own 'homework'

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Chickasaw County will forgo using its Compensation Board this year when it comes to setting salaries for the county's elected officials, thanks to a decision by the Board of Supervisors at a meeting Monday.

The panels often referred to as comp boards were required under

Iowa law, but in the wee hours of the 2024 Legislative session, lawmakers approved a tax bill, Senate File 2442, that included dramatic changes to compensation boards.

"I'm still not 100 percent certain that I agree with the interpretation as to how this is going to work stylistically," Chickasaw County Attorney David Launder told board members Monday, "but the bottom line is it

seems clear that you need to take some action if you in fact want to utilize the Compensation Board. Whether it is automatically disbanded or not, I think is irrelevant at this point."

Under the old law, compensation boards were required to make salary recommendations for a county's elected officials to supervisors, who could then either accept them or decrease them proportionally. The only exception was for supervisor salaries, which meant that if a board of supervisors decreased the county attorney's pay increase by 50 percent, then the recommended pay increases for the auditor, recorder, sheriff and treasurer also had to be decreased by 50 percent.

Senate File 2442, though, changed the process.

"You now have 100 percent authority, if you utilize [the Compensation Board], to either accept the recommendation, to lower it or to even raise it now and you can

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North Washington native Michelle Kalinay listens to a young 4-H member talk about her project during the Chickasaw County 4-H and Achievement Show on Tuesday afternoon.

STARTING OFF THE SHOW!

FOOD AND NUTRITION JUDGE EXCITED TO RETURN TO HER HOME COUNTY FOR ANNUAL 4-H AND FFA ACHIEVEMENT SHOW

By BOB FENSKA
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Michelle Kalinay laughed Tuesday afternoon when she was asked if she could remember how she felt the first time she had a project judged at the Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show that is held each year at the

Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.

"I'm old and that was so long ago, I honestly don't remember," she said, "but I'm sure I was a little nervous, especially that first time."

She was less nervous on Tuesday when the North Washington native returned to Chickasaw County to serve as a food and nutrition judge during the Achievement Show's kickoff event —

the Static Show in which 4-Hers from around the county showed off their food, photographs, wood projects and more.

And also excited.

"I've judged before at other fairs," she said, "but this is the first time coming back to

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'Crunch time' here for New Hampton and its lead survey

Public Works director says surveys must be completed by Oct. 16 or city could face fines

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The pace needs to pick up and quickly, too, when it comes to New Hampton property owners filling out a survey that the city's public works director said is mandated by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency.

"We're in the stretch run, and we really have reached crunch time," New Hampton Public Works Director Casey Mai said. "It takes about a minute, two tops, to fill it out, and I've been told by the DNR and the EPA if we don't have them all filled out, the city will be fined. That's the last thing we need when we're dealing with tight budgets anyway."

As of Monday, 1,087 property owners in the city had completed the so-called Lead Service-Line Inventory survey. But there are 1,679 properties in the city, meaning that slightly more than 35 percent of properties have owners who have yet to fill out the survey that the city must report to both the DNR and the EPA by Oct. 16.

Considering that Mai and the city first made the pitch for surveys to be completed in the fall of 2022, crunch time has indeed arrived.

The survey is needed because two years ago, the EPA revised its "Lead-Copper Rule" in an effort to avoid the situation that occurred in 2008 in Flint, Michigan, where residents were sickened by the city's water supply.

Mai said the survey is limited to just a few basic questions, name, address, where the water service line enters a structure, what material makes up the service line, what style of water meter does the structure have, does the structure have a sump pump, and if so, where is the water being discharged.

Mai said most structures have their service lines enter through the basement. Those without

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Owner of Tribune announces the purchase of Decorah publications

Enterprise Media CEO Christopher Hall adds Decorah newspaper, shopper to firm's roster of Iowa publications

The Decorah Public Opinion and its associated shopper, the Driftless Journal, were acquired by Enterprise Media, owner of the New Hampton Tribune, as of July 1.



The Charles City-based publishing company was founded in 2016 by Christopher Hall and his wife Kristin Hall. The pair of Decorah publications were previously under the editorship of Kate Klemish of Driftless Multimedia, whose family purchased the local newspaper in July of 2021 after being

involved with the publications for several years.

The publications will be renamed as part of the transition — the Decorah Public Opinion will be redubbed the Decorah Leader, while the Driftless Journal will simply be known as The Driftless moving forward. The Decorah Leader will be helmed by incoming News Editor Seth Boyes, while Christopher Hall, the CEO of Enterprise Media, will oversee much of the business and advertising aspects of the operation alongside the local staff.

Decorah has a proud history of notable newspaper work, dating back to the early days of

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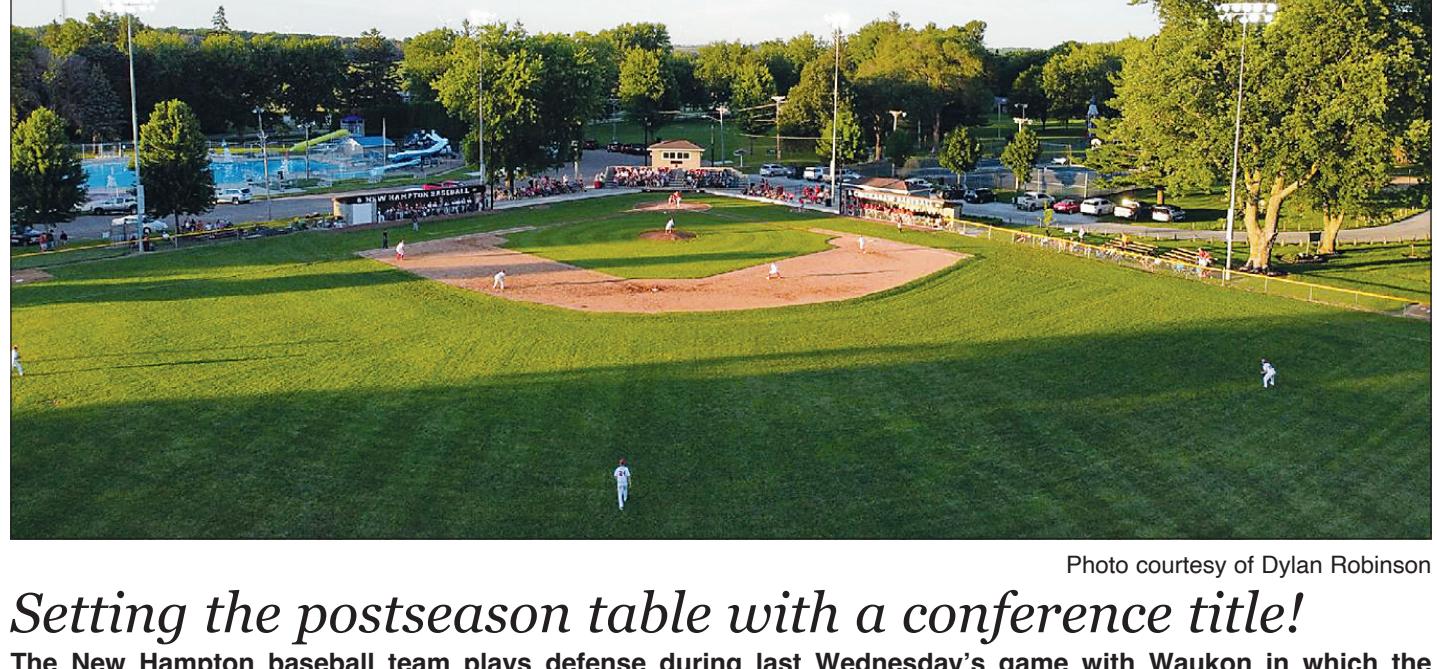


Photo courtesy of Dylan Robinson

Setting the postseason table with a conference title!

The New Hampton baseball team plays defense during last Wednesday's game with Waukon in which the Chickasaws claimed a 3-1 win to win the outright Northeast Iowa Conference championship. Fresh off its first league title in five years, the Chickasaws opened postseason play against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura at Mikkelsen Park Tuesday evening.

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Playoff win
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New Hampton softball team looking to make 3A regional run

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Brown resigns his Iowa Senate seat

St. Ansgar farmer recently won close, says he's 'forever grateful' to his constituents

BY BOB STEENSON

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Sen. Waylon Brown, who represented Chickasaw County for six years in the Iowa Senate, has announced he is resigning from the Legislature effective Wednesday, July 10.

Brown, from St. Ansgar, had just won the primary election June 4 as the Republican Party's nominee to seek re-election in Iowa Senate District 30, which includes the parts of Floyd, Mitchell, Worth and Cerro Gordo counties.

Before redistricting took place following the 2020 Census, Brown represented what was then District 26, which included all of Chickasaw, Floyd, Worth and Mitchell counties as well as parts of Cerro Gordo and Winneshiek counties.

He did not give a reason for his decision, but commented on accomplishments he said he had been a part of in the Legislature, as well as thanking supporters.

Brown had defeated challenger Doug Campbell of Mason City in the June 4 Republican primary, by a 52.8% to 47.2% margin across District 30, which includes parts of Floyd, Mitchell, Worth and Cerro Gordo counties.

"I will forever be grateful to the people of my district who entrusted me to represent them

in the Iowa State Capitol," Brown said in his statement announcing his resignation. "I'm thankful for my wife, Julie, and our two kids, who have supported me throughout my tenure as state senator."

The Republican Party of Cerro Gordo County announced that the party would hold a nominating convention within the next 30 days to select a new candidate for the Republican nomination for District 30. Republican representatives of the counties that are part of District 30 will attend the convention.

Primary election opponent Campbell would be eligible to be selected by the convention as the party's candidate, but that decision will be up to the convention delegates.

Brown was first elected to the Legislature in 2016 and won reelection in 2020 and 2022.

Brown is the majority whip for the Republican majority Senate, and is chair of the Senate Commerce Committee.

He has been the object of some disapproval by opponents of carbon dioxide pipeline proposals, because legislation that passed in the Iowa House that would limit the use of eminent domain or make judicial challenges easier has been blocked in the Senate, including in Brown's Commerce Committee.

Photo by Bob Fenske/Tribune

Sign of the recent times

Large "thunderheads" can be seen to the east of New Hampton Monday afternoon, and although these storms for the most part missed Chickasaw County, July is off to a wet start in the area. Through Monday, New Hampton had already received 4.67 inches of rain this month, which is the amount of rain it receives for the entire month of July. And while the forecast calls for just pop-up storms in the coming days, in 2024, that almost seems like a 100 percent chance of rain, doesn't it?

Recorders take a break from continuing ed to fight cancer

Each summer the Iowa County Recorder's Association meets for continuing education in one of the state's six districts, and last month, Okoboji was the meeting destination.

As elected officials, the recorders have a formal certification program which offers learning sessions that broadly impact their professional role in the county.

Courses are focused on leadership and ethics, open meetings and open record laws, communication, human resources and office management, Iowa Code, tech applications and local government and budgeting.

The two-year program will culminate with a graduation ceremony at the Iowa State Association of Counties Annual Conference in August.

This year's summer meeting provided a variety of learning opportunities, as well as long-term planning and team building.

The Iowa County Recorder's Association often refers to itself as "a family" because the relationships formed throughout the state are more than just professional, they are based on genuine caring for the members.

In the last year, cancer has been a focus of additional concern, so as District 3 (made up of 17 northwest Iowa counties) planned this event it was decided to provide an opportunity to do good work beyond the "good deeds" recorders consistently do in their offices via real estate filings.

The Pink Tractor Foundation provided support to members of our association facing cancer battles in recent years and so it was chosen as our focus for philanthropy. All ICRA members, including Chickasaw



Iowa County Recorders Association

County recorders from around the state, including Chickasaw County's Shirley Troyna (hint, she's near the front!) pose for a picture during a recent meeting in which they made a contribution to the Pink Tractor Foundation.

County Recorder Shirley Troyna, were invited to contribute by purchasing ICRA & PTF pink shirts, making cash donations and bidding in an Iowa State-Iowa silent auction.

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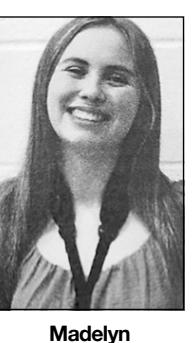
Emma Brincks



Elizabeth Deere



Aleah Eichenberger



Madelyn Hennings



Luella Reicks

Quintet seeking to be next Chickasaw County fair queen

Five young women are vying to represent Chickasaw County as its fair queen next month at the Iowa State Fair.

The new queen will be crowned on Saturday evening, when the Chickasaw County 4-H and Achievement Show will hold its annual barbecue and awards ceremony.

This year's event will begin at 5 p.m. at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua and include a meal provided by the Chickasaw County Cattlemen's Association.

The new queen will take over from 2023 Chickasaw County Fair Queen Tori Bearman, who will wrap up her reign during this year's Achievement Show. Those seeking to replace Bearman are the following:

- Elizabeth Deere** is the 16-year-old daughter of Ben and Mistie Deere. She is currently attending New Hampton High School where she is active in FFA, Interact, Student Senate, and Skills USA.

Outside of school she is active in 4-H where she has gained many important leadership experiences.

During her spare time Elizabeth enjoys photography, painting, reading, fishing, hunting, figure 8 races, and babysitting.

- Aleah Eichenberger** is the 17-year-

old daughter of Jeremy and Heather Eichenberger. She is currently attending New Hampton High School where she is active in FFA, band, volleyball, girls wrestling, trapshooting, large group speech, interact club, and student senate.

Outside of school she is active in 4H and county council where she has served as her club's president and secretary before.

During her spare time Aleah enjoys working with her livestock, going to the racetrack and lifting weights.

- Luella Reicks** is the 17-year-old daughter of Rory and Trish Reicks. She is currently attending the Turkey Valley High School where she is active in student senate, yearbook, FFA, Cross Age Teaching, and Large Group Speech.

Outside of school she is active in 4-H, IJBBBA, County Council, and Iowa Simmental Association, and donating blood locally.

In her spare time Luella enjoys showing cattle with her sister, riding horses, getting ice cream, and teaching swim lessons at the New Hampton Pool.

- Emma Brincks** is the 17-year-old daughter of Emily Brincks. She is currently attending Turkey Valley High School where

she is active in FFA, golf, band, choir, plays and musicals, and student senate.

Outside of school Emma is active in Anne's dancers, Feeding the Farmers, donating blood, and volunteering in her community.

During her spare time, Emma enjoys spending time with her friends and family, going to the races, volunteering, and staying active in her FFA Chapter.

- Madelyn Hennings** is the 16-year-old daughter of Greg and Valerie Hennings. She is currently attending Nashua Plainfield High School where she is active in cheer, band, jazz band, choir, NHS, FCCLA, Husky Leadership Team, yearbook committee, and youth group.

Outside of school she is active in 4-H, county council, and dance. Madelyn enjoys volunteering wherever she can including at her church, local concession stands, and even at youth 4-H camps.

In her spare time you can find her writing music, playing piano, dancing, or baking.

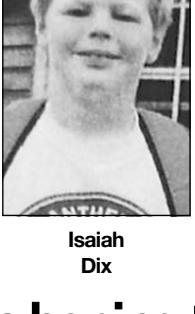
If she is crowned queen her goals are to grow 4-H membership and increase involvement/participating in 4-H while still being a positive role model for younger children.



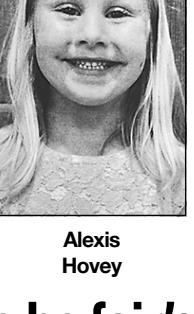
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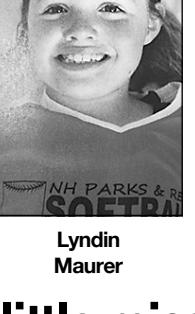
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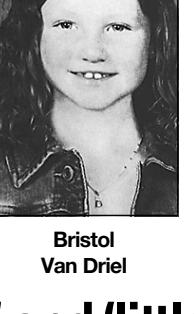
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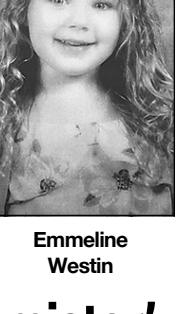
Alexis Hovey



Lyndin Maurer



Bristol Van Driel



Emmeline Westin

Meet the youngsters hoping to be fair's 'little miss' and 'little mister'

In addition to the five queen candidates, six girls and one boy are seeking the titles of Chickasaw County Fair Little Miss and Little Mister during Saturday evening's program.

They include:

- Jaycelyn Bailey** is the 7 1/2-year-old daughter of Kelly and Matthew Bailey.

She currently attends Nashua Plainfield Elementary.

Outside of school she is active in her church youth group, and her local 4H club. Her favorite things to do include playing games, traveling to see new places, and making crafts. Her favorite thing about the fair is showing her animals, watching her family show in the celebrity showmanship contest, and of course the milk shakes.

Her favorite things to do in Chickasaw County are go to the wooden park, bike trial, and the swimming pool in New Hampton.

- Natalie Bailey** is the 5-year-old daughter of Matt and Kelly Bailey.

She currently attends Nashua Plainfield Elementary.

Outside of school she is active in her church youth group. Her favorite things to do include going to school, playing with baby dolls, camping, boating, and swimming. Her favorite thing about the fair is the playground, helping her sister with her animals, and of course the milkshakes.

Her favorite things to do in Chickasaw County are go to Dairy Treat for ice cream, play at the wooden park, go on the

bike trails, and swim at the pool in New Hampton.

- Isaiah Dix** is the 8-year-old son of Jade and Kevin Dix.

He is currently attending Fredericksburg Elementary.

Isaiah stays active in his 4-H Club and with his baseball team. His favorite hobbies include riding his bike, playing with friends, and baseball. His favorite thing about the fair is seeing all of the animals and events and of course getting ice cream.

His favorite things to do in Chickasaw County are go on the bike trail with his dad and go fishing.

- Alexis Hovey** is the 6-year-old daughter of Walker and Jennifer Hovey.

She is currently attending Nashua Plainfield Elementary.

Outside of school she is active in dolphin gymnastics. Her favorite things to do include riding her bike, gymnastics, puzzles, color, and play dress-up. Her favorite things about the fair are the rides, animals, and food.

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- Lyndin Maurer** is the 8-year-old daughter of Heather and Will Maurer.

She is currently attending New Hampton Elementary.

Outside of school she is active in her 4H Club and LIGHT. Her hobbies include swimming in the pond, driving the golf

cart, showing cattle, playing with all her animals, softball, gymnastics, and calving season! Her favorite thing about the fair is being able to see her fair friends and showing her animals.

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- Bristol Van Driel** is the 7-year-old daughter of Justin and Kim VanDriel.

She is currently attending the New Hampton Elementary, where she is active in clover kids and outside of school she is active in LIGHT and Ninja U.

Her hobbies include riding her bike, playing at the park, softball, basketball, and riding her horses.

Her favorite thing about the fair is seeing all of the horses and her favorite thing about Chickasaw County is the park.

- Emmeline Westin** is the 5-year-old daughter of Shannon and Alan Westin.

She currently attends Fredericksburg Elementary and stays active in the library program and kids club.

Her favorite hobbies include riding her bike/scooter, swimming, singing, dancing, and catching bugs. Her favorite thing about the fair is the dragon roller coaster, the music, and of course the cotton candy.

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Public Works director: Survey takes only two minutes, tops, to fill out

SURVEY: FROM 1

basements also have the service line enter the structure either in a utility room or a garage. He added that most service lines are copper but some may be lead, galvanized or plastic.

"We're willing to help people out with this; in fact I'd bet I've helped on 500 of them but we need to get this done," he said. "We've tried about every-

thing — we put a notice on their bills, I walked the town and put up door hangers, had it on Facebook and in the paper."

Mai's latest effort was to send out 670 "last-chance" letters to residents last week, and he said the good news is that in less than a week, 53 property owners completed their surveys.

"I remember when we first started, two years seemed like a long time but I did say then that it'll be here sooner than

later," Mai said, "and it's here right now."

The public works director said that residents can fill out the survey either online or on paper, and reminded property owners that they can call him at 641-557-8244 if they need help completing it.

He said in addition to meeting EPA and DNR requirements, the survey is also helping his department with what he called "inventory" issues.

The final two questions — the ones dealing with water meters and sump pumps — are city driven.

He pointed out that if lead service lines are discovered, property owners may be eligible for funding to replace those lines.

"It doesn't cost the property owner a dime to fill it out," he said, "and like I said, it's two minutes at the most and will keep us from getting fined."

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Tribune parent company adds Decorah to its roster

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the Decorah Posten, and we're thankful to Kate and her crew for the opportunity to write the next chapter in that legacy," Hall said. "Kate has led the Public Opinion and Driftless Journal for several years now. She and the team here have made connections across the community, and we hope to build on the momentum they have gained among their readers."

In addition to the updated mastheads, Enterprise Media plans to place a renewed focus on local news and sports coverage within the core Decorah market. Moving forward, byline news coverage, sports and legal notices will be published in the Decorah Leader, while the Driftless will serve as the area's free advertising shopper.

"We're going to grow the Decorah Leader by cultivating more in-depth local coverage of the Decorah market," Hall said.

"That is something that we will need the community's help and support in doing, but ultimately we aim to improve on many of the things the paper is already doing and hopefully make the Decorah Leader into one of the best newspapers in the state."

The Decorah operation will join Enterprise Media's roster of Iowa publications, including the Charles City Press — where the two Decorah products are physically printed — the Kossuth County Advance, the New Hampton Tribune, the Nashua Reporter, the Spencer Reporter and the Dickinson County News.

Boyes has written for both the Spencer Reporter and the Dickinson County News over the course of his eight years in the industry. He began his news career as a staff writer at the Spencer Reporter in the spring of 2016, transitioning to the Dickinson County News early the following year. In 2021, he was named news editor at the DCN and served as the sole news writer for the weekly newspaper and its 1,200 subscribers in northwest Iowa. He was also responsible for supplying news content in the Okoboji — a free

weekly summer publication circulated throughout the Iowa Great Lakes region — as well as the annual Experience Okoboji visitors guide.

"I actually gave my notice to the company earlier this spring, thinking my family's move to Decorah this summer would mark the end of my time behind a news desk," Boyes said. "Unbeknownst to me, Chris had already been looking at purchasing the Decorah paper for some time before that, so when he approached me several months later about filling the editor's position in the very town I was moving to, I didn't hesitate to jump on board."

During Boyes' eight years writing local news, he has earned 10 first-place awards individually from the Iowa Better Newspaper Association for his writing and photography, in addition to more than 25 second and third-place honors.

His work also contributed to numerous staff awards for the Dickinson County News, which has placed among the top three newspapers in its competition category 14 times since 2011 — taking the top slot seven times, two of which occurred during Boyes' time on staff there.

"I've been fortunate to have learned from some very experienced editors and publishers who are dedicated to print journalism before I ever sat in an editor's chair myself," Boyes said. "I'm excited to share my skills and knowledge with the talented staff here in Decorah can continue providing quality news coverage for the community they know so well."

Northeast Iowa isn't entirely new territory for Boyes and his family. The news editor was born in Elkader, where his mother worked for the Clayton County Register.

Though the family moved while he was still young, they often visited family and friends in communities like Guttenberg and Garnavillo. Boyes' wife Janet is a 2009 graduate of Luther College, and her family has owned property in Glenwood Township since the early '90s, prompting many a visit each year.

Schley 'Cheese' Fest set for Cresco a week from this Saturday

On Saturday, July 20 the Schley "Cheese" Fest will be held at Reno's fest grounds, located southwest of Cresco.

Among the events at the fest is a vintage show and shine from 2-5 p.m., which is also the time period bingo will be hosted by the Cresco American Legion. Three live bands will be performing from 2-midnight and bouncy houses and carnival games are set for 2-7 p.m.

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Mass: Sunday, 7:15 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller

107 Wood St. Elma

Service time: 9 a.m.
Sunday.

NORTH WASHINGTON

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, July 20,
6 p.m.

Be patient and wait

We need to always remember that God is the creator

When I was younger on the farm, there was a saying about the growing corn: "If the corn is knee-high by the fourth of July, it'll be a good crop year!"

It seems that the saying has changed over the years because these days the corn needs to be more like shoulder or head high. I don't know why the saying has changed, but over the years changes have happened.

The corn has been growing quickly these last few weeks with the rain and sunshine,

I think you could stand at the edge of the field and see it grow. I remember my grandma saying that she could hear it

grow during a time of rain and sun like we've been having.

As we read in Ephesians 1, verses 3-14, Paul writes that God has a plan for the fullness of time ... that time when God's promises are fulfilled.

The promises, filled with hope for peace and future blessings, have an unknown time of completion because only God knows the time.

Therefore, the fullness of time is about growth, waiting, paying attention, and listening to and for God.

Much like the farmers and fruit growers know to pay attention to the signs to know when the

time is right for harvest. Just as the weather cannot always be predicted accurately, harvest time cannot be predicted either.

People who have been farming for a long time can recognize the signs of harvest being ready.

As we learned a few weeks ago about the seed – we plant it, and it grows, even though we don't know how it happens.

God is the creator. God is the one who makes birth and death and growth and decay happen.

The fullness of God's Kingdom must come, completely, at "the fullness of times," which will be at some time in



Pastor Sue Cira serves Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church in rural Lawler.

the future . . . that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times God might gather together all things into the loving embrace of Christ . . . all things, both which are in heaven and which are on earth. We only need to be patient and wait, pay attention, and listen.



Church Spotlight

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By day the LORD directs his love,
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Psalm 42:8

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REPUBLIC CHURCH

1794 280th St., Ionia

Pastor Sarah Namukose

Service time: 10:30 a.m.
a.m. Sundays.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

314 Brasher Street

Pastor Sarah Namukose

Service time: 9 a.m.
Sundays.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

300 Merrill St.

Pastor Todd Burrichter

Service time: 9 a.m.
Sundays.

CEDAR POINT CHURCH

310 Main Street

Pastor Darin Cerwinski

Service time: 6:30 p.m.
Friday.

ST. MICHAELS CHURCH

602 Cedar Street

Father Tom Heathershaw

Service time: 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays.

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10009 Union Ave.

Pastor Drew McHolm

Service time: Sunday,
9 a.m.

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404 2nd St.

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Pastor Roberta Robbins

Service time: Sunday,
8:30 a.m.

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Father Nick Radloff

Mass: Saturday, 4 p.m.

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2616 140th St., Lawler

Pastor Sue Cira

Service time: 9:30 a.m.,
Sunday.

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222 S. Washington Ave.

Pastor Ron Koch

Service time: 8:30 a.m.,
Sundays.

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221 Oak St.

Pastor Scott Smith

Service time: 9 a.m.,
Sundays.

WAUCOMA

ST. MARY CATHOLIC

218 3rd St. NW

Father Nick Radloff

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

How Strong Is Your Emergency Fund?

You can't predict financial emergencies — but you can prepare for them.

To do that, you can build an emergency fund to pay for unexpected expenses, some of which may be sizable. Without one, you might be forced to dip into your investments, possibly including your retirement accounts, such as your IRA or 401(k). If this happens, you might have to pay taxes and penalties, and you'd be withdrawing dollars that could otherwise be growing over time to help pay for your retirement.

In thinking about such a fund, consider these questions:

• How much should I save?

The size of your emergency fund should be based on several factors, including your income, your spouse's income and your cost of living. However, for most people in their working years, three to six months of total expenses is adequate. Once you're retired, though, you may want to keep up to a year's worth of expenses in your emergency fund — because you don't want to be forced to cash out investments when their price may be down, and you may not be replenishing these accounts any longer.

• How can I build an emergency fund?

Given all your normal expenses — mortgage, utilities, food, transportation and others — you might find it challenging to set aside some extra money in an emergency fund. But you do have opportunities. If you're working, you could set up a direct deposit so that part of your paycheck goes directly into your emergency fund. You could also save a portion of any extra income you receive, such as bonuses and tax refunds.

• Where should I keep the money?

An emergency fund has two key requirements: You need to be able to access the money immediately and you need to count on a certain amount being available. So, it's a good idea to keep your emergency fund in a liquid, low-risk account that offers protection of principal. For this fund, you're less inter-



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ested in growth than you are in stability. But because interest rates have recently changed, you may be able to get a reasonable return without sacrificing liquidity or safety.

• What types of emergencies should I prepare for? Your emergency fund could be needed for any number of events: a job loss or early retirement, housing or auto repairs, unreimbursed medical bills, unexpected travel, and so on. But this fund may also be needed to help you cope with other threats. Consider this: In 2023, the U.S. saw a record 28 weather and climate disasters, each of which resulted in at least \$1 billion in damages — and often many times this amount — according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Depending on where you live, your home or business may be susceptible to tornadoes, floods, wildfires, hurricanes and extreme heat and cold waves. These events can, and do, result in property repair and relocation costs, higher insurance premiums and even price increases for basic goods, such as groceries and prescription medications.

One final word about an emergency fund: It takes discipline to maintain it and to avoid tapping into it for everyday expenses or impulse purchases. The name says it all — this is a fund that should only be used for emergencies. By keeping it intact until it's truly needed, you can help yourself weather many of the storms that may come your way.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

A good morning to learn to swim!

One of the rites of summer in New Hampton is this: Hundreds of children will learn how to swim. And on Tuesday morning, dozens of kids were at the New Hampton Municipal Pool to take part in the second of two swimming lesson sessions the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department offers on an annual basis.

The department's director, Tara Hackman, said that more than 400 children will take part in lessons at the pool this summer and added that having an additional five water safety instructors (WSIs) has helped make lessons in 2024 run smoothly.

Pictured are (clockwise) Tierney Perkins enjoying a laugh with two children in her class, Brooke Vestal teaching youngsters the importance of pool safety, Madison Shawver demonstrating a stroke in the deep end and Kaylee Baker keeping her eye on a young swimmer.



Briefs

Fredericksburg art gallery to hold Ladies' Tea on July 16

Plum Creek Art/Connie Mohr Gallery is planning a special event for July 16.

The event is a Ladies' Tea called Magical Delights. Dessert will be served, and there will be an opportunity to make a fairy wand.

All area women are welcome, there is no need to register and no fee for attending. This gathering will be at the gallery in Fredericksburg on July 16 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Charles City to hold 'Party in the Park' this Friday evening

Charles City finally got in a Party in the Park on July 5 after inclement weather forced the cancellation of the first two planned PIP events.

Both of those events have been rescheduled — the first one this Friday, and the second on Friday, July 26. The fourth Party in the Park is still planned for its original date of Aug. 2.

Now in its 21st year, Party in the Park is organized by Main Street Charles City and held in Central Park from 5 to 9 p.m.

In addition to free admission and live music, each party offers food and beverage vendors, a beer garden, various activities and display booths.

The "jazzy/funky/rocking blues band" Deja Blue will be featured this Friday. The group of seven musical veterans hails from the Waterloo area.

Other scheduled Party in the Park acts this summer are Endless Edition on July 26, as well as the Kris Karr Band at the regularly scheduled Aug. 2 finale.

Save your cans for FFA fundraiser

From Aug. 25-30 the New Hampton FFA Chapter will be hosting a can drive to raise money for events and projects in the upcoming year.

More details will be available closer to the event, but those dropping off cans are asked to have them in "durable bags."

Czech Days set for Aug. 16-18

The Holy Trinity Church in Protivin will be holding its 46th annual Czech Days Aug. 16-18.

The complete schedule will be released at a future date.

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NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #165 Located at: C Storage 625 S Linn Ave New Hampton, IA 50659

And rented in the name of:

James Guyer

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Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of: Personal, Household, and Misc Items

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pays rent due before the auction, the sale will be canceled without notice.

Dated on June 28, 2024

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We want to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary, for all the hugs and good wishes, texts, cards, and gifts, Fr. Tom for blessing Denny and our marriage, Sally at the Elks for all her work for the lunch, Ann and Mark for helping. For family and friends, we are truly thankful.

Karen & Denny Shearman

Almanac

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Wednesday	83	61	.02
Thursday	79	57	.50
Friday	73	56	.08
Saturday	79	56	.10
Sunday	80	58	.87
Monday	79	59	--
Tuesday	81	63	--

Forecast

Thursday: Sunny but slight chance of a thunderstorm; high 80, low 62.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 82 and a low of 67.

Saturday: Mostly sunny but slight chance of a storm or two; high 85, low 69.

Sunday: Mostly sunny but again a chance of a stray storm; high 88, low 71.

Extended forecast: We'll start off the work week warm and humid with highs nearing 90 and lows in the 70s, as well as chances of thunderstorms.

Meetings**MONDAY**

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton School Board, 6:30 p.m., High School Family and Consumer Science Room.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

• In 1804, in one of the most famous duels in American history, Vice President Aaron Burr fatally shoots his long-time political antagonist Alexander Hamilton.

• In 1914, George Herman "Babe" Ruth pitches seven strong innings to lead the Boston Red Sox over the Cleveland Indians (now known as the Cleveland Guardians), 4-3.

• In 1960, 34-year-old novelist Nelle Harper Lee publishes her first novel, "To Kill a Mockingbird."

• In 1975, two decades after the fall of Saigon, President Bill Clinton establishes full diplomatic relations with Vietnam, citing Vietnamese cooperation in accounting for the 2,238 Americans still listed as missing in the Vietnam War.

• In 1979, parts of Skylab, America's first space station, come crashing down on Australia and into the Indian Ocean five years after the last manned Skylab mission ended.

Birthdays

• John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, was born in 1767.

• Author E.B. White, best known for "Charlotte's Web," was born in 1899.

• Grammy-award winning singer and songwriter Alessia Cara turns 28.

• Tennis star Caroline Wozniacki turns 34.

• Hall of Fame football player Andre Johnson turns 43.

Corrections

The Tribune wants to make sure all information it presents is accurate and correct.

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

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641.394.2111**Violet Joe Albrecht, 89**

Violet Joy Albrecht, age 89 of New Hampton, died Monday, July 8, 2024, at her home surrounded by her family.

The funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 15, 2024, at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Dan Christensen presiding.

Interment will take place at a later date at New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday at the church.

Violet Joy Albrecht was born Sept. 10, 1934, to Louis and Vlasta Marie (Papousek) Sostak at the Sostak home in Gregory, Gregory County, South Dakota. The family lived for a short time in town before moving to a farm southwest of Gregory. The parents farmed and the father worked in town. Violet's three siblings were born on this farm and she helped care for them while the mother did farm chores.

Due to hard times in the depression years, more so in South Dakota because of drought and grasshoppers, the family moved to a farm near Claremont, Dodge County, Minnesota in 1941. The parents farmed and milked cows.

Violet began grade school attending Dodge County Public School No. 45. In 1945 the Sostak family moved to a farm north of Fredericksburg to be closer to family.

The Sostak children attended school at New Hampton district No. 2, where Violet graduated from the eighth grade in May 1949. She attended New Hampton High School for two years transferring to the Fredericksburg High School for her junior and senior years due to school bus availability.

She graduated in May 1953 and assisted at home and did work for farm families before becoming employed in December 1955 as secretary and bookkeeper at Family Loan Service Inc. In September 1956, Violet began work as reporter and clerk for

**Violet Albrecht**

the New Hampton Newspapers later becoming news editor.

Violet was baptized April 5, 1963, and confirmed April 7, 1963, at Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hampton. She completed work for the New Hampton Newspapers in the summer of 1964.

She was united in marriage to Darrell Duane Albrecht at Trinity Lutheran Church May 4, 1963. The couple lived at the Firemen Apartments on Locust Avenue before moving into a new home, where Violet enjoyed watching the Iowa football and basketball games on TV, putting puzzles together, working crossword and Sudoku puzzles, genealogy, quilting at Trinity, gardening, walking and reading. The couple enjoyed traveling by motor coach, playing cards, going to auctions and attending their grandchildren's sport activities.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Darrell Albrecht of New Hampton; two sons, David (Robyn) Albrecht of Jackson, Michigan, and Duane (Cecelia) Albrecht of Mountain View, Hawaii; one daughter, Ann (Rick) Heying of Alta Vista; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Beverly (Ron) Hattig of Fredericksburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Louis Sostak Jr.; and one sister, Blanche Sostak.

Inurnment will be held at Sunnyside Memory Gardens in Charles City.

Friends may greet the family one hour prior to the service, Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the church in Riceville.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory has been entrusted with arrangements.

Robert William Roethler, 83

Robert "Bob" William Roethler, age 83 and formerly of Elma, died Thursday, July 4, 2024, at Waverly Health Center.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2024, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Riceville with the Rev. Telesphore Dusabe officiating.

Inurnment will be held at Sunnyside Memory Gardens in Charles City.

Friends may greet the family one hour prior to the service, Saturday, July 13, 2024, at the church in Riceville.

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Life Line screening to be held in New Hampton later this month

Residents living in and around the New Hampton area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Chickasaw Event Center will host this community event July 25. The site is located at 301 N Water Avenue in New Hampton.

Screenings can check for:

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- Diabetes risk

- Kidney and thyroid function, and more

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Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit our website at www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Property Transfers

Todd J. Lentz EST and Diane Lentz EX to Diane Lentz; UNDIVIDED ONE FIFTH INTEREST PARCEL C SW 31-97-13.

Roger J. Shatek and Lori L. Shatek to Neil Joseph Shatek and Melissa Kay Shatek; PARCEL 2024-23 NE SE 29-97-11.

Wilken and Sons Inc. to Sudol Auto Parts LLC; W10AC OF L4 OF E1/2 LYING IN HWY 17-94-14 L5 OF E1/2 EX COMM AT SW COR OF L5 & EX RDS 17-94-14.

Ryan Klobassa and Michelle Klobassa to Ryan Klobassa TR, Michele Klobassa TR and Klobassa Living Trust; S1/2 SE NE 23-97-14 N1/2 SE NE 23-97-14.

Naomi Hurska EST and Michael Hruska EX to Wayne Mlady; EX SE 04-96-11 SW SW 04-96-11 E1/2 EX PARCEL 2023-46 SW 04-96-11 S1/2 EX PARCELS 2023-44 2023-45 & 2023-46 SE NW 04-96-11.

Fredricksburg Community Development Corporation to Alan L. Westin; L1 EX SW SE 07-94-11.

Gary L. Steven, Gary Steven and Linda S. Steven to Gary L. Steven TR, Linda S. Steven TR and Gary L. Steven LIV TR; W99' NEW HAMPTON FOLEY'S ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 2 W99' NEW HAMPTON FOLEY'S ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 2 NEW HAMPTON FOLEY'S ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 2.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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Obits/Records**Ronald Allan Rankin, 79**

Ronald Allan Rankin, age 79 of Oak Grove, Minnesota, passed away Monday, July 1, 2024.

He was born May 10, 1945, in New Hampton to Donald William and Ella Mae (Thomas) Rankin.

Ron graduated from New Hampton High School with the class of 1963. He participated and excelled in wrestling, football and track.

Ron honorably served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a sharpshooter and earned a commendation medal for his service.

On April 16, 1967, Ronald Rankin and Verna Baldwin were united in marriage at New Hampton United Methodist Church. They were blessed with two children — Cale and Veronica.

One of Ron's great passions in life was cars. When he was a teenager, he lowered and painted flames on his family's car, unbeknownst to his parents. He transferred that passion into a lifelong career as owner and manager at Heritage Auto Body in Coon Rapids, Minnesota.

Ron was a stoic and quiet man with a sharp and dry sense of humor for anyone that was lucky enough to witness it. He was intelligent with many projects, always fixing, building and

maintaining things. Despite his talents, he remained humble and had a kind-hearted nature.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Ella Mae Rankin; and beloved dog, Parker.

Ron is survived by his loving wife, Verna Rankin; children, Cale (Bethany) Rankin and Veronica (Thomas Sr.) Frosch; grandchildren, Ryan (Lilly), Ellie, Sarah and Johnathon Rankin, and Thomas Jr. (Erica) Frosch; great-grandchildren, Nash, Mirela, Everest and Liam and two babies on the way; siblings, Diana (Donald) Ritchmond, Barbara (Gene) Dahlen and John Rankin; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Lorraine Clara Hackman, 93

Lorraine Clara Hackman, age 93 of New Hampton, died Saturday, July 6, 2024, at the New Hampton Nursing and Rehabilitation Center surrounded by her family.

A Mass of Christian Burial

will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday,

July 11, 2024, at St. Luke's Catholic Church, St. Lucas, with the Rev. Nick Radloff and the Rev. James Goerend con-celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be in the

church cemetery.

Friends may greet the

family

two hours prior to the

Mass at

the church on Thursday.

Lorraine Clara Hackman

was born March 5, 1931, on the Loesch family farm near Spillville, the daughter of Clement and Alosia (Infeld) Loesch.

She received her formative education at St. Wenceslaus School in her hometown of Spillville, where she not only acquired knowledge but also met the love of her life, Florian Hackman. Their love story began at a dance at the Inwood Ballroom and blossomed into a lifelong partnership.

Lorraine and Florian were united in marriage on Oct. 11, 1949, at St. Wenceslaus Church, a testament to their shared faith and commitment to each other.

The couple established

their roots on a farm near Ft.

Atkinson in 1950, where they

embarked on the adventure of

raising their ever-growing fam-

ily. The farm was a hub of activ-

ity and joy, with Lorraine at the

heart of it all. She was devoted

to her children and instilled

Family Fun Night set for tonight; queen to be crowned during barbecue on Saturday evening

ACHIEVEMENT SHOW: FROM 1

Chickasaw County to do it ... So yes, I'm excited. I love the fair. It's a big part of who I am today, and I'm excited to see kids who are excited to show me their projects."

For two hours Tuesday night, the 4-H members paraded their projects to a table, introduced themselves to judges like Kalinay and talked about how they came up with their projects, what they did to complete them and what they learned by doing them.

Sure, the goal was to earn a trip to the State Fair. It's

the same goal kids will have throughout the week at the Achievement Show that shines the spotlight brightly on the youngsters of Chickasaw County.

Tuesday was just the start of a seven-day event that doesn't end until the annual Achievement Show auction that will be held on Monday morning. In between, there will be horses, cows, pigs, poultry, rabbits, dogs, pets, goats and more.

And when they're not showing off their projects, the 4-H and FFA members will take part in activities ranging from today's Family Fun Night

that runs from 7 to 9 p.m. that includes music by New Hampton's Madison Kolbet to the Saturday night barbecue, awards night and the queen crowning.

Saturday's meal is being put on by the Chickasaw Cattlemen's Association and will run from 5

to 7 p.m. But it all started with the Static Show on Saturday, and while judges like Kalinay are gentle and kind, they also have high expectations, especially from veteran 4-H members.

"It is important for me, especially with the kids who have

been showing for a few years, that they have that degree of difficulty," she said. "4-H is all about growing, and you see so many kids who you know have grown by leaps and bounds over the years. For me, the best part is to see the kids who are really excited about their projects."

Yet, she also knew that she was going to see all types on Tuesday, and she did.

"You have the shy ones, the talkative ones, the nervous ones," she said, "but to see someone who has really embraced their project, that's the best."

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The City Council of Ionia met in regular session Monday, July 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm in Ionia City Hall.

Mayor Taylor presided with Council Members Day, Geerts, Holthaus, Rausch present. Crooks absent. Also present were Clerk Donna Geerts, Erin Phillips, Bob Haunser, Laura Wickham, Indi Watson, Gale Wallace, Jim Brummond, Katy Brown, and Heather Hackman. Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

Motion by Day, seconded by Holthaus to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Day, seconded by Holthaus to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024, meeting. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Day, seconded by Geerts to approve the claims. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Allian Energy \$1281.85
Black Hills Energy \$ 86.27
Library Acct \$4999.26

Payroll \$3218.80
Brian Sigler, mlg reimb \$ 540.00
941 deposit \$1486.21

IPERS \$ 894.64
Jendro Sanitation, recycling \$ 604.93

New Hampton Tribune, publication \$ 122.08

Treas, State of IA, state w/h tax\$ 342.00

Treas, State of IA, water excise tax \$ 739.66

IA Workforce Development, unemploy tax \$ 14.55

Chick Co Aud, FY25 hazmat \$ 113.00

Chick Co Sheriff, FY25 sheriff contract svrs \$3729.00

Cooley Sanitation, park porta pot rental \$ 95.00

John Deere Financial, posts/pump/bat-tery \$ 343.27

INRCOG, CDBG admin svrs-May \$1505.70

Riley's calculator, ink \$ 205.44

MicroLab Lab, water tests \$ 42.50

Heather Hackman, ball medals \$224.67

Kahn Tile, culvert \$ 235.64

Zeigler Inc, tractor rental \$3650.00

Municipal Pipe Tool Co, #1 Sanitary Sewer Proj \$150,583.31

Blazek Corp, #3 WWT Proj \$ 81,552.75

Rapid Printers, envelopes/labels \$ 425.00

Iowa DNR, anl public water supply fee \$ 25.00

Pat Finnegan Const Co, excavator-clean- ing ditches \$ 1350.00

Five Star Coop, fuel \$ 758.80

Total Claims \$259,328.58

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Rausch

to approve the monthly financial re- port. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

REVENUE EXPENSE

\$ 7,157.97, General \$ 10,696.07

\$ 2,217.47, Road Use \$ 2,433.82

\$ 1,231.89, Water \$ 5,941.99

\$ 3,859.99, Sewer \$82,575.65

\$365,625.50, Sewer IA Finance Authority

Loan 2 Pay Req #1

\$19, Park Sav Int

\$ 2,540.07 Lib Sav Int \$6,490.60

Transfer Gen Lib chk to Lib savings

\$ 7,481.64, CD Gen Int

\$ 4,891.36, CD Lost Int\$7,980.63

Transfer LOST Roads/Gen to CD

Mayor gave wastewater and water report from Sigler's calculations. The

Customer Questionnaire for Lead Service Line Inventory was sent out again to residents.

Public comment: Testing of genera-

tor, city procedure for emergency eva- cuation and camping rates for extended stay at park.

Library Director Watson gave library update and Board President Phillips requested to move funds from library sav- ings account to a cd at Fidelity Bank & Trust. Library savings account statement and interest rate were discussed.

Council Member Day introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption, Resolution 24-14 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LIST OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO BE DEPOSITORIES OF THE CITY OF IONIA FUNDS AND ESTABLISH MAXIMUM DEPOSIT AMOUNTS. Motion failed due to lack of second. Reso- lution not approved.

Modification of stop signs on Main Street and Center Street / B-57 (220th St)/V-14 (Exeter Ave) will be done this month.

Day made a motion, seconded by Geerts to approve the building permit: XE 48 Building-106 W Dover St. M. Malena. Ayes: Day, Geerts, Holthaus, Rausch. Nays: None. Absent: Crooks. Motion carried.

Discussed Chapter 51 – Junk & Junk Vehicles Ordinance, violators of this ordinance were notified. Council will fol- low up with violators.

Mayor gave update on sanitary sewer improvements project and wastewater treatment plant improvements project.

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Day to review approve, and authorize Mayor's signature on Pay Request #1-Loan 1 for work on the Sanitary Sewer System Improvements project in the amount of \$150,583.31 to Municipal Pipe Tool Co LLC. All present voted

aye. Motion carried. Motion by Day, seconded by Rausch to review approve, and authorize Mayor's signature on Pay Request #3-Loan 2 in the amount of \$81,552.75 to Blazek Corporation for work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor received another estimate for a fence to restrict access to the lagoon for DNR requirements, additional contractor will be given an estimate also. Discussed having property surveyed.

Discussed the work that had been done cleaning the ditches on South Shep- pard Street.

City tractor should be repaired this month.

Discussed placement of LED Tem- perature/Time Sign and getting power to sign.

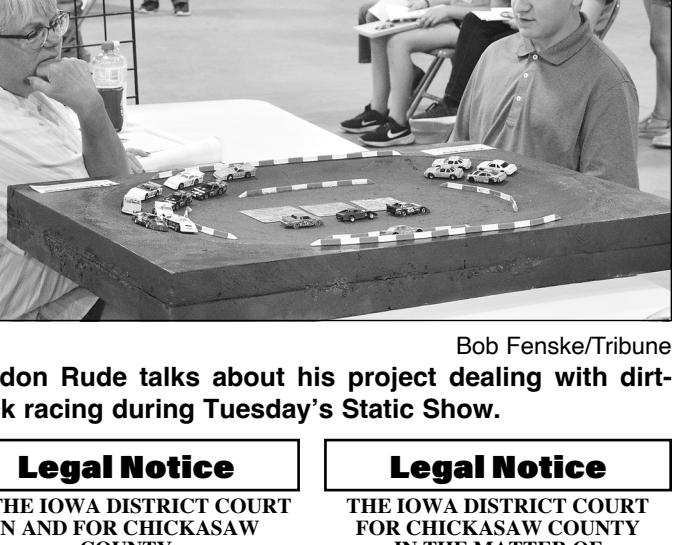
New ball diamond lights should be installed this month.

Part time maintenance job duties were reviewed. Discussed hiring addi- tional person for a part time seasonal po- sition. Motion by Rausch, seconded by Day to post and hire a part time seasonal maintenance person at \$16.00/hr. Ayes: Rausch, Day, Holthaus. Nays: Geerts. Absent: Crooks. Motion carried.

Motion by Holthaus, seconded by Day to adjourn meeting at 8:58 pm. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Randy Taylor, Mayor
Attest:
Donna Geerts, City Clerk

No.24106
7/11/24



Bob Fenske/Tribune
Landon Rude talks about his project dealing with dirt-track racing during Tuesday's Static Show.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

KAREN K. JOHNSTON, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003214

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Es- tate of Karen K. Johnston, Deceased,

who died on or about the 28th day of March, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on May 24, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Peggy Sue Hoffman, Deceased,

Case No. ESPR003214

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Es- tate of Peggy Sue Hoffman, Deceased,

who died on or about April 3, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on May 24, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Peggy Sue Hoffman (formerly known as Peggy Sue Radloff), deceased, bearing date of October 14, 2020, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that David Schierholz was appointed Ex-ecutor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter forever barred.

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

Dated this 8th day of July, 2024.

Tim Wilcockson, Executor of the Estate

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Attorney for the Administrator

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P. O. Box 359

McGregor, IA 52157

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Lawler City Council

The Lawler City Council met in reg- ular session on July 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Mark Muetheries presided.

Council members present: Scheidel,

King, Wilson, and Roberson

Council members absent: Croell

Others present: Jay Uhlenhake, Nick LaRosa-FehrGraham, Deb Thordson, Frank Wilson and Sam Njus

Motion made by King to approve the agenda, Seconded by Roberson,

All Ayes. Motion passed.

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

Second by Wilson.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

VESTIS, RUGS 415.29

JENDRO, GARBAGE CONTRACT

..... 3,306.20

STANTON ELECTRIC, TREE IN LINE

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Trojans can't hold 6-4 lead, fall in their regional opener

TV SOFTBALL: FROM 11

the regular season. TV won the first game, 10-8, and WC took the nightcap, 15-10.

In the third installment and the contest that mattered the most, the host Blue Devils jumped out on top first to take a 4-0 lead in the fourth inning after freshman Macey Tellin drilled an RBI double with two outs.

TV quickly answered in the ensuing top of the fifth after Annika Bodensteiner's grounder to short was booted and scored Vsetecka. Vsetecka had reached via error as well to start the inning on a fly ball that nipped the lip of the center fielder's glove and ricocheted off the right fielder's forehead.

That made the score, 4-1, after Vsetecka scored TV's first run. Trojan sophomore third baseman Makinley Lutgen's line-drive RBI single made it, 4-2.

"I was telling them going in there, we just gotta hit the ball hard and good things will happen. They did. They made some errors," said Hackman.

Alexis Elsbernd's walk with the sacks packed cut WC's advantage to a single run and another big error by WC's shortstop off the bat of Karstyn Lukes cleared the bases. The grounder went under the glove of the Blue Devil infielder and TV runners were off to the races.

Just like that, TV had exploded for six runs in the fifth to take a 6-4 lead.

The game was just warming up as the lead would switch back-and-forth several times.

After trailing by a single run in the sixth, Lutgen came up huge again with an RBI single to right to tie it at 7-7. Elsbernd ripped an RBI single up the middle and TV had the lead once more at 8-7.

It was short-lived after freshman Lilli Eitel's run-scoring double to deep center that one-hopped the wall in the bottom

of the half of the sixth – game tied at 8-8.

The game headed into the seventh.

Controversy came into play with two outs in the top of the seventh after TV junior Delaney Busta struck out. The pitch got past the catcher and Busta raced to first in an attempt to reach base safely. She appeared to hit the bag right before the throw came in from the catcher.

But the field umpire ruled otherwise, which prevented TV from having the bases loaded.

"He was saying she was out because first was occupied, but not for the third out," said Hackman explaining the rule.

That meant after a conference the initial call was overturned and the right one was made. WC junior hurler Faith Steinbronn made sure no damage was done, though, as she induced a grounder to first to escape the jam.

West Central (9-14) walked it off in the bottom half of the seventh after Journey Lockard's leadoff triple to right-center on the first pitch of the final frame. The next batter – freshman Sydney Teague – lofted a game-winning sacrifice fly to center to send the Blue Devils on to the next round, where they played Edgewood-Colesburg (26-10) in the next regional round on Wednesday.

"What did they have – three hits off the fence?" said Hackman. "We weren't hitting the balls off the fence like they were."

West Central committed seven errors on the night.

Bodensteiner – TV's pitcher inside the circle – allowed nine hits and seven earned runs. She struck out two and she walked one. The sophomore – like her entire squad – has come a long way this summer.

"These last two weeks she's been throwing great – mixing her pitches up," said Hackman. "Her control's gotten a lot better, where at the beginning of



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

TV's Layni Schuchhardt throws to first to record an out on Monday in the Trojans regional softball game.

the year she was walking and hitting people."

TV closed out the conference portion of its season last week Wednesday in a double-header at home versus South Winneshiek. The Warriors (22-12, 16-0) – UIC champs – remained undefeated in league play this year with a commanding 12-0 and 8-1 sweep. TV committed seven errors in the opener versus South Winn, but managed just one in the nightcap.

TV's final regular season game came at home versus Springville on Friday. The Orioles won that non-conference matchup by a score of 4-2.

West Central placed a game ahead of TV in fifth place in the Upper Iowa Conference standings with a mark of 8-8.

"If they all put some work in and come back next year – the opportunities are there for them to have a successful year," said Hackman.

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 12, TURKEY VALLEY 0

South Winneshiek 129 - 12
Turkey Valley 000 - 0

Pitching - Annika Bodensteiner 2 1/3 IP, 5 H, 11 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 1 K, Raelen Mandefield 2/3 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

SOUTH WINNESHIEK 8, TURKEY VALLEY 1

SW 000 170 0 - 8
TV 000 010 0 - 1

Pitching - Mandefield 4 1/3 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 9 BB, 3 K, Bodensteiner 2 2/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

3B - Jenna Thronson. Runs -

Makinley Lutgen 1. Hits - Thronson 1, Bodensteiner 1.

SPRINGVILLE 4, TURKEY VALLEY 2

SPR 020 101 0 - 4
TV 000 101 0 - 2

Pitching - Bodensteiner 7 IP, 5 H,

4 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K.

Runs - Kendall Kuennen 2. Hits -

Bodensteiner 2, Lutgen 2, Karstyn Lukes 1, Thronson 1, Alexis Elsbernd 1. RBI - Lutgen 2.

WEST CENTRAL 9, TURKEY VALLEY 8

TV 000 062 0 - 8
WC 101 231 1 - 9

Pitching - Bodensteiner 6 1/3 IP, 9

H, 7 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

Runs - Delaney Busta 2, Autumn Maklenburg 2, Morgan Vsetecka 1, Thronson 1, Lutgen 1, Alexis Gruenberg 1. Hits - Thronson 2, Lutgen 2, Elsbernd 2, Vsetecka 1, Bodensteiner 1, Busta 1, Maklenburg 1. RBI - Lutgen 3, Lutgen 2, Elsbernd 2.

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New Hampton meets Osage in 2A district final

NH BASEBALL: FROM 12

strikeouts in the final two innings.

The Chickasaw defense was stellar as New Hampton didn't commit an error.

As much as McDonald wanted to talk about Bohaty's hitting — the senior came into the game with just a .173 batting average — he gushed about his defense. Bohaty threw out a would-be baserunner for the 14th time this season and also, in his coach's opinion, did an excellent job framing pitches.

"We work on framing all the time, and Talyin's spent hours on it. He's worked at it since March," McDonald said, "and he gets us a lot of those 50-50 strikes. ... And then to throw a runner out from his knees like he did, that's a really good night."

The win meant the six New Hampton seniors lived to fight another day and they'll lead the Chickasaw charge Saturday night against an Osage team that beat the district's second-seeded team, Forest City, 8-3 in the first game Tuesday.

"I think you go into every game now knowing it could be the last time you get to play," Bohaty said, "and that kind of focuses me a little. Instead of that, I was thinking, let's make sure this isn't the last game. That's the attitude you have to have."

Top-seeded New Hampton will be facing an Osage team that improved to 18-7 with its win over second-seeded Forest City.

Saturday's game begins at 7 p.m. at Mikkelsen Park, and the winner will advance to Tuesday's substate game against either Denver or Waukon at a site to be announced.

NEW HAMPTON 10, GARNER-HAYFIELD-VENTURA 1

GHV	010	000	0	-	1
NH	315	001	x	-	10

Kael Meyers 3 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 H, 2

BB, 8 K; Jaxon Eckley 2 IP, 2 H, 0 R,

0 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Braden McShane 2

IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K.

2B - Meyers, McShane 2, Eckley,

Talyin Bohaty, HR - Bohaty, Runs -

McShane 2, Meyers 2, Bohaty 2,

Eckley 1, Braxton Bundy 1, Noah Jenkins 1, Ben Gilbert 1. RBIs -

McShane 3, Meyers 1, Jenkins 1,

Bohaty 1.

Turkey Valley season comes to an end at Kee

Turkey Valley ran into a proverbial buzzsaw on Tuesday night as Kee High ended the Trojans' season with a 10-0 win in a Class 1A district semifinal game.

Kee improved to 26-10 and will take on South Winneshiek, an 11-1 winner over Dunkerton, in Saturday's championship game.

The loss closed out a campaign in which the Trojans compiled an 11-16 record.

New Hampton players and coaches (above) pose for a team picture after claiming the outright Northeast Iowa Conference championship with a 3-1 win over Waukon Wednesday in which Jaxon Eckley (below) scores the Chickasaws' first run.

Chickasaws rule the NEIC all by themselves

New Hampton spots Waukon a run before coming away with a 3-1 win to claim outright league title

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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With their senior ace on the mound — New Hampton stood all alone at the top of the Northeast Iowa Conference on Wednesday.

Every other team — Waverly-Shell Rock, Decorah, Waukon, Crestwood and Charles City — was looking up at the team standings at Cory McDonald's first-place Chickasaws, who have now won six out of the last 10 NEIC titles.

This most recent rendition was won outright as sixth-ranked New Hampton (24-6, 17-3) held off Waukon, 3-1, in the regular season finale to secure its seventh NEIC crown in the 104-year history of the NEIC.

"Every single one of us knew what we had to accomplish against Waukon. Coach (Jordan) Rommes and I are so proud of these boys and going out there and flat out gettin' it done," said McDonald in his 16th season as head coach of the Chickasaws.

That aforementioned senior — and sure to be an all-stater when the awards are announced later this summer — is Kael Meyers. While not tossing his "A" game against Waukon, he continued a streak of dominance in 2024 that ranks near the top of the Chickasaws' all-time greats.

Meyers worked a complete-game two-hitter and raised his record to 8-0 on the year. Meyers, who sports a sparkling ERA of 0.94, hit four batters, but only surrendered a first inning run to the Indians and struck out two. That's one Meyers like as he is fourth in Class 2A with 96 strikeouts in just over 52 innings on the hill.

NEIC Baseball

	Conf.	All
New Hampton	17-3	24-6
Waverly-SR	15-5	21-12
Decorah	14-6	20-13
Waukon	7-13	11-17
Crestwood	4-16	4-23
Charles City	3-17	3-21

— Through Monday games

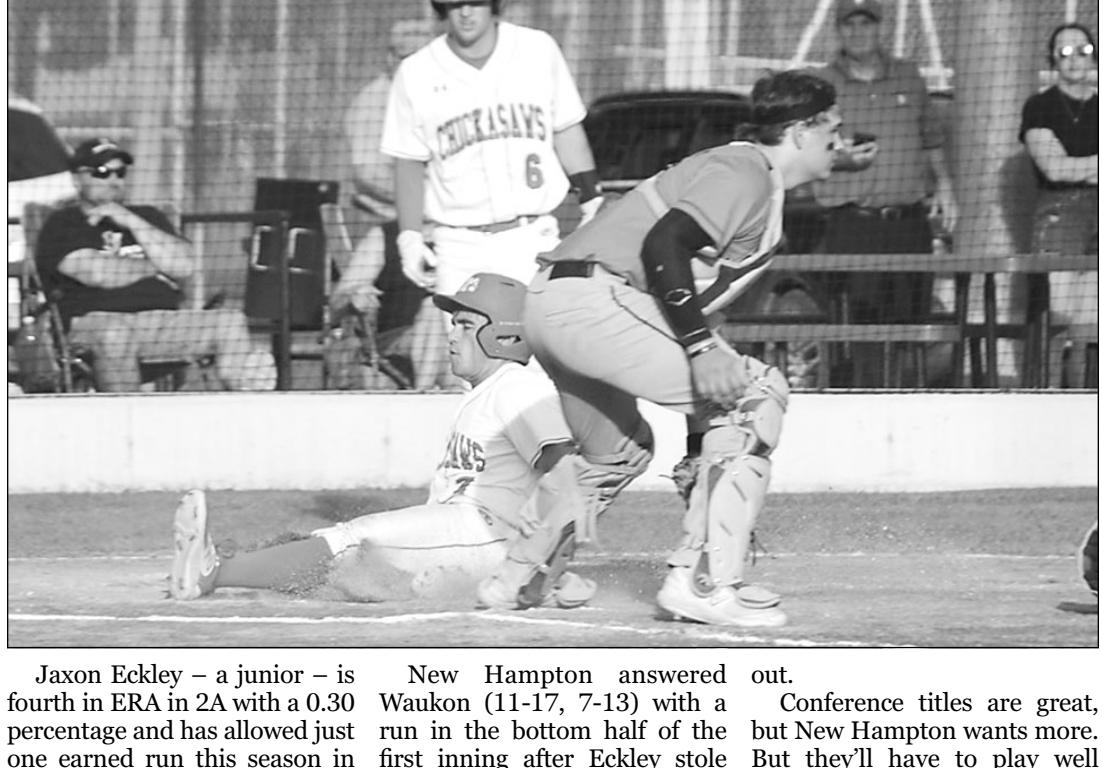
"My command wasn't super good," said Meyers. "I just did enough to get the win. It was definitely good to build some confidence going into postseason. I'm kind of a pitcher that does better in pressure situations and Waukon didn't seem like pressure because it was my third time pitching against them this year."

Meyers talked about what it's going to take to get his team where they want to be later this month — and that's in the state tournament in Carroll. That's a place the Chickasaws traveled to in 2021 after an improbable run to glory, which included an upset of No. 1 Roland-Story in the substate final.

"Everyone in this town trusts our pitching. This is the deepest pitching staff I've ever been a part of — for sure. It's just going to come down to our at-bats — all one thru nine just have to do their job. They don't have to do too much, they just have to do enough."

With that said, like Meyers mentioned, if New Hampton can get steady production at the plate — watch out.

New Hampton is currently third in the state (all classes) with a 1.37 ERA headed into the postseason. Area squads St. Ansgar (1.21) and Mason City Newman (1.26) sit atop the list as far as team pitching staff's best ERAs.



Jaxon Eckley — a junior — is fourth in ERA in 2A with a 0.30 percentage and has allowed just one earned run this season in 23 innings pitched. Currently, that's the best ERA in school history headed into district play with a minimum of 20 innings pitched.

New Hampton's 285 strikeouts is also nearing the all-time best NH mark of 291, set by the 1994 Chickasaw squad.

Those all-time marks at NH date back to 1987 and if district play is anything like the regular season — Chickasaw senior Braden McShane could be in store for a whopper of a run towards Carroll.

McShane is second in RBI (39) in 2A and is hitting .500 in 86 at-bats. His slugging percentage (.826) is New Hampton's all-time best with potentially a bunch more games to play.

His on-base-percentage also has him ranked No. 1 in all-time lore at New Hampton with a .619 clip, just slightly better than Meyers' .617 from a year ago.

McShane also broke the school record with two hit-by-pitches against W-SR in last week Monday's doubleheader. His 19 HBP's broke Josh Fenske's old mark of 18 — set in 2017.

New Hampton answered Waukon (11-17, 7-13) with a run in the bottom half of the first inning after Eckley stole third and the throw went into the outfield. Eckley had walked to start the inning and also stole second. He is tied for the team lead in stolen bases (26) with Chickasaw senior Noah Jenkins.

The Chickasaws also plated runs in the third and fifth innings via sacrifice flies. NH junior Reid Rausch came up with a sac fly in the third and New Hampton senior second baseman Ty Robinson followed with another in the fifth.

That would be all the insurance runs Meyers would need.

"I think we really believe in our pitching, so we just have to play good defense and back that up," said NH senior Ben Gilbert, who doubled late in the Waukon game and will be counted on to make plays up the middle at shortstop.

Gilbert, along with McShane in center field and senior catcher Talyin Bohaty, form a stout defense up the middle for McDonald. Bohaty leads 2A in putouts (290) and is second overall in the entire state in that category.

He is tied for fourth in 2A with 13 base runners thrown

out.

Conference titles are great, but New Hampton wants more. But they'll have to play well in order to achieve those lofty goals.

"Like 'Mac' always says, our best is yet to come," said Robinson. "Some of us haven't performed how we'd liked, but we're cleaning the slate now. Now all that matters is playoffs. Nobody talks about what happened three games into the season, they talk about what happens now."

McDonald put this latest league championship in perspective.

"As the smallest school in our conference, we've won essentially two-thirds of the conference championships in the league since 2015 — in the pitch-count era, which every large school has the advantage. That's a phenomenal achievement," said McDonald. "Not to mention in our league, we play all doubleheaders."

NEW HAMPTON 3, WAUKON 1

Waukon	100	000	0	-	1
NH	101	010	x	-	3

Pitching - Kael Meyers 7 IP, 2 H, 1

R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

2B - Ben Gilbert. Runs - Jaxon

Eckley 1, Gilbert 1, Meyers 1. Hits -

Gilbert 1, Meyers 1, Braden McShane 1, Braxton Bundy 1. RBI - Ty Robinson 1, Reid Rausch 1.

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WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 10, NEW HAMPTON 3

WSR	040	050	1	-	10
NH	101	000	1	-	3

Pitching - Weigel 7 IP, 12 H, 10 R,

8 ER, 5 BB, 1 K.

2B - Schwickerath, Heeren,

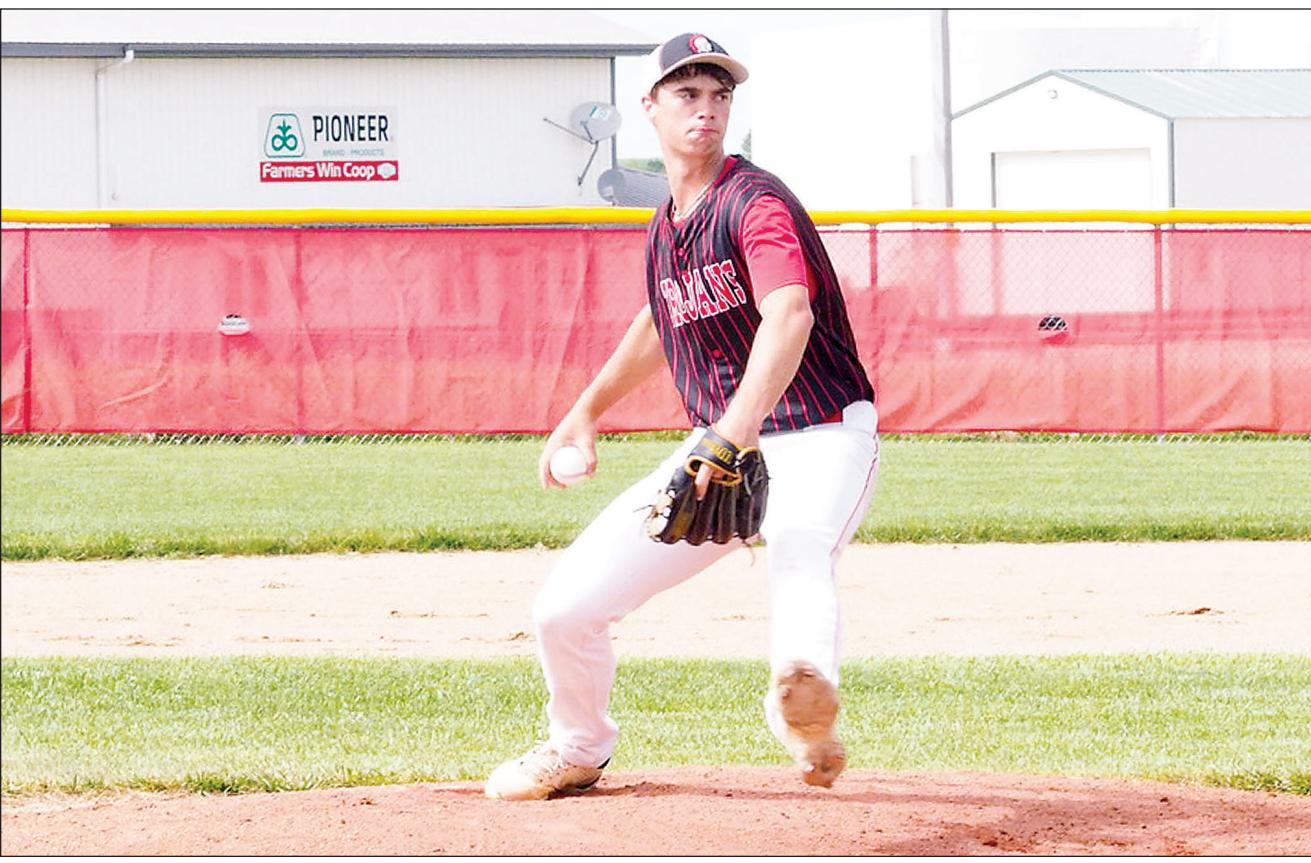
Weigel, HR - Heeren. Runs - Heeren

2, Schwickerath 1. Hits - Schwickerath

2, A. Johnson 2, Weber 1, Crawford 1, Heeren 1, Claire Geerts 1, Jackie Pickar 1, K. Johnson 1. RBI - Weigel 1,

3, Schwickerath 1, Weber 1, Pickar 1,

3, Schwickerath 1, Weber



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Turkey Valley's Logan Busta (above) winds up to deliver a pitch while teammate Jayden Rausch (below) gets the bunt down during the Trojans' game with Nashua-Plainfield last week.

Trojans advance with solid win over Riceville

Busta, Schmitt solid on the mound, supported by strong offense as Turkey Valley picks up first playoff win since '18

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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The pitching tandem of Logan Busta and Oliver Schmitt propelled the Turkey Valley baseball squad onto the next round of postseason play on Saturday in New Albin with an 8-3 win over Riceville.

The home of the Kee High Hawks at Shooky Fink Field is where it all went down in Class 1A, District 8 as the Trojans won their first district game since 2018.

TV played those Hawks on that same diamond on Tuesday for the right to play in the district final. Kee High knocked the Trojans out of the postseason last year by a score of 6-1 and has taken out Dan Stepan's squad three times in the last five seasons, including a forfeit in the shortened COVID-19 campaign of 2020.

But the win over the Wildcats of Riceville was a sweet one for the bunch from Jackson Junction.

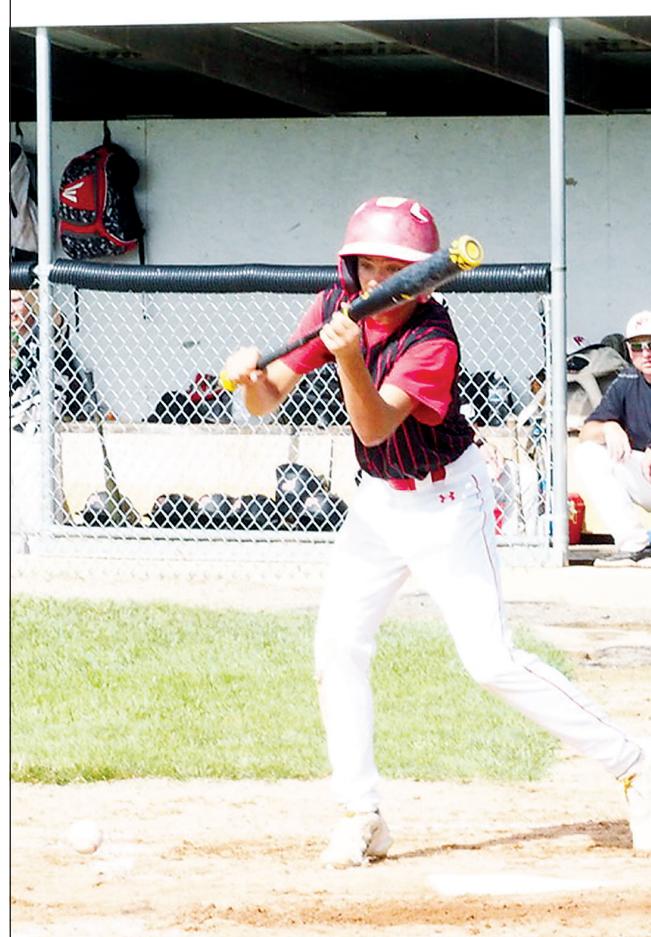
"It's always good to win in the postseason. Pitching and defense have been our strong suit and they were good once again. Our offense stepped up as well," said Stepan, in his 22nd season of guiding his Trojans.

Turkey Valley (11-15-1) utilized Busta's commanding fastball and repertoire of off-speed pitches over the course of five innings to handcuff Wildcat bats. Busta allowed just three hits, struck out three and did not walk a batter. Schmitt worked the final two innings in relief and struck out two.

TV senior third baseman Braylen Byrne knocked in three runs and came up with a huge single in a six-run fifth for the Trojans.

Busta, Jordan Kriener and Russell Nieman all doubled

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Turkey Valley bows out in a 1A regional thriller

Trojans rally from 4-0 deficit before falling in playoffs

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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Junior Hackman knows a dedicated softball player when he sees one.

So when Hackman addressed his Turkey Valley Trojans on Monday night in Maynard after West Central won a thrilling 9-8 victory in regional play, he witnessed some tears shed in what was undoubtedly an emotional moment.

He watched his team valiantly fight to claw back into an elimination game that saw the Trojans trail 4-0 at one point. He also observed the pain and frustration from his players that knew the season just came to an end.

Oftentimes an upset player wearing their heart on their sleeves after a loss means they care and that can be a springboard to want to get better.

Those Trojans will need to if they want to improve on their 7-24 record in 2024.

Monday night was a start.

"You gotta take that pain and make that drive you to work harder in the offseason – to get faster and stronger," said Hackman, who has been head coach of TV softball since 2018. "It takes work to be successful. It doesn't just happen."

Turkey Valley entered the season with a single starter back in junior Morgan Vsetecka and the Trojans graduated eight seniors on its roster from the previous season. The ever-improving Trojans ended a summer of softball with hope and determination for next year, where the inexperienced squad will all have a year under their belt of varsity play headed into 2025.



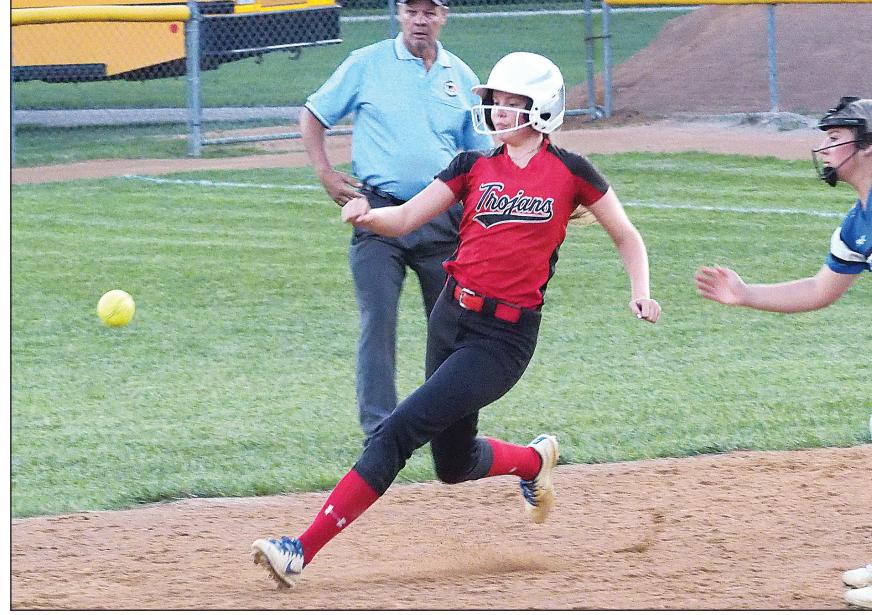
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Turkey Valley's Makinley Lutgen (above) fires to first for an out while teammate Annika Bodensteiner looks to beat the throw to second in Monday's game.

"I was seeing girls that were hurt," said Hackman after the tough loss to the Blue Devils. "So we weren't to the point where they're like – 'oh, we lost again,'" said Hackman. "There were tears in their eyes. It hurt them. That's good."

This postseason matchup versus the Blue Devils was what most people would have coined a toss-up game as the two Upper Iowa Conference rivals split a doubleheader on the same diamond in the last week of June during

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New Hampton looks to make postseason run

Chickasaws wrap up regular season 13-11, host Waukon in 3A regional opener tonight

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Don't call him a lame duck. Tate Hofmeister – in this his last year as head softball coach for New Hampton – has already achieved more than he had the year prior with his Chickasaws.

At least in terms of victories and placement in the Northeast Iowa Conference (NEIC).

The postseason won't determine his fate as he already announced before the start of this 2024 campaign that this summer will be his last, but it could well jump start a winning tradition for New Hampton, something the NEIC squad hasn't done on a consistent basis in five years.

That year was 2019 when the Chickasaws went 29-8 overall and finished second in league with a 15-3 mark to perennial champ Charles City.

Back to the present day.

"We're still so hungry to go," said Hofmeister, finishing out his third season at NH. "We're not satisfied with where we're at right now. We know we can keep getting better. I'm very proud of these girls."

The conference portion of the season is now complete for the Chickasaws. New Hampton (13-11, 4-11) played one final regular season game on Tuesday at Clear Lake.

Then the Chickasaws will host Waukon in the first round

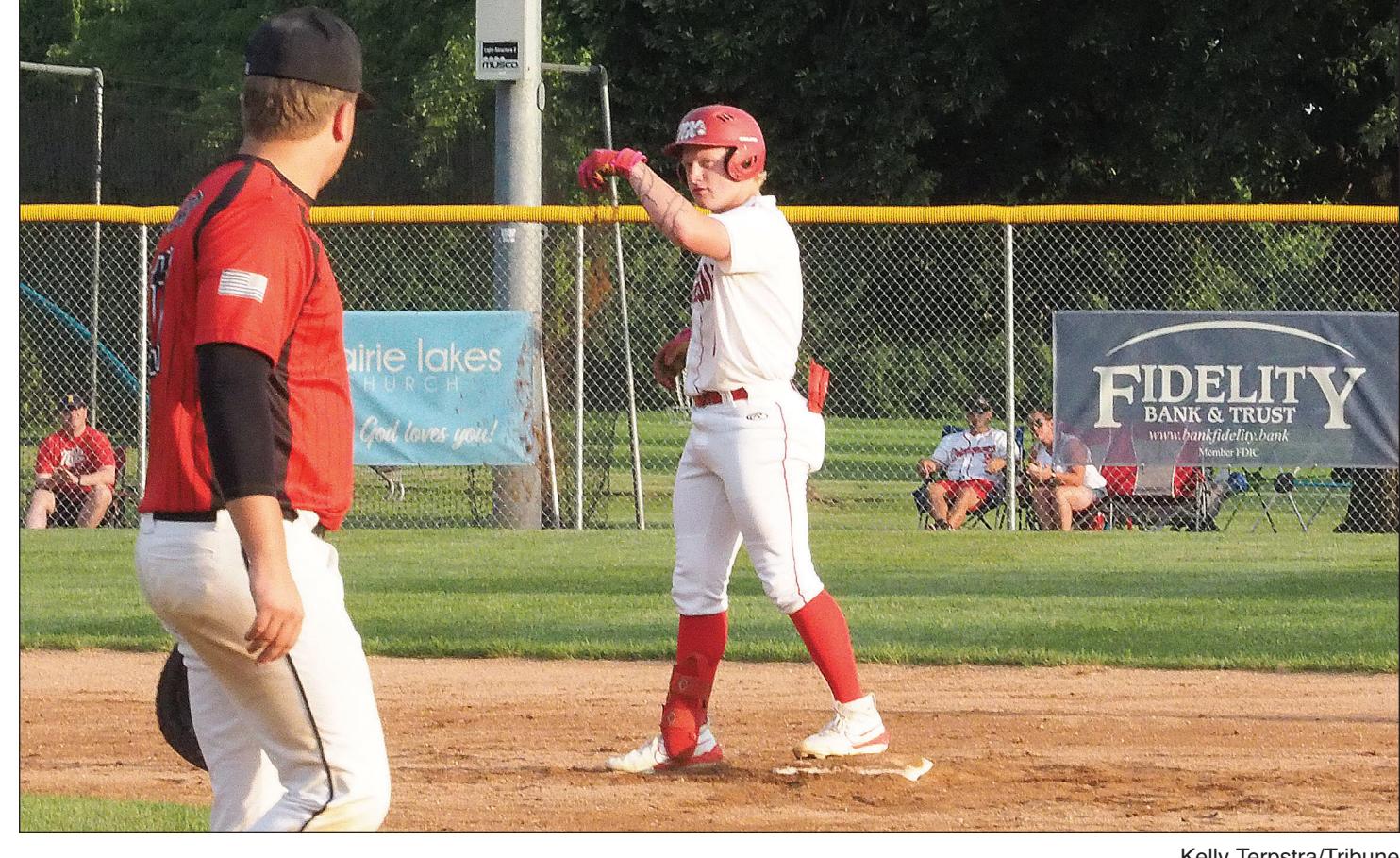


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New Hampton's Claire Geerts (above) and Jackie Pickar (below) make catches during a game at Crestwood last week.

of Class 3A regional play. Win that game tonight (Thursday) and New Hampton will host another postseason tilt on Saturday at Mikkelsen Park

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New Hampton's Kael Meyers (above) sprinkles dirt from the field after a first-inning double while Braden McShane (below) throws a pitch during the Chickasaws' first-round playoff game against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Tuesday.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

CHICKASAWS PICK UP WIN OVER GHV, WILL TAKE ON FOREST CITY IN CLASS 2A DISTRICT FINAL

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Bleach blonde works for Talyn Bohaty.

And although there were plenty of stars in New Hampton's 10-1 Class 2A district win over Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Tuesday night, the hot topic of conversation was the senior catcher's dyed 'do.

"Heck, if I would have known I'd hit like this, I would have dyed it a long time ago," Bohaty said after smacking a home run and a double. "I mean every time I've hit a ball hard this year, it seems someone's making a diving catch. ... So why not hit it over the fence, right?"

Bohaty was part of an 11-hit attack that produced six extra-base hits as New Hampton earned a trip to the district championship game for a 15th consecutive season.

"We as coaches really can't ask much more of these kids in terms of batting practice unless we chained them to the fence," New Hampton coach Cory McDonald said after the sixth-ranked Chickasaws improved to 25-6 and earned a date with Osage on Saturday night. "They hit morning, noon and night, and we've been scrapping for runs lately so it was nice to light up the scoreboard a little tonight."

New Hampton took control of Tuesday's game early as back-to-back RBI doubles by Kael Meyers and Braden McShane highlighted a three-run first

inning.

After the Cardinals, who ended the season 13-10, got a run back in the top of the second, Bohaty blasted a ball over the left-field fence for his second career home run.

"Mac had said the ball was really carrying," Bohaty said, "so when I hit it, I thought it had a chance but honestly, I just wanted to make good contact. That's the goal every time."

New Hampton broke the game open with a five-run third inning and then turned it over to its pitching and defense. Meyers pitched the first three innings and finished with eight strikeouts while Jaxon Eckley pitched the fourth and fifth innings and McShane closed out the night with four

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