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## Supervisors inch ahead on using TIF funds

Board members express interest in using funds generated from wind farm for a variety of projects but nothing 'set in stone'

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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Tuesday took the first step — albeit a small one — to using TIF funds for major projects ranging from road work to the renovation and addition to the Sheriff's Office to improvements at the Secondary Roads Shop building located on North

Mission Avenue just outside of New Hampton to replacing a Conservation Board storage building.

Supervisors voted 4-0 — Steve Breitbach joined the meeting by phone while Matt Kuhn was unable to attend — to direct the county's TIF Committee to move forward on the so-called TIF timeline and begin discussions with cities on consent forms that will need to be signed for projects either within

those cities or within a two-mile radius of them.

The action during a special meeting came after supervisors met with members of the TIF Committee and Ahlers Cooney attorney Jason Comisky to discuss the committee's urban renewal plan that would capture millions of dollars in tax-increment financing generated by the recently completed wind farm that was built to the north of New

Hampton.

Comisky told board members that "it's a very good plan. It's very well thought out," yet at the same time, he emphasized that "it doesn't lock you into those projects, but at least you have a road map."

Among the renewal projects in the plan are:

- Almost \$9.59 million for road



projects for work on V18 from the south city limits of Alta Vista to the Chickasaw County line, reconstruction of North Linn and

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## Supervisors name two to dam board

County follows suit with city of Nashua to revive panel created by 1988 inter-governmental pact

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Chickasaw County now has two representatives on a board as part of an inter-governmental agreement that has been in place for more than 3 1/2 decades.

The question is how long will that agreement between the county, the city of Nashua and the Chickasaw County Conservation Board that was put into place in 1988 remain in effect.

Board members on Monday voted 3-1 — Matt Kuhn cast the only nay vote while Steve Breitbach was unable to attend the meeting — to appoint Scott Cerwinski and Jake Hackman to the board called for in the agreement that's purpose is to promote the dam located in Nashua and the surrounding area.

The action came six days after supervisors held off on appointing members to the board because, as Hackman and fellow Supervisor Travis Suckow put it, the county wanted to see if the city of Nashua would appoint members.

Cerwinski, who represents the Nashua area, said that the city's council appointed Jake Johnson and Samantha Johnson to the dam board about eight hours after supervisors adjourned their meeting on Sept. 3.

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### 'Walk and Learn' to address suicide prevention Tuesday

Senior Life Solutions and Everybody Hurts are joining together this coming Tuesday, Sept. 17, for an event to spread awareness about mental health and suicide prevention.

The event is billed as a "Walk and Learn" and will take place at Mikkelsen Park at 3 p.m.

Among the stats that participants can learn is that more than 49,000 people died by suicide in 2022, which equates to one death every 11 minutes.

### First Friday Night Lights at home!

Members of the New Hampton High School Marching Band play the Star-Spangled Banner this past Friday night for the Chickasaws' first home football game of the season against Clear Lake.

And the home opener came on an evening when there was definitely a hint of fall in the air as temperatures dropped into the 50s.

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
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### New Hampton teacher honored as the FCS educator of the year

Schmitt found family and consumer science late in her career

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New Hampton High School family and consumer science teacher April Schmitt had herself quite the summer as she claimed the Iowa Family Consumer Science Educators (IFCSE) educator of the year award.

But here's the deal: Schmitt is a latecomer to the subject area she loves.

She's been a teacher for 26 years, but she spent the first 16 years of her career in a variety of positions — ranging from a second-grade instructor to a middle school English and history teacher.

"I keep moving up, and one day, I hope to graduate," she said with a laugh, "but this family and consumer science, I think was definitely my calling. ... Not that I didn't enjoy my other experiences in education, but this is where my heart is."

And in June, when she headed to the IFCSE annual awards banquet that was held on

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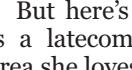
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Bob Fenske/Tribune

## Our summer-like weather continues

A jet skier and a boater enjoy a perfect day on Cedar Lake in Nashua recently, and the good news for those who like warm temperatures and blue skies is we have another summer-like weekend on tap as highs will be in the upper 70s and lows will drop to near 60 on Saturday and Sunday. And more warm weather is expected next week so enjoy it while it lasts, right?

## Briefs

### PBS will air 2nd Congressional District debate next month

Iowa PBS will hold an Iowa Press debate for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District race on Monday, Oct. 14, at Iowa PBS studios in Johnston.

Hosted by Iowa Press moderator Kay Henderson, candidates Sarah Corkery, D-Cedar Falls, and U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Marion, will answer questions from reporters and discuss their platforms, concerns and future plans. Henderson will moderate the debate with two Iowa political reporters.

The debate will air live on statewide Iowa PBS and be streamed on iowapbs.org, YouTube and Facebook.

In addition to its statewide broadcast, Iowa PBS .1 is available to livestream on iowapbs.org/watch, pbs.org/livestream, the PBS app, Local Now, YouTube TV and Hulu + Live TV.

### Lettermen's Club conducting annual meat bundles fundraiser

The New Hampton Lettermen's Club is in the midst of its annual meat bundle fundraiser sale and orders will be taken through Thursday, Sept. 19.

The club has nine meat bundles/samplers available for the sale and they range in price from \$28 to \$65.

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Orders will be available to pickup on Sunday, Oct. 6, between 11 a.m. and noon in the New Hampton High School family and consumer science classroom, which is the old high school cafeteria near the doors on the upper level of the building.

### Democrat candidates to meet with voters next week

Local Chickasaw County Democratic candidates, along with Sarah Corkery, who is running for Congress, will meet with voters at Rancho Viejo Restaurant in New Hampton on Thursday, Sept. 19.

Candidates will be at the event from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. that evening.

Local candidates expected to be on hand include Joan Knoll, who is running for the District 3 Supervisor seat against Republican Jake Hackman, and Supervisor Steve Breitbach, who is running unopposed for the District 1 seat he has held since 2022.

### 'Stuff the Truck' set for Friday at New Hampton football game

This Friday the New Hampton dance team will be giving back to the community by holding a "Stuff the Truck" night during the Chickasaw football game.

The mission is to fill the bed of a pickup truck with items to donate to the Chickasaw Pride Pantry, which is located at NHHS. Monetary donations are also welcome.

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## Schmitt says move to FCS has provided a 'wonderful journey'

### AWARD: FROM 1

campus of Iowa State University, Schmitt came home with a "haul."

In addition to winning the educator of the year, she also received a BEST award and was named a "Key Leader." The former honored her teaching practices while the latter was a nod to the fact that she is a mentor of sorts to other FCS teachers in the Keystone Area Education Agency.

But without a push from Turkey Valley administrators and her fellow teachers more than 10 years ago, she may have never found family and consumer science. They knew her baking business — Auntie April's — was a hit, and they figured she'd be a natural.

"So with a little prodding, I did it," she said, "and I have no regrets whatsoever. It's been a wonderful journey."

She was nominated for her educator of the year award by Northeast Iowa Community College Career Coordinator Holly O'Brien and Postville teacher Kayla Pupard.

"I am honored I get to work with April when I'm in her school district," O'Brien wrote. "But I'm blown away by the relationships she has built within her community, the school and with her students."

Schmitt said she believes one of the keys to the success of the FCS program at New Hampton is the fact that it's constantly evolving.

"We offer a new class every year," she said, "and so like last year, we did foods around the world, which really opened up some eyes."

"So many of our kids have never, or rarely, been out of Iowa, and this not only gives them a chance to learn about foods from different parts of the world but also about cultures. They really enjoyed it."

Schmitt has also led key initiatives during her FCS career. For the first six years, she taught at both Turkey Valley and New Hampton in a shared position and this is her fourth year in which she has taught exclusively.

"It was such an amazing night. I was humbled and honored to receive FCS educator of the year," Schmitt said. "It takes a team to make a difference and on my team I have spectacular students, administrators, staff, teachers, and community. I love being part of the Chickasaw Tribe!"

And she can't wait to see what's next.

"I think what I love the most about my job is just working with so many different kinds of kids," she said. "To see them discover a passion for cooking, for example, and a willingness to try something new, that's the amazing part."

She paused and smiled.

"To hear the stories of how they are the best cooks in the family, that just makes my heart smile."



Photo courtesy of April Schmitt

New Hampton High School family and consumer science teacher April Schmitt poses for a photo this past summer after she received three prestigious honors at the Iowa Family Consumer Science Educators' annual awards banquet.

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# Sheriff's Office, Nashua-Plainfield partner for school-resource officer

School district's new superintendent says there are a 'lot of positives' with new program; sheriff says he appreciates N-P's willingness to be 'flexible'

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**Nashua-Plainfield**  
Superintendent Jay Marley believes having a school-resource officer is a win-win situation for both his school district and the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office.

Ditto for Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

And the two entities are dipping their proverbial toes in the water during the 2024-25 school year, thanks to decisions made by the Nashua-Plainfield School Board last month and the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

"There are a lot of positives with having a school resource officer," Marley said, "and it's

really about building rapport between our kids and law enforcement. Maybe they'll help out with a teacher talking about 'stranger danger' or another class topic, but to me, the positive is that kids will get to see law enforcement maybe in a different light."

In other words, not just as the folks who go after "bad guys" or stop speeders and the like.

"Bingo," Marley said. "It'll show our younger kids that they're ready to help, they're ready to serve, and for our older kids, it might open up some ideas for maybe a career in law enforcement. Like I said, it's a win-win."

Marley, who is also the superintendent of Tripoli, said the Bremer County Sheriff's Office

has a dedicated school resource officer who works throughout the smaller districts in the county.

When he was named superintendent at Nashua-Plainfield, he knew he wanted to bring that idea with him and reached out to Shawver.

"I explained to him that I would love to enter into an agreement," Shawver told the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, "but I would have to be more flexible than Bremer County is."

Shawver said because his office doesn't have a dedicated deputy for schools, he couldn't necessarily set exact times when his deputies could be in Nashua-Plainfield's two school buildings.

"So we agreed that we could be a lot more flexible," he said. "It's going to get us in the schools a lot more. It's always been a goal of mine to have a school resource officer dedicated, but unfortunately we just don't have the staff and the resources to do that right now. ... This would definitely be a step in the right direction."

Supervisors agreed, and signed a memorandum of understanding and approved a school-resource officer agreement. Under the terms of the MOU and the agreement, Nashua-Plainfield will pay the Sheriff's Office \$3,000 for the coming year, which works out to about 40 hours based on the hourly rate that the county charges the cities of Nashua and

Fredericksburg for law-enforcement officers.

Marley said that because the state offers financial incentives to school districts that have resource officers in place, "we're not going to be out 100 percent of that money, and seeing how it's worked in Tripoli, this is a really good investment for Nashua-Plainfield."

Shawver said that his dep-

ties will not only visit school during the day but also attend various events — ranging from sporting contest to concerts.

"It gives us a presence, and it's a nice start," said Shawver, who added that the agreement will be revisited on an annual basis. "My office is excited to see where this goes and is looking forward to working with the students and staff."

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## FCS donation to beef up Ionia Fire equipment

The Ionia Fire Department recently received a \$5,000 grant from Farm Credit Services of America through the Working Here Grant program to enhance the department's rescue capabilities with the acquisition of battery-powered vehicle extraction tools.

The FCSA Working Here Grant aims to support essential community services, and this grant will enable the Ionia Fire Department to upgrade their equipment, significantly improving their efficiency and safety during vehicle extrication operations.

Pictured are (from left) FCS of America's Tiffanie Stanbrough and Corey Tieskoetter, Ionia firefighters Derek Day and Kirby Fosse and FCS of America's Pete Larkin.

## Briefs

### Tribune seeking veteran photos; proceeds to benefit vet organizations

The New Hampton Tribune and Nashua Reporter is now accepting photos for their annual Veterans Day special commemorative edition that will be published in November, and all proceeds from the photos will directly benefit various veterans organizations in Chickasaw County.

Pictures of veterans can be submitted at the Tribune office located at 18 E. Main St. in New Hampton, mailing them to New Hampton Tribune, c/o Veterans Tab, 801 Riverside Dr., Charles City 50616 or by emailing them to accounting@nhtrib.com. Office hours in New Hampton are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

Included with the pictures should be the name of the veteran being honored, along with his or her branch of service, rank and dates of service. A form is available in this edition of the Tribune on page 10 and are also available at the newspaper office.

There is a \$5 fee for each veteran's photo but all funds collected from the photos will go directly to organizations that serve veterans.

The special section that will be published in the Tribune on Nov. 7 and the Reporter on Nov. 8 will also include feature stories on area veterans.

For more information on our veterans tribute, call 641-394-2111.

### Register by Oct. 9 for pesticide applicators continuing education

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office will host a Forest, Aquatic, and Right-of-Way Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The program provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP) can be seen at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is the Chickasaw County Extension Office at 115 N. Broadway Ave., New Hampton. Preregistration may be required and walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room allows.

The course runs from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45 on or before Oct. 9 and \$55 after Oct. 9. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Lynn Bruess at the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174.

The course will provide continuing instruction credits for commercial and public pesticide applicators certified in categories 2 (Forest Pest Control), 5 (Aquatic Pest Control), and 6 (Right-of-Way Pest Control). Topics to be covered are: application equipment use, maintenance, and calibration; safe

application techniques, including pesticide drift reduction; and cat-egory-specific pests, pest management and pesticides.

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

### Plum Creek Art Center to celebrate gallery's 10th anniversary Sept. 22

Plum Creek Art Center/Connie Mohr Gallery will be celebrating its 10th anniversary at a party for the public from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22.

The event will be held at the gallery that is located at 115 W. Main St. in Fredericksburg and include rooms full of art created by Iowa artists, many of them from Chickasaw County.

Organizers will be serving cake and ice cream, and attendees can also register for a door prize.

Music will be provided by Sumner-Fredericksburg Band students, and museum officials are also touting the fact that finding an affordable early Christmas gift could also be a part of the day,

— For more on the center, see next week's Tribune

### New Hampton blood drive results

During the Aug. 27 New Hampton Community blood drive, there were 45 registered donors, 40 of which were eligible donors, with 46 units collected.

Nine of those donors hit milestones, led by Victor DeSloover with 17 gallons donated and Norman Knutson with 16 gallons.

Vickie Mracek followed with 13 gallons, Cory Kuehn hit the nine-gallon mark and Don Blazek came in with six.

Rachel Martin with three gallons and Shannon Petoud, Philip Glaser and Laura Schwickerath, all with two gallons donated, rounded out the list.

According to the press release, the above nine milestone donors have donated 560 pints of blood, sustaining the lives of 1,680 people.

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# Those who come to rally love city and its Boy Scouts

## RALLY: FROM 1

There's no wall-to-wall tents set up like in the "old days," but people come, oh they still travel to New Hampton to share in the good times and ride, just not as much as they used to.

"It is going strong. Probably the toughest part is the bikers that came 30 years ago are 75 or 80 years old. They're not riding. I still got 'em coming. The campground is full of people that came in a pickup or brought the car or brought the camper," said Scoutmaster Tony Trower of the local Boy Scout Troop 48 that now runs the show and has since 2017.

Gene and Luci Davis first held New Hampton's Motorcycle Rally in their backyard and it grew from there. Time changes and so has one of the more well-known rallies in this part of the country.

Ron and Rikki Hamrick drove from over in northwest Iowa — Spencer to be precise — to come to New Hampton yet again. They've been a part of this particular rally for 24 years. Their tent was set up just south of the bandshell.

"Our very first rally that we ever went together as a couple was this rally," said Ron Hamrick. "A friend of ours had told us about it and he came over here quite a few times, so we decided to come and check it out."

This most recent rendition of this friendly get-together amongst loyal bikers keeps bringing those riders back and they get to revel and enjoy themselves over the course of a weekend that turned into absolute gorgeous weather.

"We got great weather this weekend. We've had some rough weekends," said Trower.

Just how rough can it get in Iowa weather-wise?

Rikki relayed a story of hard rain that drenched the campgrounds their very first year they made an appearance in New Hampton.

"The first year we came it was a monsoon because it rained for like eight hours straight and the wind was 50 miles-an-hour — literally," said Rikki.

The bike rally doesn't draw crowds like it once did 30-plus years ago, but Vander Meyden and his crew didn't seem to mind. They shared stories by the campfire, laughed and enjoyed a weekend away from their cares and concerns.

"We're getting older. You used to be able to just bring our bike and our camper. Now we bring the bike, the camper and the truck," smirked Kevin. "We bring too much stuff."

They may be older, but they're all here for a good time — to ride, relax,



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

**Members of the Skunk Valley Riders (above), pose for a photo at Mikkelsen Park, where Boy Scouts like Xander Meyerhoff (right), make sure New Hampton Motorcycle Rally attendees are well stocked with firewood.**

listen to live entertainment and tell stories. That's the most important part anyway to a lot of folks out here — outside of maybe jumping on your bike to take part in a cruise to Waterloo or the lighted night parade that begins right before dusk.

"Back then it was wall-to-wall. If you stepped out to go to the bathroom you had to look for the tent stake because you were literally falling over people's tents. That's how close they were," said Rikki.

Ron and Rikki are members of the Christian Motorcycle Association — which will celebrate its 50th year in existence next year.

"We're actually a ministry," said Ron. "Our motto is change the world one heart at a time."

Rikki piggy-backed on Ron's declaration and mission statement.

"We're evangelists," said Rikki.

The Hamricks have created friendships and lifelong bonds from riders that have made the trek from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Texas, Kansas — just to name a few of the states. Some don't make the trek anymore to



northeast Iowa and Chickasaw County because "Father Time" won't let them.

"There's hardly anybody camping on the grounds anymore because they all got old," laughed Rikki. "There's still a lot of them here, but you don't see 'em because they're in the hotels or they're in the RV's now."

A lot has changed since bell-bottom jeans were a thing and Led Zeppelin played in everyone's 8-track player when the rally first began. But the faces remain the same — even if the gray is more prominent on some of these biker's beards and the leather chaps many riders wear have shown

their cracks as well.

"You used to have kybos right along this post on the end of the parking lot. We were one tent away from the kybos and you know what happens at night when people drink," smiled Kevin, a member of the Skunk Valley Riders.

Kevin's wife — Debbie Vander Meyden — raved not only about the rally, but the town of New Hampton itself, specifically its food.

"The town is wonderful. The food — oh my God. It's excellent," said Debbie.

There's still a crowd at this rally, it's just harder to find them as they're tucked away in their tents — many of them near the outfield fence of the ball diamond that plays host to the state runner-up Chickasaw baseball team from a summer ago.

What keeps these riders coming back?

"The friends they've made here. They love our park," said Trower. "They love to support the Scouts."

Trower said his Boy Scout troop holds many duties and responsibilities during this eventful weekend.

"The Boy Scouts' job out here is they clean all bathrooms. It's a big job. They sell and deliver firewood and fire rings," said Trower. "They collect camping fees for anybody in a tent that's camping out here. So it's not just a fundraiser, you've got 11, 12, 13-year-old kids out communicating with people."

But the weather, yeah it was something else — sunny, a blue sky and a slight breeze. The humidity wasn't too bad, either. That meant it was a little chilly at night when campers and bikers each roasted hot dogs on an open flame or made new friends dancing to the music as the moon took center stage in the nighttime sky.

Mother Nature gave New Hampton a break and may have been looking out for rally attendees this weekend.

"We had a group pull in three hours ago where it poured on them in Lawler — liked poured. They got here and it's sun shining," said Trower on Friday night right before the Chickasaw football team kicked off its home opener versus Clear Lake.

"The weather's always been a factor here — even before we took over. I think they've seen 100 degrees and they've seen frost. It's September in Iowa — you don't know what you're going to get."

New Hampton's rally is still alive and kicking. That means riders can probably expect less-than spectacular weather in the near future for potential rallies — but not this year.

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Investment opportunities don't stop at the U.S. border. But what should you know about investing internationally?

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When you invest internationally, you can receive at least two key benefits. First, international investments can help diversify your portfolio. When you spread your investment dollars among a variety of investments, you can help reduce the impact of market volatility that might affect one type of asset particularly hard. For example, if you only owned stocks and the market went through one of its inevitable downturns, your portfolio would likely take a bigger hit than if you also owned bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit and other investments. And when you invest internationally, you're adding still another layer of diversification — because in any given year, U.S. stocks may be down while those from other regions of the world could be up. Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help protect you somewhat from market movements, it can't guarantee profits or prevent all losses.

Another advantage of international investing is that it can give you more opportunities for growth. You can benefit from taking part in emerging markets that may offer significant growth potential, fueled by rising consumer spending and rapid advances in technology. Of course, you can certainly find many growth-oriented investments in the U.S., but by broadening your outlook to include the



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whole world, you also widen the playing field for growth possibilities. While international investing does offer some clear benefits, it also carries some risks, including the following:

- **Currency risk** — The exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies will change constantly. When you invest internationally, this shifting rate can sometimes work in your favor, but it might also reduce your investment returns.

- **Political risk** — Foreign countries may experience political turmoil that could negatively affect their financial markets and the industries and companies in which you're investing.

- **Liquidity risk** — Some foreign markets have lower trading volumes than U.S. exchanges and may be open fewer hours. This can lead to lower liquidity, possibly making it somewhat more difficult for you to move in and out of international investments.

You'll want to weigh the benefits and risks of investing internationally before taking action. You'll also want to think carefully about the percentage of your portfolio that you might want to devote to international investments. There's no one "rule" regarding an appropriate amount because everyone's situation is different. And since it's more challenging to understand the global investment picture, you might want to consult with a financial professional. Still, it's a big world out there — and as an investor, you may want to explore it.

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Ahlers Cooney attorney Jason Comisky (left) discusses the TIF issue with the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.

## Attorney: Urban-renewal plan isn't 'set in stone'

### TIF: FROM 1

South Linn and two bridge replacements — one on 170th Street and one on B57.

Up to \$750,000 for the replacement of the Conservation Board's storage building located at 2456 Hickory Avenue.

Up to \$1.6 million to undertake improvements and/or construct replacement buildings at the Roads Shop that is located at 1990 Mission Ave.

And up to \$20 million for the renovation of the current Sheriff's Office building and the construction of an adjacent new 24-hour holding facility.

The road projects would be tied to economic development while the three building projects would help remediate blight. Last fall, the county had a blight assessment done on four county buildings — the three in the urban-renewal plan and the courthouse and only the latter was not considered blighted.

The projects in the plan are spread out over years, with the first TIF funds being used for the Conservation Board building in fiscal 2026-27, the road work to begin using TIF funding the year after and the Sheriff's Office not using any TIF money until the 2033-34 building.

"One thing I will say is that this document isn't set in stone," Comisky said. "Even when you approve it, it isn't neces-

sarily set in stone. You can always come back and amend this urban-renewal plan."

Approving the urban-renewal plan, though, will take a while. Comisky said that supervisors will need at least two meetings — at least a month apart — to adopt the plan.

He said the first action the board would need to take is to set the dates of so-called consultation meetings with other taxing entities and a public hearing on the urban-renewal plan.

Comisky said the consultation meetings are usually about one week after the first meeting and that those meetings should be at least 15 days before the date set for the public hearing, i.e., the second meeting.

After the public hearing, supervisors can adopt the urban renewal plan and also hold the first reading of the TIF ordinance adoption. They also could waive the second and third readings, but if they don't, that would extend the process.

He emphasized that even if the county adopts the urban-renewal plan, it won't be "locked into" it.

"This is a planning document," he said. "It says we may use tax increment in the future so we're authorizing it as an urban-renewal project.

"It doesn't mean you absolutely have to do the project. It doesn't mean that you have to issue debt for it. It just means that

you now have the general authority to do that in the future."

And he admitted that there's no guarantee the "prices" for projects will remain the same over the course of the plan.

"Everybody's crystal ball in this room is limited, right? We don't know what construction costs will be in 10 years," Comisky said. "We don't know what interest rates are going to be in 10 years. So we're trying to do the best we can with the planning document, but we all have to understand it may need to be amended at some time."

Board members, though, were willing to at least start the process of adopting the urban-renewal plan.

"I think it's there to capture," Hackman said, "to do some of the projects that need to be done and should have been done many years ago. I guess we'll wait and see what the school and the cities say about it, they can't veto it."

And Comisky said moving ahead Tuesday didn't tie the county to the plan.

"That second board meeting, after the public hearing," he said, "that's when you make the decision, [that's] where you decide to move forward."

During Tuesday's meeting, it was discussed having the "first meeting" in early October with the "second meeting" coming sometime in mid-November, but no firm dates were set.

## County may explore taking bids for recycling pickup

### SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

"I think we need to appoint two people there," Cerwinski said during Monday's meeting. It sounds like they want to meet and redo the whole agreement. ... For me, I think that's what needs to be done. We need a new agreement with a different direction than it originally had."

Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal said that his board did not have the dam agreement on its board agenda on Sept. 3, but he added that he did inform his board members about the discussion that took place among the supervisors earlier that day.

He said the Conservation Board has two options — place the dam agreement on its October agenda or call a special meeting — but he added that he has questions about being part of the agreement.

"If I move forward and present this to the Conservation Board, what are the plans? What does the city of Nashua want out of the Conservation Board getting into this agreement? ... We're obviously there and if there's anything we can do to help promote or help fund raise or whatever we can do, we're all for it ... but what is the reason for us to be part of this?"

Cerwinski said one reason Nashua would like to redo the agreement is to bring other parties — Floyd County was men-

tioned — into a new 28E agreement.

County Attorney David Laudner said that he would like to be a part of the process of coming up with a new agreement, saying it would probably end up on his desk anyway.

"I think sooner rather than later, it would be a good opportunity to bring the other persons you want into the discussion," he said. "Off the cuff, initially, my comment would be I think it might be something to disband and then form a brand-new document with all the new parties entered into it."

Supervisor Matt Kuhn, though, expressed his concerns about having the county attorney "getting drawn into this because if something falls apart or there's an issue or somebody doesn't hold to an agreement in this 28E then you have to defend us. But then is there a conflict of

interest if you're helping with all the other parties?"

Kuhn last month made the motion to have the county withdraw from the agreement, but that was voted down 3-2, with only Breitbach supporting him.

In the end, board members voted on a motion by Hackman to appoint himself and Cerwinski to the board, which now leaves only the Conservation Board having to decide if it will stay a part of the 1988 accord and appoint board members.

The dam was part of a relatively brief supervisors meeting as the board met for just 43 minutes on Monday.

Board members passed on taking any action on a 3.3 percent rate increase that Jendro Sanitation/LJP Waste Solutions will implement on July 1, 2025, for the pick up of recycling for rural residents.

"There's no need to approve this because we're months away from budgeting," Hackman said.

"My concern is this rate is a little bit higher and maybe we should go out for some bids. ... This strictly ... almost 300

bucks short of \$30,000 now. I don't know guys ... you see around other counties they have their drop-off sites, partner with some of the cities and try to cut some costs."

Kuhn agreed.

"I don't think it would hurt to go out and get some quotes," Kuhn said.

Supervisors also acted on several personnel items presented by Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson, including the hiring of Conrad Rosendahl, the recently hired New Hampton police chief, as a part-time EMT and the position change from EMT to paramedic for Josh Schuchardt.



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## Presenting the colors

Members of the Fae Stine American Legion Post and New Hampton Cub Scouts present the colors before Friday night's game between the Chickasaws and Clear Lake on what turned out to be a beautiful night for football.

Welcome to Medicare seminar registration is due by this Friday

"Welcome to Medicare" seminar will be offered by the MercyOne New Hampton SHIP counselors and will be held this coming Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The seminar will be held at MercyOne New Hampton in the Health Education Center. Please register by this Friday by calling MercyOne registration at 641-394-4121.

"We're excited to offer this free seminar to the community," says Don Lynch from MercyOne New Hampton's SHIP program. "Medicare is such an important program and understanding what it offers helps assure that anyone eligible gets the health benefits they deserve," he adds.

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**News Briefs****Fundraiser for Brady Einck to be held prior to homecoming parade**

There will be a meal fundraiser on Thursday, Sept. 26 for New Hampton's Brady Einck. In 2022, at the age of 7, Brady was diagnosed with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), according to the Facebook page providing updates and MLD awareness.

The meal will be held at the corner of Main and Chestnut, during the farmer's market and prior to the Chickasaw Homecoming parade. Food, including grilled brats, pulled pork sandwiches and moo-mobile shakes will be served from 4 to 6 p.m., with the parade commencing at 6 p.m.

The Einck family will receive 100 percent of the proceeds of the meal toward the care of Brady.

**Classic Tractor ride Sept. 29**

Fall's ablaze so get the old iron running and join Classic Tractors

**Legal Notice - Legal Notice****CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

The Board convened on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 9:02 AM with members Breitbach, Kuhn, Suckow, Hackman and Cerwinski present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa.

Chairperson Cerwinski called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, County Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske member of the media, Terry Johnson, Kathy Shekleton, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, EMS Director Joel Knutson, James Davis, Melanie Davis, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, Bruce Lantzy, Adam Kleiss, Bryce Warnke, Pat Rosonke, Matt Holschlag, Josh Dunn, Carmela Slick.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to approve the agenda for September 3, 2024 with the addition of the name of the 28E agreement which is Chickasaw Cedar Lake Improvement. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve minutes for August 26, 2024 with a change. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

No public comment.

Discussion of property tax statement with regards to Tax Incremental Financing (TIF).

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Kuhn to approve and authorize chair's signature on Memorandum of Understanding with Nashua/Plainfield Community School District and the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office SRO Program. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve and authorize chair's signature on School Resource Officer Agreement with Nashua/Plainfield Community School District and the Chickasaw County Sheriff School Resource Officer (SRRO). Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Department update provided by Sheriff Ryan Shawver.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve increase in pay for Michelle Rosone, clerk/paralegal for the County Attorney, from \$27.84 to \$28.84 effective September 9, 2024. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Update on Opioid programming provided by County Attorney David Laudner.

Department update provided by EMS Director Joel Knutson.

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have the EMS semi-annual meeting, September 18, 2024, at the Community Services Building at 6:30 PM.

PM. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Hackman to approve setting semi-annual EMS meetings with the six cities under the 28E Agreement on the 2nd Wednesday in February and the 2nd Wednesday in August at the Community Services Building at 6:30 PM. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

10:00 AM Open bids for cash rental lease of Gilmore Wapsi Access and the County Farm:

Gilmore Wapsi Access  
Bid: BRUCE LANTZKY \$60.00  
No other bids

Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Breitbach to move forward and accept bid for \$60.00 per tillable acre, a three-year lease starting March 1, 2025 and ending February 29, 2028 for Gilmore Wapsi Access. Roll call: Ayes: Kuhn, Breitbach, Suckow, Hackman, Cerwinski Motion carried.

CHICKASAW CO FARM SEPTEMBER 3, 2024  
SEALED BIDS

BRUCE LANTZKY ..... \$250.00  
JOSHUA DUNN ..... \$265.00  
MATT HOLSCLAG ..... \$225.00  
ADAM KLEISS ..... \$330.00  
BRYCE WARNKE ..... \$281.00  
PAT ROSONKE ..... \$255.00  
JAMES DAVIS ..... \$250.00

Raised by verbal bids, Dunn \$335.00, Davis \$340.00, Holschlag \$350.00, Davis \$360.00, Holschlag \$365.00, Davis \$370.00, Dunn \$380.00, Davis \$385.00, Holschlag \$400.00.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to accept Matt Holschlag's bid of \$400.00 per tillable acre, a three-year lease starting March 1, 2025 and ending February 29, 2028 for the Chickasaw County Farm. Roll call: Ayes: Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Kuhn, Cerwinski. Motion carried.

Discussed board members for Chickasaw Cedar Lake Improvement Council, additional information needed.

Committee Assignment

Supervisor Suckow, Aug. 29, Northeast Iowa Resource, Conservation & Development

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Hackman to adjourn at 10:37 AM. Roll call: All Ayes: Motion carried.

Scott Cerwinski, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

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A car seat manual, vehicle manual and child must be present for the most accurate fit.

**Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice - Legal Notice****CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 3, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Geerts at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Speltz, Denner, Fisher, Larsen and Porath. Humpal was absent. Also in attendance were attorney Wm. Baresel, Tammy Robinson, Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl, Dylan Walleser, Shelly Reicks, Cory McDonald, Bob Fenske and several NHHS students.

1. Approve meeting agenda

2. Approve City Council Minutes of August 19, 2024.

3. Approve City Claims of \$78,319.51

4. Committed As a Whole Minutes of August 19, 2024

5. Request to Advertise to Solicit Bids for 2016 Dodge Charger

Moved by Larsen, seconded by Porath; that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Humpal. Motion carried.

Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl is requesting to update the agreement between the City of New Hampton and newly hired employees which outlines the training expenses incurred and the reimbursement agreement if the employee leaves City of New Hampton employment. Staff has utilized an existing agreement but this agreement has been updated with changes. Moved by Denner, seconded by Fisher; That RESOLUTION No. 6669 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 CHEVY SILVERADO FOR THE NEW HAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, be approved

Ayes - Speltz, Denner, Fisher, Larsen, Nays – None. Absent – Humpal. Resolution carried.

Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson is requesting to hire Megan Baltes as part time Assistant Economic Development Director at a pay rate of \$20.60 and also offer 50% of the health insurance benefit. Council members were concerned that offering benefits to part time employees may set precedent for part time employees. Moved by Porath, seconded by Fisher; That RESOLUTION No. 6669 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2024 CHEVY SILVERADO FOR THE NEW HAMPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, be approved.

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# Kruse strikes gold with kick return

## TV FOOTBALL: FROM 14

Kaden Schmidt, a sophomore, hit for a 10-yard scoring run in the final quarter of play. Schmidt also led the team in receiving with two catches for 33 yards.

The Hawks' defense was able to neutralize the scoring threat of junior receiver J.D. Kruse, who was limited to two catches for 23 yards. Kruse went bananas as versus Fremont-Mills in the season opener with five catches for 194 yards and three scores.

Kruse did electrify the fans in attendance with a 68-yard kickoff return to start TV's scoring in the first quarter of play versus the Hawks.

Turkey Valley saw junior Parker Reicks lead the team in tackles with 9.5 and sophomore Jordan Kriener mustered nine stops.

Kee High senior quarterback Dalton Mudderman shredded the Trojan secondary with six touchdown passes on his way to 325 yards without an interception. He was 15-22 passing and hooked up with four different receivers for scoring strikes.

Carter Seitz, a senior, hauled in six catches for 173 yards and sophomore Hawk wideout Tanner Troendle reeled in six catches of his own for 128 yards. Each of those Hawk standouts in the receiving department scored twice.

The Hawks also amassed 180 yards on the ground – a large chunk of that came from freshman Irey Mettelle, who gained 113 yards and scored once.

Kee gained 505 total yards of offense.

The Trojans lost that season opener in Week 1 of the season to Fremont-Mills, 57-28, at Valley Stadium in West Des Moines on Saturday evening, Aug. 31.

The Trojans take on West Central (0-2, 0-1) at home next Friday in the home opener. TV defeated West Central last fall in Maynard by a score of 50-7.

**KEE HIGH 58, TURKEY VALLEY 28**

TV	8	8	0	12	-	28
KEE	30	14	8	6	-	58

### FIRST QUARTER

TV - J.D. Kruse 68 kickoff return (Treyton Franzen pass from Logan Busta)

### SECOND QUARTER

TV - Busta 15 run (Tucker Reicks pass from Busta)

### FOURTH QUARTER

TV - Busta 54 run (pass failed)

TV - Kaden Schmidt 10 run (run failed)

### TEAM STATS

	TV	KEE
Rushes-yards	30-196	34-180
Passing yards	99	325
Total yards	295	505



Photos courtesy of Leah Kruse

**Turkey Valley's Parker Reicks (above) gives a Kee High defender a stiff arm in the district opener last Friday night and Kaden Schmidt (below) looks for positive yardage on a rush play.**



Att-Comp-Int	17-6-1	22-15-0	Passing - Busta 6-17-99.
Rushing - Logan Busta	11-147		Receiving - Schmidt 2-33, Kruse
Kaden Schmidt	8-23	Hugo Busta	2-23, Tucker Reicks 1-39, Franzen
Tackles - P. Reicks	9.5	6-17, Treyton Franzen	1-4.
Jordan Kriener	9	3-2, Parker Reicks 2-7.	Tackles - P. Reicks 9.5, Jordan Kriener 9, Mitchell Kriener 8, Schmidt 7.5, Kruse 7.5, H. Busta 3.5, L. Busta
Mitchell Kriener	8		3, Traejin Keel 2, Hunter Kruse 1, Caden Tiedt 1, Franzen 1.
Shmidt	8		Kickoff returns - J.D. Kruse 2-76, Schmidt 2-9, H. Busta 1-0, T. Reicks 1-0, Keel 1-0.
L. Busta	5		Kickoffs - J.D. Kruse 5-192.
			Punts - J.D. Kruse 2-53.

**TURKEY VALLEY INDIVIDUAL STATS**

Rushing - Logan Busta 11-147, Kaden Schmidt 8-23, Hugo Busta 6-17, Treyton Franzen 3-2, Parker Reicks 2-7.

Tackles - P. Reicks 9.5, Jordan Kriener 9, Mitchell Kriener 8, Schmidt 7.5, Kruse 7.5, H. Busta 3.5, L. Busta



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
**New Hampton senior Jackie Pickar plays defense on the back row at the NH Invite on Saturday.**

## Weber tallies 40 assists

### NH VOLLEYBALL: FROM 14

Served - Ries 14-14, Speltz 4-4, Cahoy 6-7, Weber 9-9, Johnson 0-1, Rosonke 7-7, Pickar 6-6. Aces - Ries 6, Cahoy 1.

### NEW HAMPTON 2, MFL MARMAC 0

New Hampton	25	25
MFL MarMac	17	8
Kills - Cahoy 8, Weber 3, Rosonke 2, Speltz 2.		
Assists - Weber 8, Ries 2, Laures 1.		

1. Digs - Cahoy 10, Ries 7, Weber 6, Smith 2, Laures 2, Johnson 2, Pickar 2, Weigel 1, Rosonke 1.

Blocks - Weber 1, Johnson 1, Rosonke 1.

Serving - Ries 10-10, Speltz 4-4, Cahoy 8-8, Weber 1-4, Johnson 3-3, Rosonke 6-7, Pickar 11-12.

Aces - Cahoy 2, Rosonke 2, Speltz 1, Weber 1, Pickar 1.

### NEW HAMPTON 3, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 1

New Hampton	25	17	25
North Fayette V	20	25	22
Kills - Rosonke 21, Cahoy 11, Weigel 6, Laures 5, Weber 3, Speltz 2, Ries 1.			
Assists - Weber 40, Ries 3, Speltz 1, Cahoy 1, Pickar 1.			

Digs - Cahoy 24, Ries 17, Pickar 11, Smith 9, Weber 8, Rosonke 6, Speltz 2, Weigel 1, Johnson 1.

Blocks - Rosonke 3, Weber 1, Weigel 1, Speltz 1.

Serving - Ries 10-12, Speltz 6-7, Cahoy 18-20, Weber 21-24, Johnson 1-2, Rosonke 11-12, Pickar 8-10.

Aces - Cahoy 7, Weber 4, Rosonke 1.

1. **DON BOSCO 2, NEW HAMPTON 0**

Don Bosco 21

New Hampton 13

Kills - Weber 4, Weigel 3, Rosonke 3.

Cahoy 2, Pickar 1, Ries 1.

Assists - Weber 20, Pickar 2, Smith 2, Ries 1.

Digs - Weber 8, Cahoy 6, Pickar 4, Ries 3, Smith 3, Weigel 3, Johnson 1.

Blocks - Weber 1, Laures 1.

Serving - Ries 3-3, Speltz 1-1, Cahoy 11-13, Weber 2-3, Rosonke 4-4, Pickar 1-2.

Aces - Cahoy 1.

**SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG 2, NEW HAMPTON 1**

Sumner-Fredericksburg 22

New Hampton 20

Kills - Cahoy 11, Rosonke 9, Weigel 4, Laures 3, Weber 2, Johnson 1.

Assists - Weber 27, Ries 1.

Digs - Ries 10, Cahoy 6, Weigel 5, Weber 3, Smith 3, Rosonke 2.

Blocks - Weber 1, Laures 1.

Serving - Ries 10-11, Speltz 2-2, Cahoy 4-7, Weber 4-6, Johnson 4-4, Rosonke 6-7, Pickar 15-16.

Aces - Pickar 1, Cahoy 1, Ries 1.

### NEW HAMPTON 2, SOUTH WINNESHEIK 0

New Hampton	23	21
South Winneshiek	21	12
Kills - Cahoy 6, Rosonke 5, Weigel 4, Laures 3, Weber 1, Speltz 1, Ries 1.		
Assists - Weber 19, Smith 2, Cahoy 2.		

Digs - Ries 9, Cahoy 7, Weber 7, Pickar 6, Smith 3, Weigel 1, Rosonke 1.

Blocks - Rosonke 2, Laures 1.

Serving - Ries 8-9, Cahoy 5-8, Weber 5-7, Rosonke 7-8, Pickar 10-10.

Aces - Weber 2, Pickar 1, Ries 1.

**NEW HAMPTON 2, TURKEY VALLEY 0**

New Hampton	25	25
Turkey Valley	9	12
Kills - Braelyn Rosonke 6, Aleigha Cahoy 5, Chloe Weigel 4, Sydney Laures 2, Josie Speltz 1, Maici Weber 1.		
Assists - Weber 15.		

Digs - Cahoy 9, Taylor Ries 8, Jackie Pickar 5, Weber 3, Allie Johnson 2, Speltz 1, Camryn Smith 1, Rosonke 1.

Blocks - Weber 1, Laures 1.

Serving - Ries 10-11, Speltz 2-2, Cahoy 4-7, Weber 4-6, Johnson 4-4, Rosonke 6-7, Pickar 15-16.

Aces - Pickar 1, Cahoy 1, Ries 1.

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Assists - Weber 19, Smith 2, Cahoy 2.		

Digs - Ries 9, Cahoy 7, Weber 7, Pickar 6, Smith 3, Weigel 1, Rosonke 1.

Blocks - Rosonke 2, Laures 1.

Serving - Ries 8-9, Cahoy 5-8, Weber 5-7, Rosonke 7-8, Pickar 10-10.

Aces - Weber 2, Pickar 1, Ries 1.

## ON TAP FOR CHICKASAW, TROJANS

### THURSDAY

New Hampton and Turkey Valley JV volleyball vs. MFL, at Turkey Valley, 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY

New Hampton football vs. MFL, 9th at 4:45, varsity at 7:30 p.m. (1999 championship team recognition, halftime of varsity game)

Turkey Valley football vs. West Central, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY

New Hampton and Turkey Valley cross country at Luther College, Decorah, 9 a.m.

New Hampton and Turkey Valley JV volleyball New Hampton tournament, 9 a.m.

New Hampton varsity volleyball at Osage tournament, 9 a.m.

Turkey Valley varsity volleyball tournament at Crestwood tournament, 9 a.m.

### TUESDAY

Turkey Valley cross country at Starmont, 4 p.m.

New Hampton cross country at Osage, Mitchell Co. Nature Center, 5 p.m.

New Hampton volleyball vs. Crestwood, 9/JV at 5 p.m., JV at 6 and varsity at 7:15 p.m.

Turkey Valley 9/JV/V volleyball vs. Clayton Ridge, 5 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

New Hampton volleyball vs. Waverly-Shell Rock, 9/JV at 5 p.m., JV at 6 and varsity at 7:15 p.m. (Senior parent night)

Turkey Valley 9/JV/V volleyball at North Fayette Valley, 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

New Hampton football at Osage, 9th at 5 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley football at Central, Elkader, 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

New Hampton 9/JV volleyball at Lake Mills tournament, 9 a.m.

Turkey Valley varsity volleyball at Waukon tournament, 9 a.m.

## CHICKASAW COUNTY VETERANS TRIBUTE SUBMISSION

VETERAN TRIBUTE EXAMPLE



# Chickasaws runnin' at the Max!!!



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

NH sophomore Sophie Glaser finishes second in the 9/10 girls race in 20:40 on Tuesday at Waverly.

## Chickasaws place ninth in season opener at Oelwein

NH boys run to a 15th-place team finish

By KELLY TERPSTRA

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The season opener at Oelwein provided New Hampton cross country coach Jamie Ohrt with plenty of surprises last week Tuesday at Hickory Grove Golf Course.

"I think the first meet is to try to get the nerves out for the new folks – especially the freshmen or the new people to cross country," said Ohrt.

Those freshmen – specifically ninth graders Adrianna Kinley and Addison Neville – wowed Ohrt in their first career varsity jaunt out on the XC course amongst a loaded field.

"Some of my newcomers – like the freshmen – completely blew me away. Oh my gosh, they came to run," said Ohrt.

Kinley placed 57th in 23:26 and right behind her was Neville (58th place, 23:27).

"I was proud of all my freshmen being their first meet," said Ohrt. "They stepped it up and they made my other varsity girls, my veterans, they made 'em work for it. That's what it's all about. You push each other and you support each other the entire time."

The New Hampton girls team placed ninth as a team with 226 points. All eight teams that placed ahead of the Chickasaws were ranked according to the Iowa Association of Track Coaches (IATC).

In fact, the latest rankings released by the IATC on Tuesday now have New Hampton ranked 20th – the final spot in the 2A girls poll.

NH sophomore Sophie Glaser led the way for New Hampton. A state qualifier from a year ago, Glaser just missed out on the top 10 with a 12th-place clip in 20:54. Tegan Dungey, a junior, was the next Chickasaw runner to cross the finish line in 48th place with a time of 22:58.

There were other bright spots as well, such as junior Juanita Cardona, who placed 29th in the junior varsity race in 25:04.

It was Cardona's first official meet of running cross country, as it was for freshman Harper Humpal, who placed 82nd in the varsity meet with a 25:00 time.

"I was pleased by their performance. There were a lot of great things," said Ohrt.

Zoey Dreckman, a senior, ran a career PR in the JV race in 28:21, good for 96th place.

The New Hampton boys placed 15th overall in the team standings with 395 points.

New Hampton senior Calyb Zeien led the pack for the Chickasaws with a 64th-place result in 19:37.

"He ran a helluva race," said Ohrt.

NH senior Xander Meyerhoff (79th place, 20:20) and junior Colin Shatek (87th place, 20:45) were next in line for New Hampton on the varsity side.

Ohrt loved to see Shatek's improvement from a year ago.

"That kid has turned – it's not a 180 – it's a 360," said Ohrt. "He's fierce. He's ready to compete and he put in the work. He's just been running and running."

New Hampton's top runner from a year ago, sophomore Connor Stumme, once again encountered some bad luck in the opener. He fought through the pain to finish in 99th place. His time was 21:43.

"He struggled," said Ohrt. "His rib was out. I don't know if it was putting pressure on his diaphragm, but as soon as he got adjusted the other day at the chiropractor – it just completely went away. I'm glad it's better for him."

New Hampton ran at the Wartburg Max in Waverly on Tuesday and then it's off to Decorah to run at the Luther All-American meet on Saturday.

### OELWEIN INVITE GIRLS TEAM SCORES

Decorah 89, Sumner-Fredericksburg 93, Center Point-Urbana 105, Denver 114, Crestwood 137, Jesup 150, Union 194, Wapsie Valley 224, New Hampton 226, West Delaware 239, North Fayette Valley 247, Vinton-Shellsburg 254, Dyersville Beckman 274, Oelwein 338, North Linn, Starmont/West Central, Dunkerton, Waterloo East, Edgewood-Colesburg, Waterloo Columbus, Waterloo West no team scores.

Individual winner (108 runners) - Nakia Olivierre (Waterloo West) 18:42.47.

New Hampton runners - 12. Sophie Glaser 20:54.5, 48. Tegan Dungey 22:58.73, 57. Adrianna Kinley 23:26.08, 58. Addison Neville 23:27.47, 82. Harper Humpal 25:00.58, 87. Ella Knutson 25:31.49, 90. Natalie Nosbisch 25:44.57.

New Hampton JV runners - 24. Lauren Nuss 24:56.07, 29. Juanita Cardona 25:04.22, 64. Zoey Kellogg 28:06.92, 96. Zoey Dreckman 28:21.49, 100. Josi Singewald 28:47.84, 109. Rebecca Wickman 29:48.9, 121. Cassidy Meyerhoff 31:02.41, 130. Karley Wickman 33:37.72.

### OELWEIN INVITE BOYS TEAM SCORES

Decorah 65, Denver 81, Oelwein 94, Waterloo West 121, Jesup 139, Vinton-Shellsburg 147, Starmont/West Central 238, Dyersville Beckman 258, West Delaware 262, Waterloo Columbus 262, Summer-Fredericksburg 288, North Fayette Valley 321, Center Point-Urbana 332, Crestwood 345, New Hampton 395, Wapsie Valley 407, Waterloo East 443, Union, North Linn, Dunkerton no team score.

Individual winner (117 runners) - Jesse Gomez (Denver) 15:53.38.

New Hampton runners - 46. Calyb Zeien 19:37.67, 79. Xander Meyerhoff 20:20.01, 87. Colin Shatek 20:45.54, 90. Easton Monteith 20:57.91, 99.

Connor Stumme 21:43.42.

New Hampton JV runners - 61.

Kamdyn Trower 22:57.78, 71. Jarrin Robinson 23:23.04, Eduardo Barrios 26:19.37.

New Hampton junior Tegan Dungey (above) races toward the finish line in the girls 11/12 race at the Dick Pollitt Classic at the Wartburg Max XC course in Waverly on Tuesday. Dungey placed 19th in 22:26. In the 11/12 boys race

NH junior Colin Shatek (bottom left) placed 48th in 20:05 and Chickasaw senior Calyb Zein (bottom right) zooms on

home toward the finish line with a 36th-place showing in 19:20.



## TV heads back home on Tuesday to take on Clayton Ridge

### TV VOLLEYBALL: FROM 13

Saturday.

TV is back at home versus Clayton Ridge on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and travels to North Fayette Valley on Thursday of that week. The Trojans compete in the Waukon Invite on Saturday, Sept. 21.

#### NEW HAMPTON 2, TURKEY VALLEY 0

NH 25 25  
TV 9 12  
Kills - Annika Bodensteiner 4, Kinsey Reicks 2, Layni Schuchhardt 2, Addison Steinlage 1, Delaney Busta 1.

Assists - Steinlage 7. Digs - Morgan Vsetecka 13, Karstyn Lukes 7, Alexis Elsbernd 4, Steinlage 3, Schuchhardt 2, Bodensteiner 2.

Blocks - Busta 3, Reicks 3, Lukes 2.

Serving - Reicks 1-3, Steinlage 5-5, Schuchhardt 3-4, Elsbernd 3-4, Lukes 1-1, Vsetecka 4-4.

Aces - Steinlage 1.

#### TURKEY VALLEY 2, MFL MARMAC 0

TV 25 25  
MFL 12 21  
Kills - Schuchhardt 6, Elsbernd 7-8, Lukes 5-5, Vsetecka 9-10.

Assists - Vsetecka 3, Reicks 2, Steinlage 2, Schuchhardt 1.

#### DENVER 2, TURKEY VALLEY 0

DEN 21 21  
TV 10 7  
Kills - Bodensteiner 3, Lukes 2, Busta 1.

Assists - Steinlage 5.

#### ST. ANSGAR 2, TURKEY VALLEY 0

SA 21 21  
TV 4 13



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley senior Alexis Elsbernd serves against Tripoli at the New Hampton Invite on Saturday.

9-9, Schuchhardt 6-8, Elsbernd 7-8, Lukes 5-5, Vsetecka 9-10.

Assists - Vsetecka 3, Reicks 2, Steinlage 2, Schuchhardt 1.

#### DENVER 2, TURKEY VALLEY 0

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Turkey Valley's Kinsey Reicks puts down a kill in a match against Tripoli while teammate Addison Steinlage (below) prepares to serve during the New Hampton Invitational that was played on Saturday.

## Trojans play tough competition during first week

Turkey Valley tops MFL MarMac at triangular, plays in Crestwood Tournament this weekend

BY KELLY TERPSTRA  
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Win No. 1 was put on the board last week in Monona for Tammy Vrzak and Ashley Walz's Turkey Valley Trojan volleyball squad.

"We're off and running," said Vrzak.

The Trojans topped MFL MarMac in a season-opening triangular on Tuesday, Sept. 3 by scores of 25-12 and 25-21.

"We played much better against MFL than versus New Hampton. All the girls came to play there, as I can't just highlight one off-hand," said Vrzak.

TV started out the 2024 campaign with a loss to New Hampton. The Chickasaws downed the Trojans 25-9 and 25-12.

"The scores against New Hampton don't do us justice, as it was our very first game of the year and their third or fourth. This is not an excuse, but it was an excellent chance for our girls to come together, learn from each other on the court and gel together," said Vrzak, who is co-coach again this year along with Ashley Walz.

Morgan Vsetecka, a senior libero, notched 13 digs and junior outside hitter Annika Bodensteiner recorded four kills versus New Hampton.

Layni Schuchhardt, a junior outside hitter, sent down six kills to the hardwood versus MFL and senior middle Kinsey Reicks cranked her way to four kills. Bodensteiner netted three kills and Vsetecka's defense was on point with 19 digs.

TV (1-4) once again played in the New Hampton Invite on Saturday as they traditionally

do every fall. The Trojans took on some top-notch competition in the form of top-ranked Denver, No. 7 St. Ansgar and Tripoli.

The Cyclones topped TV 21-10 and 21-7, while the Saints took it to the Trojans by scores of 21-4 and 21-13. TV ended the afternoon with a match versus Tripoli, which the Panthers won 21-14 and 22-20. In that final set against Tripoli, TV led 9-1 at one point.

"Well, we went to New Hampton and it didn't go as we had liked, but we are seeing improvement in each game. This is a team that is learning to move and play together and it takes matches like these to make this happen. Our serving was excellent," said the TV head coach, who is coaching in her 24th season this fall.

TV was a perfect 16-16 serving versus Denver (13-1) and was 16-18 against St. Ansgar (11-4).

Bodensteiner sent three kills over the net versus Denver and Steinlage distributed five assists versus the Cyclones. Alexis Elsbernd, a senior, tallied one ace.

Schuchhardt was able to muster up three kills against the Saints, as was Delaney Busta, a senior rightside hitter. Steinlage's four assists led the team versus St. Ansgar and Schuchhardt served one ace.

There were no stats available for the Tripoli match.

Schuchhardt and Bodensteiner are tied for the team lead with 11 kills through four matches that are posted on gobound.com. Delaney Busta, a senior rightside hitter, has racked up seven kills and Reicks has amassed six kills.



Reicks, an all-conference pick last year, is tops on the team along with Busta with five blocks. TV junior setter Addison Steinlage is the leader in assists for the UIC squad with 29 assists.

Turkey Valley began the Upper Iowa Conference portion of its schedule at home versus Central Elkader this past Monday and competes in the Crestwood Tourney this

**SEE TV VOLLEYBALL, 12**



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley's Bella Stika passes Mason City's Peyton Bobolz late in the race at the Trent Smith Invitational.

## Turkey Valley runners have a solid season-opening meet

BY BOB FENSKE  
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48-runner race as her time of 25:41.6 was good for 22nd.

"Those were good times," Bakula said but quickly added a caveat, "for the first meet of the year. A lot of times the gauge we use is to look how we did at the same meet last year, but we didn't go to Charles City last year because, remember, the course was too dry. But overall, I thought we were pretty good, and now the goal becomes to start lowering those times."

In short, the Trojans got a meet as they competed at the Trent Smith Invitational in Charles City.

"I always look at that first meet as a chance to really compete and find out where we're at," Turkey Valley coach Sarah Bakula said. "It's a chance to get our legs out there for a full 5K and set kind of the bar and start improving."

And the Trojans were, in a word, solid, at a meet that doesn't follow the traditional junior varsity/varsity set up but instead separates runners by grades.

All three of the Trojans competed in the grades 9-10 race, and sophomore Bella Stika led the way with an eighth-place finish in a time of 23:13.6 while her classmate, Hazel Nieman, was 11th with a time of 23:48.1. Freshman Madalyn Vsetecka finished in the top-half of the school races.

"It's close to home, and it's kind of family time for our team each year," she said. "It's a Saturday meet so we're not missing school, and when we're done running, we all go out to Mabe's Pizza. That's a pretty good Saturday, right?"

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**Go Chickasaws!**



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New Hampton's Chloe Weigel (above) goes up for a spike while teammate Camryn Smith (below) comes up with a dig during the Chickasaws' annual home tournament that was held on Saturday.

## Chickasaws go 1-2 at tough home tourney

New Hampton gets non-conference win at North Fayette Valley before hosting New Hampton Invitational

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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The New Hampton Chickasaws have one thing on their mind this fall – get better.

Sure, every volleyball team wants to win matches – but improvement is what is going to adjust the win column in each team's favor as the season progresses.

That's why although New Hampton's record stands at 6-4 through the first two weeks of the regular season, winning more consistently could well be on the horizon for Jess Geerts' NEIC squad as the 2024 campaign begins league play this week.

New Hampton is getting tested early by quality teams and learning from those mistakes – as young teams with plenty of newcomers on its roster often do.

"We definitely have the tools and resources to win a lot of games, but we have to fix the little things," said Geerts. "We



don't have to do fancy things to be successful and win games. Those are just some growing pains that we gotta get through."

Geerts made those comments at the Chickasaws home invite this past Saturday. While New

Hampton didn't advance to the championship bracket after pool play was complete – the Chickasaws went 1-2 on the day against the likes of No. 6 Don Bosco, Sumner-Fredericksburg and South Winneshiek – they

did come up with solid wins over area schools earlier in the week.

Those victories came against MFL MarMac and Turkey Valley in a triangular on Tuesday in Monona, then over in West Union versus the host TigerHawks of North Fayette Valley on Thursday.

NH topped Turkey Valley (1-4) by scores of 25-9, 25-12 and also took down MFL in two games – 25-17, 25-8.

NH senior libero Taylor Ries notched six aces in the win over TV and was a perfect 14-14 serving. Chickasaw freshman hitter Aleigha Cahoy paced NH's offensive attack against MFL with eight kills.

"Tuesday we kind of played down to their level, so that was a little bit hard," said Geerts.

NH outlasted NTV in four sets – 25-20, 17-25, 25-22 and 25-21.

New Hampton senior middle Braelyn Rosonke came up big near the net with 21 kills, followed by

**SEE NH VOLLEYBALL, 10**



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New Hampton's Kale Venem (above) picks up yardage on a running play while the Chickasaws' Bryar Usher (below) heads up field after making a catch in Friday's game against Clear Lake.

## Chickasaws run into 3A buzzsaw

Second-ranked Clear Lake lives up to its billing in a 56-7 win over New Hampton

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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The weather was gorgeous Friday night in New Hampton – a perfect evening for the New Hampton Chickasaw football team's home opener.

The dark clouds that enveloped the sky an hour before kickoff and hovered over the Chickasaws' football stadium soon dissipated and a crisp and invigorating air filled the playing venue.

The smell of popcorn and burgers grilling – the chatter of an energetic home crowd and the chance to watch some

Friday night football action had the fans in the stands buzzing with excitement.

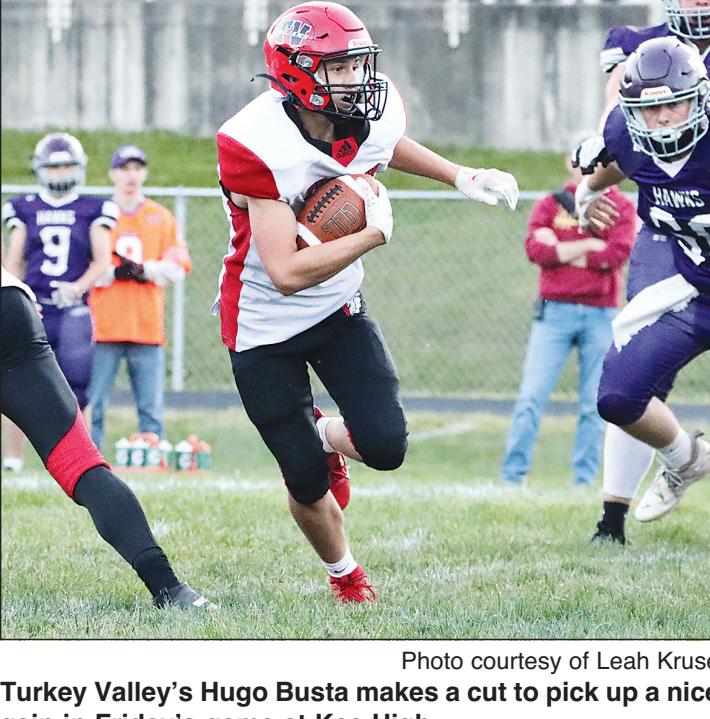
The problem was that ominous and threatening sky came back and reared its ugly head in the form of the Clear Lake Lions.

If there's one team that can win a state title in Class 3A – it's definitely these Lions.

They're that good.

Clear Lake (2-0), now ranked No. 1 in its class, revved up its offensive buzzsaw and absolutely throttled the Chickasaws by a score of 56-7 in a non-district

**SEE NH FOOTBALL, 11**



Turkey Valley's Hugo Busta makes a cut to pick up a nice gain in Friday's game at Kee High.

Photo courtesy of Leah Kruse

## Slow start costs Trojans in district opener at Kee

Turkey Valley falls 58-28, plays home Friday

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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Kee High gained over 500 yards and defeated Turkey Valley 58-28 in an 8-Man, District 3 opener last Friday night on the Hawks' home field.

Kee (2-0, 1-0) exploded with 30 first-quarter points and moved Mark Scott's Trojans to 0-2 on the season, but more importantly 0-1 in district play.

"It was another learning experience for our young team," said Scott.

Turkey Valley was able to move the football, but encountered resistance from the Hawk defense once it got near the goal line.

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