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Council grapples with sidewalk

City leaders want sidewalk on Hamilton but who-will-pay question remains

By BOB FENSKE
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New Hampton City Council members agree that having a sidewalk run the length of West Hamilton Street is a good idea, but during Monday's meeting, one question remained unanswered.

Should property owners pay a portion of the costs to install a sidewalk

COUNCIL NAMES NAMES IN ATTEMPT TO GET WATER-LINE SURVEYS COMPLETED.

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that city leaders say would address a major safety concern for schoolchildren making the daily trek to and from

classes at the city's middle and high schools?

During a discussion that lasted more than 30 minutes, council members could not reach a consensus on a project that Public Works Director Casey Mai said could cost up to \$125,000.

The city is receiving an additional \$175,000 in tax-increment financing revenue this year because of an error made in the Chickasaw County

Auditor's Office, and City Clerk Karen Clemens informed the council that she had spoken to the city's TIF attorney, Travis Squires, who had indicated that it was legal for the city to keep the extra funds.

One council member believed the city should pay for the entire project and not assess the 16 owners of

the properties that would have sidewalks installed.

"I'm having a hard time saying we're going to put this sidewalk in and you're

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Happy homecoming at Turkey Valley!

Turkey Valley Homecoming Queen Autumn Maklenburg (above) receives a bouquet of flowers from her predecessor, 2023 Queen Ryann Schmitt, while Homecoming King Jonah Orvis (right) poses for a photo with 2023 King Oliver Schmitt at halftime of Friday's homecoming game between the Trojans and Waterloo Christian.

The coronation and the football game, which saw the Trojans roll to a 62-26 victory, wrapped up a busy and fun week for students as they made homecoming memories that will last a lifetime.

Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

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Getting ready for an election ...

it's kind of crazy

Early voting begins next week; Auditor's Office preparing for an expected onslaught of voters

By BOB FENSKE
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Running an election is not a one-day thing. Just ask Chickasaw County Deputy Commissioner of Elections Gina Fangman.

"It's exciting, I won't deny that, but it takes a lot of work," she said. "I feel like my whole life right now is the election, and luckily, everyone here at the Auditor's Office chips in and helps, but it's a little nerve-wracking, too. We want it to be right. We want it to go well."

And we're not that far away from actually being able to cast ballots; in fact, we're less than two weeks from the day when early voting starts in the state of Iowa.

State law dictates that absentee balloting begin 20 days before a general election, and that means beginning next Wednesday, Oct. 16, voters can head to the courthouse and complete their civic duty for the Nov. 5 election.

But work on the election actually began long ago for Chickasaw County Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Fangman and the rest of the Auditor's Office staff.

"We've already received a lot — at least in my mind, it's a lot — of absentee ballot requests," Fangman said. "We've ordered the ballots. They're in the office. We have all of our precinct workers hired; we even have a waiting list of people that are willing to work. We're ready, but we also still have a lot of work to do."

That work includes sending out those absentee ballots, testing voting machines, preparing for what could be an onslaught of early voters and more.

The challenge for election officials is that there are a host of rules and regulations they must follow.

Take for example the requests for absentee

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County leaders take another step to using wind turbine TIF

Supervisors to begin the consultation process, set Dec. 9 as date for public hearing on proposed urban-renewal plan

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on Monday moved ahead with a process that could lead the county to invest millions of tax-increment financing (TIF) dollars into major projects over the next decade.

Those projects range from road work to the a 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 — Matt Kuhn was unable to attend — to begin the "consultation process" with a number of cities in and out of the county and New Hampton Community Schools and set Dec. 9 as the date of a public hearing for a proposed urban-renewal plan.

The action came a month after supervisors received recommendations from the

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Spending an evening in the fields

A farmer harvests a corn field just south of New Hampton as dusk falls on Northeast Iowa Monday evening.

Farmers continued to make excellent progress this past week, and the latest Iowa Crop Progress and Condition Report showed that almost 60 percent of the soybeans and 20 percent of corn in Northeast Iowa has found its way into grain bins.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

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Fort Atkinson man killed in tractor-train crash

A Fort Atkinson man was killed in a crash involving a tractor hauling grain and a train on Monday afternoon near Jackson Junction.

The Winneshiek County Sheriff's Office identified the victim as 60-year-old Carl Kuhn.

Deputies were called to the intersection of Highway 24 and 128th Street between Fort Atkinson and Jackson Junction just after 2:30 p.m.

The sheriff's office said that the tractor entered the railroad tracks, and the train conductor applied the brakes, but collided with the tractor at 30 miles per hour. The report stated that Kuhn was ejected from the front windshield and died at the scene.

The incident remains under investigation by the sheriff's office and Canadian Pacific Railway.

New Hampton FFA chapter holding blood drive Monday

While their fellow students will be "sleeping in" on Monday because of a professional development day, member of the New Hampton FFA chapter will be heading to school to put on their annual blood drive.

The drive will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and be held in the New Hampton High School cafeteria that is adjacent to the competition gymnasium.

FFA Advisor Rachel Bauler said the drive is open to the public, and those who would like to make an appointment should go to the New Hampton FFA's Facebook page.

Those who have questions can contact Bauler at 641-394-2134.

Extension offering 'financial security' course to teachers

Iowa K-12 teachers and their students will benefit from "Small Change: Building Financial Security for Educators." This Iowa State University Extension and Outreach blended course starts Wednesday, Oct. 30 with an introductory session from 4:30-6:30 p.m., followed by a four-week, self-paced, facilitator-led online learning experience.

The course content is embedded in the financial literacy standards of the Iowa Core 21st Century Skills and Social Studies, and connects participants with curricula, resources and school-based programs for elementary, middle and high school levels, said course instructor Carol Ehlers, a human sciences specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. Educators can earn one Iowa License renewal credit.

Registration at <https://cvent.me/vX5wOo> is required by Oct. 23. The course fee is \$30 to Iowa State Education Association members and non-members.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

A group of New Hampton Public Library patrons take part in Mahjong on Fridays, one of several activities that have helped drive up traffic at the facility in recent months.

Busy library ready for big month of events

Spanish Storytime, culinary program and 125th anniversary party on tap for New Hampton facility

By BOB FENSKE
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The parking lot was full at the New Hampton Public Library last Friday afternoon.

OK, it's not the biggest lot in the world, we'll concede that, but parking along Spring Street was also at a premium, and these days, it's an almost every-day occurrence.

"Our traffic has just been out of this world," Library Director Carrie Becker said, and she has the numbers — thanks to the library's electronic "door counter" — to prove it. "Yesterday, we had 124 people. The day before was 90. People are using the library, and that just warms my heart."

Becker is hoping the library will be even busier in the weeks to come as it holds its first-ever "Spanish Storytime" this coming Tuesday at 10 a.m., hosts a program on Iowa's culinary history on Thursday, Oct. 24 and will celebrate the 125th anniversary of the library's founding on Friday, Nov. 1.

"I'm excited about all three of them," Becker said. "The storytime is exciting just because I think it just shows how inclusive libraries are. We want to serve that population, and this is a great way, we hope, to do that."

She said the key to the rising number of patrons is offering a variety of programs. The library still holds its traditional children's storytime each Wednesday morning at 10, a book discussion is held on the third Tuesdays of each month and there's also Mahjong on Fridays, which draws at least a table of the game's enthusiasts.

But Becker said the closing of offices and the need for technology — i.e., internet access — are also driving the rising number of residents who use the library.

"People need a quiet place to work, and more and more, they're turning to the library," she said. "It's really a sign of the times, so we're not

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A flier written in Spanish is touting the New Hampton Public Library's "Spanish Storytime" that will be held this coming Tuesday.

just a place to pick up a book anymore. Look out there now, we have two or three people on the computers, at the tables and they're working."

BECKER IS IN her ninth year as the library's director, and she said a vital part of the facility is offering fun and unique programs.

That's why she's so excited to welcome Lake City author Darcy Dougherty Maulsby and her "Adventures in Iowa's Culinary History" program to the library on Oct. 24.

The program will begin with a meal at 5 p.m. before Maulsby presents her program via Zoom

at 5:30 p.m.

Becker and her staff members will have Iowa favorites like Maid-Rites, strawberry pretzel salad and Scotcharoos on hand before Maulsby puts on her fun, interactive, albeit virtual, program in which she'll share tidbits and cooking tips related to more than 150 years of Iowa cuisine and ethnic food traditions.

She'll share stories that include Iowa's classic breaded pork tenderloins, church dinners, the historic Younkers Tea Room, Laura Ingalls Wilder and more.

"I'm passionate about helping people make the farm-to-fork connection and reconnecting with Iowa history," Maulsby said. "If you have an appetite for adventure, you can't do better than Iowa when it comes to history, culture, and one-of-kind culinary experiences. 'A Culinary History of Iowa' offers a fun way to explore the world without leaving Iowa."

Becker said the program, including the meal, is free, but she's asking those who are planning to attend RSVP by calling 641-394-2184 or emailing director@newhampton.lib.ia.us by Monday, Oct. 21.

"We just want to make sure we have enough food," she said, "because the last thing we want is for people to show up and have to say 'no food for you.'"

FINALLY, ON NOV. 1, the library is going to have an open house to celebrate its quasiquincentennial.

The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., and Shana Stewart of the Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project will share a few thoughts around 5:30 p.m.

"We're hoping it's going to be a big party because our library has a lot of history to celebrate," the director said. "We can't wait to share more about it, but we just want to get the word out to save the date, if you will."

Supervisors move forward but not committed to TIF

TIF: FROM 1

county's TIF Committee on projects that could be funded by TIF money generated by the recently completed wind farm north of New Hampton.

- Those projects include:
- 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 South Linn and two bridge replacements — one on 170th Street and the other 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 an/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 projects in the plan are spread out over a number of years, with the first TIF funds being used for the Conservation Board building in fiscal 2026-27, the road work to begin the following year and the Sheriff's Office not using any TIF money until the 2033-34 building.

Under state law, the county must notify other taxing entities that it plans on creating an urban-renewal plan and using TIF money that would be affected. But that also includes projects that would be completed within two miles of a city's radius.

That means the county must "consult" with every city council, save for Nashua, in the county as well as councils in Elma and Protivin.

County Assessor Ray Armel will lead the consult process, but board members were encouraged to attend meetings of cities that are in their districts, and County Attorney David Laudner encouraged board members to be prepared with as much information as possible about the proposed urban-renewal plan.

"I'd encourage you to be proactive as possible — maybe have something to hand out at all these meetings — to put down all those who are going to come and say, 'I heard X, I heard Y' ... and not be true," Laudner said.

"I think it should be a unified message and the message should be clear. It should be put forth as simply and as succinctly as possible to try to tamp down misinformation because that's happened up here before."

During a Sept. 3 meeting, the county's TIF attorney, Jason Comiskey of Ahlers and Cooney, emphasized to supervisors that moving ahead with the consultation meetings and even the public hearing didn't mean the supervisors couldn't opt out of using the TIF funds.

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

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Spectacular Northern Lights

Although we still haven’t experienced all that much color in our trees, the same can’t be said for the recent Northern Lights that were captured by the Tribune’s Dorothy Huber this past week. And just what are the Northern Lights? According to space.com, the aurora borealis, are beautiful dancing ribbons of light that have captivated people for millennia. But for all its beauty, this spectacular light show is a rather violent event. The “show” is created when energized particles from the sun slam into Earth’s upper atmosphere at speeds of up to 45 million mph, but our planet’s magnetic field protects us from the onslaught.

Alta Vista to have ‘satellite voting station’ Oct. 22

ELECTION: FROM 1

ballots that the Auditor’s Office has been receiving since late August. Those ballots, state law says, can’t be mailed to voters until absentee balloting begins, i.e., on Oct. 16.

“We haven’t forgotten people,” Fangman said, “but we also have to make sure we’re complying with the law.”

She paused and laughed before adding, “So if you see us hauling a lot of mail across the street [to the Post Office] on the 16th, that’s why.”

Fangman also reminded residents that the days of making sure returned ballots are “postmarked” by Election Day are gone; instead, only ballots received by the time polls close at 8 p.m. on Nov. 5 can be counted.

“If you’re cutting it close — maybe even the week before the election — my suggestion is that you hand deliver them,” Fangman said.

Meanwhile, the county has also set up a “satellite voting station” in Alta Vista that will be open to voters in the “Chickasaw North Precinct” from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22. Fangman said voters in the precinct petitioned to have the satellite station.

“Basically, it has to be done for every election cycle, and if they get 100 signatures, which they did, then we offer that,” she said. “Technically, they will be counted as absentee ballots, which means we will count them when we do the rest of the absentee ballot [on Election Day.]”

The affected precinct includes the cities of Alta Vista, North Washington and Protivin and all of Deerfield, Jacksonville, Utica and Washington precincts and a small portion of Chickasaw and Dayton townships.

But it’s more than rules and regulations that make planning and executing an election a challenge, so, too, are the sheer number of “key dates” that the Auditor’s Office has on its calendar.

Those include the following:

- As mentioned, absentee balloting begins on Oct. 16 and voters who want



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Precinct workers check in voters at the polls during the 2022 general election, and for the 2024 election that will be held Nov. 5, officials are expecting much higher turnout because the race for the White House is on the ballot this year.

to cast ballots early can do so during the Auditor’s Office regular hours — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays — through Monday, Nov. 4.

- Monday, Oct. 21: Final day for voters to pre-register for the election; those that miss the deadline can register at the polls on Nov. 5.
- Wednesday, Oct. 30: Public testing of voting machines will be conducted at 1 p.m. on the first floor of the courthouse in the room located behind the drivers license station.
- Friday, Nov. 1: The Auditor’s Office will be open until 5 p.m. for early voting.
- Saturday, Nov. 2: The Auditor’s Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for early

voting.

- Tuesday, Nov. 5: Election Day with polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Add it all up and it’s going to be a busy month, so much that Fangman won’t really get much of a chance to celebrate her milestone birthday on Nov. 4, when she turns the big 5-oh.

“Even after the election is over, there’s still a lot of work to do,” she said, “but we have a lot of great help — our voting machine vendor will be there; our IT guy, Denny Ungs, has worked a lot of elections — so we feel good about where we’re at right now and where we’re going with this election.”

and not scary, with area naturalists and volunteers telling participants about different critters in the area. Hikes will be at 6, 6:15, 6:30 and 6:45 p.m.

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Consensus lacking from council members on if city should pay for the entire Hamilton sidewalk

SIDEWALK: FROM 1

going to pay for it for the benefit of the community,” At-Large Councilwoman Katie Fisher said. “And then you’re also going to maintain it. ... I understand there needs to be buy-in, but I think that if it was my property, I would be very upset.”

Fisher emphasized that she wants “betterment” and “safe route for kids,” but she said she believes the residents’ buy-in is maintaining the sidewalks.

“That’s quite a bit of buy-in when you’re not getting a choice to put in a sidewalk,” Fisher said. “I feel like this is a really hard line to go with because we’re saying this is great, this is for the betterment of the community, oh by the way, 16 of you have to pay for this.”

Mai told the council members that he believes the north side of Hamilton is the best place to put in sidewalks and estimated that the sidewalk would be about 1,880 lineal feet in length. He said at \$45 per lineal foot, the sidewalk would cost about \$85,000, but he added that to make the sidewalk compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the surveying that would need to be done and other items would raise the costs to close to \$125,000.

“That might be high, but I’d rather estimate there and not have us get sticker shock,” he said.

He said even if the city covered all the other costs and just charged the property owners the \$45 per lineal foot, that would mean the 16 property owners would pay an average of \$5,300.

Ward 1 Councilwoman Deb Larsen said while she didn’t disagree with Fisher, she wanted to play the role of “devil’s advocate” when it came to having the city pick up the entire tab for the sidewalk.

She pointed out that the city has other projects — mentioning the wastewater treatment plan that needs to be built, as well as street projects — that it might be able to use some of the extra TIF money.

Larsen also pointed out that the city since 1991 has required all new homes to have sidewalks and that the city does require property owners to replace sidewalks that it deems dangerous.

“Casey’s also walking the sidewalks in New Hampton and saying your sidewalk’s cracked, you need to replace your sidewalk and that’s at your cost,” she said. “How many of those people are going to say ... ‘Now I have to pay to fix my own sidewalk, but you’re going to give all these people a new sidewalk because we do want a safe route.’ I don’t disagree with doing it with TIF money, but I think there are those people we have to be accountable to that have replaced theirs and kept theirs up.”

City Attorney Todd Prichard said the city can legally require the property owners along Hamilton to pay for the sidewalk.

“I guess what I’m saying is there is a public purpose for this,” he said. “We’ve determined that there’s a need and a purpose for you to have a sidewalk.”

Mai suggested that if the sidewalks were built on West Hamilton, the city should “lead by example and put sidewalks along Stolz Park that go all the way around it” to Spring Street.

“Once you get to Spring Street, there’s essentially sidewalks almost the entire way out to [Mikkelson] Park.

Larsen did point out that technically there is “sidewalk connectivity” between the downtown elementary school and the grades 5-12 schools on the city’s west edge via Main Street.

Mayor Steve Geerts, though, pointed out that most people “are going to take a straight line.”

Council members spent considerable time discussing calling for a “town-hall” type of meeting, but in the end, they didn’t want to set the date for the meeting until they had come to some kind of agreement on how much, if any, they would ask property owners to pay.

Mai said he would bring more information — including the cost of the sidewalk for each property — to the City Council meeting set for Oct. 21.

“In my mind, I think the council needs to start going down the path if we want partial buy-in or not,” Clemens said. “That’s my take. Which way are you going to go? If you’re just going to have the city pay for it, what’s the purpose of the [community] meeting.”



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The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and be held in the competition gymnasium.

Scheduled to perform are the Keynote Singers, which is made up of students in grades 5-6, the Seventh- and Eighth-Grade Choir; and the high school’s NuHi Chorale and Chamber Choir.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

Students to get three-day weekend

New Hampton Community Schools and St. Joseph Community School students can kick back and enjoy a three-day weekend.

That’s because they won’t have classes on Monday as both school districts will have a professional development day for staff members.

Not-scary Halloween Hike set for Tuesday

An RSVP is needed soon for the 2024 “Cats” of Iowa Halloween Hike at the Twin Ponds Nature Center, hosted by Chickasaw Country Conservation.

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He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field."

Matthew 13:31

Today Jesus tells the parables about the mustard seed and the yeast. It's not just about how little things turn in to great big things. It's more about how the Kingdom of God takes over everything around it.

Most of us are dedicated weeders. We are dedicated weed pullers in terms of habits, pounds, addictions, attitudes, guilts and any tendencies that we believe keep us from being pure, good, complete, mature, whole, authentic or even perfect.

We are determined to weed out bad feelings, dark moods, fears, anxieties, painful memories and the broken and bruised parts of our lives.

We think the gardens that are our lives, must appear orderly and uncluttered. This is why we attempt to pull the weeds such as our fears, angers, old shame, and ancient grudges.

Just what might be the weeds you are forever pulling out of your garden?

What are those parts you are determined to root out of your body, brain, psyche and soul?

Could Jesus be saying that the kingdom of God might be found where

we keep the secret and hidden parts that are not-so-orderly, the even embarrassing weed side of our lives. Just maybe this is what Jesus calls the kingdom of God.

The promise of Jesus is true for those who Love God and Love Neighbor! Sharing the stuff deep down – that's the good stuff! The mustard seeds planted and the yeast that is hidden in the dough - all these little things that don't seem like much - are indeed the ways that God is bringing His Kingdom into this world.

So keep planting those mustard seeds. Keep hiding that yeast in the bread. Because, even though you may not see the fruit of it,



Pastor Paula Hemann serves the New Hampton Methodist Church and the Elma Christian Church.

Jesus promises that this is how the Kingdom comes. This Kingdom changes the world - and it is already happening through you!

That's a promise we all need to hear! And all God's People said, Amen.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Members of the Watoto Children's Choir sing and dance before a capacity crowd at the Compass Outreach Center in Nashua on Thursday evening.

From Africa, a message we all need to hear

Sometimes deadlines stink. Those three words popped into my head last Thursday evening as I stood in the back of Compass Outreach Center in Nashua totally and completely enthralled by what I was witnessing — a powerful concert and revival wrapped up into one by the Watoto Children's Choir.

Deadline for the week's Nashua Reporter beckoned, yet I didn't want to leave.

The plan was to pop in to the center — the building that was once home to Nashua's old Congregational Church, which merged with the Little Brown Church several years ago — grab a few pictures, drive back to the office, put them on a page and call it a night.

Instead, I heard a message from the children of Africa that this old man from Iowa needed to here.

Better days are yet to come. And for 35 minutes, I was immersed in a message that after a long and grueling week I desperately needed to hear and it came via one of the most beautiful voices I have ever heard.

I'll be the first to admit that I can't carry a tune. I know I can't sing a lick, and years ago, when my boys were kids, I was reminded of that fact during church services. If I sang too loud, I'd receive elbows

from both sides — Josh delivered from the left and Noah did the same from the right.

But Thursday night, I was mesmerized by the story of Watoto, which touts itself as "a family made up of people from all over the world who are working together to ensure the forgotten have a place to belong."

Started in 1984 by Gary and Marilyn Skinner when they planted a local church in Kampala, Uganda, to speak hope and life to a nation in the midst of civil war, and since 1994, the organization's children's choirs have traveled extensively throughout the world spreading a message of hope — not only for Africa's most vulnerable children and women but for the entire world.

My plan was to stay for 10 minutes, but God's plan, as it often is, was different.

I stayed for one song. I stayed for another. And if I didn't have that deadline looming ahead of me, I would have stayed all night.

As they sang that God wins out "over fear and all anxiety" and "to every soul held captive by depression," I won't lie. I felt a tear or two or three.

They're talking to me.

I had struggled with all three last week, and I'll be the first to admit my issues are first-world problems. Not enough money, an injured son, the depressive funk I can't seem to shake and the anxiety that I've had for much of my life.

But for a moment on Thursday evening, everything in my world was perfect.

Those voices were just ... dazzling beautiful, and they reminded this at times —

OK, most of the time — wayward Christian that there is hope.

I just want to speak the name of Jesus. 'Til every dark addiction starts to break.

Declaring there is hope and there is freedom.

I speak Jesus.

Your name is power.

Your name is healing.

Your name is life.

Break every stronghold.

Shine through the shadows.

Burn like a fire.

I'm not a "Bible thumper" by any means — heck I can probably recite, at most, four or five verses from the Good Book — but this was a message that I needed to hear on a Thursday night in a little outreach center in a little town in Iowa.

The work Watoto has done for the past 40 years is breathtaking. It has built villages, it has saved the lives of countless women and children, it has created sustainability projects like farms that support the people of Africa. The list of its accomplishments is practically endless.

I'm glad I went. I'm glad I flirted with deadline and stayed as long as I did. And I'm glad the Compass Outreach Center was home to a standing-room only crowd.

It was, in short, a beautiful — albeit, in my case at least, a shortened — night.

Deadlines do stink, especially for a procrastinator like myself, but if was late getting those pages out last week, I was OK with that, because on this night, a children's choir from Africa reminded me that there is hope for all of us.



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If you work for a midsize or large company, you may soon be able to review your employee benefits package, as we are entering the open enrollment season. So, consider your options carefully, with an eye toward making changes appropriate for your needs.

Here are some of the key areas to look at:

- Retirement plan – Depending on your employer, you could change your 401(k) or similar retirement plan at any time of the year, but you might want to use the open enrollment season to review your contribution amounts. If your salary has gone up over the past year, you might want to boost your pre-tax contributions (including catch-up contributions beginning at age 50). At a minimum, try to put in at least enough to earn your employer’s match, if one is offered. At the same time, look over how your contributions are allocated among the various investment options in your plan. You’ll want your investment mix to reflect your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.
- Life insurance – If your employer offers group life insurance at no cost as an employee benefit, you may want to take it – but be aware that it might not be enough to fully protect your family should anything happen to you. You may have heard that you need about seven to 10 times your annual income as a life insurance death benefit, but there’s really no one right answer for everyone.
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- Flexible spending account – A flexible spending account (FSA) lets you contribute up to \$3,200 pre-tax dollars to pay for some out-of-pocket medical costs, such as prescriptions and insurance copayments and deductibles. You decide how much you want to put into your FSA, up to the 2025 limit. You generally must use up the funds in your FSA by the end of the calendar year, but your employer may grant you an extension of 2 1/2 months or allow you to carry over up to \$640.
 - Health savings account – Like an FSA, a health savings account (HSA) lets you use pre-tax dollars to pay out-of-pocket medical costs. Unlike an FSA, though, your unused HSA contributions will carry over to the next year. Also, an HSA allows you take withdrawals, though they may be assessed a 10% penalty. To contribute to an HSA, you need to participate in a high-deductible health insurance plan.
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Cities likely to get another EMS payment waived

Chickasaw County EMS director updates Board of Supervisors, says more joint training may be in the works

By Bob Fenske
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Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson may have left out the best news of all from his monthly report he gave to the Board of Supervisors Monday, but he did say he had mostly good news when it comes the county-owned ambulance service.

"Things are going well," he said, "and I think we're in a good place but, as you know, everything's cyclical."

What he didn't share with the board is that the six cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — appear to be on the road to having another quarterly payment waived.

The service currently has a fund balance of just over \$930,000, and under the rules of the 28E agreements the county signed with the cities, quarterly payments are waived when the balance is above \$750,000 for two consecutive quarters.

The balance in the EMS account is checked on Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15, and since the balance will be above \$750,000 next week, cities will once again not have to make payments to the county in January, the third consecutive quarter in which payments have been waived.

Knutson said call volume has been solid, with the service taking 70 calls in September, matching the number from August.

He said the service brought in \$105,000 in revenue in September, almost five times the \$21,000 it took in during August.

"Keep in mind, with EMS building, you're always months behind," he said. "Just because we took in \$105,000 in September doesn't mean it was all call volume related. ... It's so hard to predict where and how the frequency it comes in."

He also told supervisors that Chickasaw County EMS plans on working on county-wide trainings with "the first responder group, our group, Nashua [Area EMS] to do our yearly skills competency reviews. We're going to try to do them all together and hopefully integrate with a little more training."



Photo courtesy of Liz Zweibohmer

Cutting the ribbon at Full River’s fun meeting place!

New Hampton city leaders and New Horizons-Chamber officials pose with Full River Outpost Gatherin' & Games owners Ben and Chelsi Rosonke before a “ribbon-cutting” ceremony. The Rosonkes purchased the building that once held the Main Event and have changed the name of the facility that can be rented out by groups. They also recently completed a new and updated game room that is located on the second floor of the facility. The building is also home Crescent Moon Tattoo and the New Hampton Tribune.

City Council names ‘names’ to try to get remaining surveys turned in

By Bob Fenske
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It turns out that Casey Mai isn't the only frustrated person at City Hall when it comes to residents failing to fill out the so-called "lead-copper" survey that is being mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

City Council members seemed just as frustrated during Monday's meeting after learning that only eight new surveys were received in the past week, leaving the city still short of having surveys completed for 169 properties in the city.

So they came up with a unique way to try to get the remainder of the surveys submitted. Basically, the council decided to name "names," voting to put the list of property owners on the city's social media sites.

"These are adult property owners in a house being asked to give 45 seconds of their time to complete a survey," Ward 4 Councilwoman Mindy Humpal said. "The fact that we have a city department that has invested amount a ridiculous amount of time, has created a platform to make this easy, and adults can't follow through on it ... it's ridiculous to ask that this be anyone else's problem."

Mai said that he wants to submit the survey results to the EPA and Iowa DNR on Friday even though the surveys aren't technically due until Oct. 16. But Mai said he wants to make sure that he can get the results submitted in case "you have all

these cities trying to submit this at the last moment. ... I don't want to take any chances."

He reminded council members that the survey has been available online and at the City Clerk's Office since December 2022 and asked the council to consider "fining" property owners who have yet to complete the survey.

"We have talked to some of these people more than a dozen times," he said, "and it's frustrating to hear 'we'll get to it' and then we're calling them back."

He also said the uncertainty of not knowing what penalties the EPA and DNR will hand out to cities should also be concerning to city leaders.

Ward 1 Councilwoman Deb Larsen, though, said she wasn't sure that a penalty

would help get more surveys turned into the city.

"I've had people tell me, 'How much is the fine, I'll pay it,'" Larsen said. "I'm just not sure that's going to work."

Instead, the council decided on a 4-1 vote — with only Joe Denner voting against it — to publish the names on the city's Facebook page, which it did on Tuesday afternoon. Council members also said by putting the names out in the "public eye" it might reach property owners who think they have submitted the survey but have not.

"I appreciate the 1,508 responses we've had, don't get me wrong," Mai said, "but we have bigger fish to fry. We've walked the town, we've put door hangers out, we've put in the paper. I just hate kicking the can down the road."



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Cutest meeting attendee

It doesn't appear that Kerstin Schwickerath's daughter, 1-year-old Mallory, was all that impressed with Monday night's City Council meeting as she catches a little “shut-eye” by the time the meeting comes to an end.

I want to thank everyone who visited, called, sent cards, phoned, sent flowers, food and most of all prayers after my accident. A special thanks to my family. Thanks to NH Nursing & Rehab Staff and therapy department and the surgery department in Mason City. I will be forever grateful for all the caring people in my life.

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Forecast

Thursday: Sunny and warm with a high of 82 and a low of 54.

Friday: Sunny and still warm with a high of 83 and a low of 48.

Saturday: Sunny and cooler with a high of 72 and a low of 45.

Sunday: Sunny but breezy with a high of 66 and a low of 37.

Extended forecast: We'll begin next week with fall-like conditions with highs in the lower 60s and lows in the 30s with little, if any, chances of rain.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications boards, 5 p.m., NHMU Board Room.

History

- In 1845, the United States Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Maryland, with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors.
- In 1877, the U.S. Army holds a West Point funeral with full military honors for Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, who was killed months earlier in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.
- In 1940, during the Battle of Britain, the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral is pierced by a Nazi bomb, leaving the high altar in ruin.
- In 1954, the Viet Minh formally take over Hanoi and control of North Vietnam.
- In 1973, less than a year before Richard M. Nixon's resignation as president of the United States, Spiro Agnew becomes the first U.S. vice president to resign in disgrace.
- In 2004, actor Christopher Reeve, who became famous for his starring role in four Superman films, dies from heart failure at the age of 52 at a hospital near his home in Westchester County, New York.

Birthdays

- Helen Hayes, the first female to claim an Oscar, Emmy, Tony and Grammy, was born in 1900.
- Actor Mario Lopez, who starred on TV's "Saved by the Bell," turns 51.
- Former NFL quarterback Brett Favre turns 55.
- California Gov. Gavin Newsom turns 57.
- American rock singer David Lee Roth of the band Van Halen turns 70.

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Linda Palmer, 82

Linda Palmer, age 82 of New Hampton, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, at the Faith Lutheran Home in Osage.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Dan Christiansen presiding.

Interment will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fredericksburg.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Linda Eileen Kautz was born March 21, 1942, in Rowley, the daughter of Ralph and Ada (Hoover) Kautz. Linda's early life was rooted in the close-knit community that would shape her into the thoughtful and caring person remembered by all who knew her.

Linda's journey in education began in her hometown, where she graduated from Rowley High School in 1960. Her passion for beauty and care for others led her to attend beauty school in Cedar Rapids.

It was at a dance in Independence where Linda's heart found its counterpart in Myron Palmer. The couple wed on July 20, 1963, at the Rowley Presbyterian Church, marking the beginning of a devoted and loving partnership that would last a lifetime.

Linda and Myron were blessed with two children, a son and a daughter, whom they raised with love and dedication. The family initially planted their roots in Waterloo, where Linda worked at the JC Penney store, showcasing her innate ability to connect with and care for others.

In 1974, the Palmers moved to New Hampton, where Linda continued to make an impact on her community. She spent some time working for First National Bank before finding her calling with the city of New Hampton. In the City Clerk's Office, Linda's kindheartedness and meticulous nature made her a cherished colleague and an indispensable part of the city's fabric.

Linda's interests and hobbies were a reflection of her love for life and family. She was



Linda Palmer

an avid supporter of the Iowa Hawkeyes, sharing her enthusiasm and spirit with everyone around her.

Linda's joy was most evident when she was in the company of her two grandsons, whose lives she enriched with her warmth and wisdom.

The family's camping trips in earlier years left them with a treasure trove of memories, filled with laughter and the great outdoors.

An excellent cook and baker, Linda will be fondly remembered for her culinary talents. The aromas from her kitchen were a testament to her love for her family, and the meals she prepared were not merely sustenance but an expression of her nurturing soul. Her recipes and the joy they brought will remain a cherished legacy among her loved ones.

Survivors include daughter, Dawn (Rod) Rodemaker of Osage; daughter-in-law, Dena Palmer of Fredericksburg; grandsons, Zachary Palmer of Fredericksburg and Hunter (Nicki) Rodemaker of Mason City; great-grandchildren, Ryker Rodemaker and Nova Rodemaker; sisters, Nancy Carrberry of Chaska, Minnesota, and Karen (Bob) Olson of Bella Vista, Arkansas; and sisters-in-law, BillieJo Tonn and Susan Palmer, both of Independence.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Myron on May 5, 2019; son, Tod Palmer on Feb. 28, 2013; brothers-in-law, Larry Carrberry, Melvin (Edna) Palmer, Donald (Jane) Palmer, Russell Palmer, Arnold Palmer, and Richard Tonn; and niece, Kristen Palmer.

Gary Lee Arends Sr., 84

Gary Lee Arends Sr., age 84 of Nashua, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at Unity Point Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday Oct. 10, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m., Friday Oct. 11, 2024, at Sunnyside Memory Gardens in Charles City.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

Darrell William Laughlin, 72

Darrell William Laughlin, age 72 of Osage, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare in New Hampton.

No formal services will be taking place at this time. The family will be doing a celebration at a later date.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with arrangements.

Andrea Marie Gates, 69

Andrea Marie Gates, age 69 of Nashua, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, at Unity Point Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo.

A visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Thursday Oct. 31, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

There will be no formal services at this time.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory – Olson Chapel in Nashua has been entrusted with arrangements.

John Norman Larsen, 86

John Norman Larsen, age 86 of Nashua, died Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, on hospice care in Wellman, surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with Chaplin Maurie Campbell presiding.

Interment will be held at a later date.

A luncheon will take place at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua following the service.

The family asks for the public to be dressed in casual clothing for the services. In lieu of flowers the family asks for memorials to be directed to Iowa City Hospice, 1526 Sycamore St. Iowa City, IA 52240.

Nancy Fisher, 77

Nancy Fisher, age 77 of Nashua, died Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, at Whispering Willow Assisted Living in Fredericksburg.

Arrangements are pending at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in Nashua.

Adam John Green, 37

Adam John Green, age 37 of Sumner, died Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, at Gunderson Medical Center in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident near Waukon.

Arrangements are pending at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Robert Joe Hanson, 80

Robert "Bob" Joe Hanson, age 80 of Fredericksburg, died Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024 at his home.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 12, 2024 at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with Pastor Tracy Hinkel presiding.

Interment will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg. Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024 at the funeral home.

Lawrence ‘Larry’ Hackman, 72

Lawrence "Larry" Hackman, age 72 of Lawler, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Friends may greet the family 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

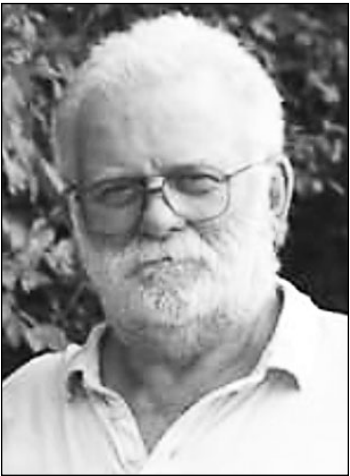
Private family interment will take place at a later date.

Lawrence "Larry" LeRoy Hackman was born on Feb. 21, 1952, in Winona, Minnesota, the son of LeRoy and Rose (Mullen) Hackman.

Larry received his elementary education in Lawler and continued at Turkey Valley High School.

The sweetest chapter of Larry's life began at the Sweet Shop in New Hampton, where he met the love of his life, Debra "Deb" Pitz. The couple married on Dec. 16, 1972, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Ionia and went on to welcome five children into the world. Their home was filled with laughter, love, and the constant clatter of projects in progress — a testament to Larry's ceaseless ingenuity and repair skills.

Larry's work ethic was evident from an early age, and he dedicated many years of his life to the former Sara Lee and Wegner Welding in New Hampton. His career was diverse, and he was known for



Larry Hackman

his ability to adapt and excel in various roles.

Larry eventually found his calling behind the wheel, retiring after years of driving trucks for several area businesses. His mechanical aptitude made him a jack-of-all-trades, and he was often the go-to person for anyone in need of repairs. Larry was also an exceptionally skilled welder, a craft that he not only excelled in but also took great pride in.

Larry's interests and hobbies were as varied as his career. He had a passion for the open road and cherished the road trips he took with his family, making memories that would last a lifetime.

He was an avid fisherman, sharing his love for the sport

Marlys Hart, 86

Marlys Hart, a former New Hampton resident, died Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, in Loves Park, Illinois, surrounded by family.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, at Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church with Sue Cira presiding.

Interment will follow in Crane Creek Lutheran Cemetery with David Hart, Dennis Hart, Josh Hart, Brian Hart, Tony Lee and Kevin Lee serving as pallbearers.

Friends may greet the family from 2 to 3 p.m. prior to the service at the church.

Hugeback – Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton has been entrusted with arrangements.

Marlys Lee was born to Aleda and Art Lee on a rural farm between Jerico and Lawler on June 8, 1938. As the oldest of three children, she was the responsible, patient sibling who helped with the chores of farm family life.

From an early age, her joy came from her animals – especially her dogs. However, Marlys, in her childhood had a pet raccoon, a parakeet, some goldfish and even a white rat which she fondly remembered until recently.

After attending country school, she went on to attend New Hampton Community High School graduating with the Class of 1957.

Always an exemplary student, it wasn't long after graduation when she was recruited to work for the FBI.

The hiring procedure gained quite the attention of the neighborhood when agents interviewed them about the merits and character of the young beauty who was going to work in their Washington, D.C. field office.

After working there for several years, she decided that East Coast life wasn't for her. She returned to Iowa finding work as a file clerk for Rath Packing Company.

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Residents reach blood donor milestones

There were 48 donors that registered at the New Hampton Community blood drive on Sept. 24. Among the 51 units collected were these milestone donors:

- 11 gallons - Thomas Schwickerath
- 8 gallons - Kenneth Martin, Edward Hoffman, Timothy Nosbisch
- 6 gallons - Wendy Einck
- 4 gallons - Lyle Kriener
- 3 gallons - Melissa Boeck
- 2 gallons - Andrea Pleggenkuhle, Erin McGee
- 1 gallon - James Shatek

Between the 10 milestone donors, 53 gallons of blood have been collected, which, according to the LifeServe blood center website, has saved or sustained the lives of 1,272 people.

Founding of Spillville subject of program

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 15th, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Barbara Ortwein will present on Spillville's founder Joseph Spielman and his early life in Bavaria.

Ortwein's presentation, including live music and an exhibition, will be held in the German American Museum in St. Lucas.

Ortwein, who hails from Germany and now resides in Prague, is going to take you on a trip to the roots of Iowan pioneer Joseph Spielman (1801-1888), the founder of Spillville.

When Joseph Spielman was 35 years old, he emigrated from Germany to the USA. For 13 years he settled in the area of Oldenburg, Indiana, with his wife and his five children. In 1849 he finally moved to today's Winneshiek County with a group of other German families. Many of the descendants of these families still live in this area.

The author will read from her new book Joseph Spielman: A Bavarian Pioneer in Iowa, and from her book about Antonin Dvorak's stay in Spillville, A Summer in Spillville 1893. Come and immerse yourself in local history at its best.

spent in the company of family, rocks, fossils and books. She would patiently explain what natural events made the agates and sedimentary rocks along the sand bars there and also on Crane Creek when on return trips home to Iowa.

Her favorite mornings often began with reading the Rockford Register Star often forgetting she was stirring her coffee as she scoped the local listings for garage sales; she always believed that there was some future "treasure" to be found. Marlys always saw the best in what was to be and the people that surrounded her.

It was in 1978 that the Hart's history would become entwined with the Hick's family who moved across the street. Cheryl, Margaret, Jamie and Doug thought of the Hart's house as a second home. Some years later, it would turn out that Cheryl would marry David and that Margaret would eventually marry Dennis.

Marlys is survived by her sons, David Hart and his wife Cheryl Hicks-Hart, Loves Park, Illinois, and Dennis Hart and his wife Margaret Hicks, Church Hill, Tennessee; and grandsons, Joshua Hart and his wife, Savannah Moodie and new great-grandson, Oleander, and Brian Hart and his wife, Kristi Luna-Hart. She also is survived by her sister, Adis Lee, New Hampton; and her brother, Charlie Lee and his wife, Peggy, Durand, Illinois.

There are many people who also regard Marlys as a second-mom, grandma, auntie and dearest friend who are too numerous to list; we will all miss her and love her always ...

Dennis Stolz, 72

Dennis Stolz, age 72 of New Hampton, died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, 2024, at St. Boniface Church in Ionia with the Rev. James Goerend celebrating the Mass.

Visitation will be held at the church in Ionia with the family for an hour beforehand.

Dennis will be interred next to his wife, Laura, at the New Hampton City Cemetery in a private burial with family.

Before he passed, he was able to discuss how he would like his life to be celebrated. In lieu of a wake, his wishes were for the family to host an open house style celebration at the farmstead he dearly loved in his beautiful new home that gave him the independence he so valued.

You are welcome to join the family on Thursday, October 10, between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m. at the home, 1838 220th Street in New Hampton, for light refreshments and beverages, a time of laughter, sharing stories of Dennis (we know there are lots!) and community in his honor. The family hopes you are able to join them as there will not be a celebration after the Mass.

Dennis Alan (Red) Stolz was born on Nov. 15, 1951, to A.C. and Janice (Kelly) Stolz. He was lucky enough to grow up on his family farm with his three sisters (Lonnie, Mary and Lora Jo) and brother (David) and often subjected his children to exaggerated stories of untold hardships and tales of the trouble he would get into growing up that would leave everyone laughing. He attended St. Joseph's Catholic School and New Hampton High School, graduating in 1969. He attended Iowa State University briefly, then returned to New Hampton and began working a myriad of jobs throughout the county.

Quick wit and an unending sense of humor helped introduce him to his wife Laura, who was on a date with someone else when he told her that she should probably date him because he was funnier and better looking than the guy she was with.

She miraculously agreed and they were married on Nov. 24, 1972, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Hampton.

Beginning the next chapter of his life with Laura by his side, he enjoyed many years with his family raising his children, working hard (he spent some years with the Jaycee's and as a volunteer fireman for the city of Ionia), and enjoying the outdoors especially fishing and hunting.

His work eventually led him to partner with Bruce Kellogg as they owned and operated the Hide-A-Way Lounge in Ionia for many years – the job he was born for.

Friendship and community were a cornerstone of Dennis's



Dennis Stolz

life and that was showcased time again in what he enjoyed most – spending time with his family and friends whether it was playing cards, watching sports, hunting, fishing or just sitting around the fire or table for good conversation and lots of laughter.

When he was unexpectedly widowed in 2012, Dennis began his final chapter in this life learning how to be on his own. He enjoyed being around his grandchildren and following along with their lives. When it became more difficult for him to be out of the house, he somehow convinced all kinds of amazing people to visit him often, play cards, have coffee, and when the time came – to literally pick him up off the floor when he needed it most. The gift of friendship was the one he cherished above all others.

Dennis battled with his health for a lot of years (something the Marlboro points didn't warn him about when he was collecting all that sweet swag for years) and he decided it was time for his fight to be over on Oct. 5, 2024, while under hospice care in his own home, in his own bed, with his children by his side – just as he had wished.

He is survived by three of his children, Jeremy (Christine) Stolz of Cedar Falls, Jessica (Matt) Brogan of Cedar Falls, and Jonathan (Amanda) Stolz of Washburn; his grandchildren, Abigail Stolz, Evan Stolz, Benjamin Brogan, Madilyn Brogan, Zachary Brogan, Wesley Brogan and Connor Stolz; his brother, David (Chris) Stolz, brothers-in-law, Roger Harrington, Rex Pavlovec, Ed Conway, Adrian Kuennen and Jeff Reihle (Sherry); sister-in-law Linda Schaefer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was proceeded in death by his wife, Laura; his son, Benjamin; his parents; his sisters Lonnie Milligan (and her husband Mike), Mary Harrington and Lora Jo Pavlovec; his sisters-in-law Ann Conway, Carol Griffith (and her husband Ron), Ellen Kuennen and brother-in-law Steve Schaefer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family which will be used to support the Stolz Family Scholarship Fund at the Northeast Iowa Community Foundation.

Property Transfers

Gregory A. Linderman and Nicole J. Linderman to Linderman Family Trust TR and Linderman Family Trust; PARCEL C IN N1/2 SW 16-94-12 EX SE SW 16-94-12.

Timothy J. Pederson, Timothy Pederson, Christina M. Pederson and Christina Pederson to Lisa Aegerter; NEW HAMPTON DAN HARTSONS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 2.

Harold Lantow, Harold R. Lantow and Karen V. Lantow to Harold R. Lantow and Karen V. Lantow; E1/2 EX NW 35-95-13.

Elizabeth M. Beach, Elizabeth Betty M. Beach and Stephen Beach ATTY IN FACT to Tyler Reicks; COMM 4R W SE COR SW 09-96-12.

William J. Cashman, Sharon K. Cashman, Timothy G. Cashman, Joyce G. Asing Cashman, Joyce G. Asing Cashman, Michelle T. Till, Randall J. Till, Daniel J. Cashman and Debralee Cashman to Elmer N. Nolt and Irene Z. Nolt; N1/2 EX PARCEL B NE 20-97-14 EX W1/2 NE NW 20-97-14.

Karen K. Johnston EST and Tim Willcockson to Lamb Properties LLC; WOOD HAVEN ADD L4 NW NW 07-95-14 PARCEL E OF PARCEL A NW NW 07-95-14.

Darlene M. Steege EST, Marvin Steege EX, Calvin Steege EX and Darrell Steege EX to Kenneth McCool; S77-1/2' E26-1/3' FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 20 S77-1/2' FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 6 Block: 20.

Mary E. Jepperson to Linda Mahlstedt; W46-1/2' NASHUA ORIGINAL PLAT NASHUA Lot: 1 Block: 13 W46-1/2' N3/4 NASHUA ORIGINAL PLAT NASHUA Lot: 4 Block: 13.

Robert W. Sanford and Debbie L. Sanford to Robert W. Sanford TR, Debbie L. Sanford TR and Robert W. Sanford LIV TR; PARCEL B NW NE 01-95-14.

Brian Finnegan, Brian J. Finnegan, Debra L. Finnigan and Debbie L. Finnegan to Brian J. Finnegan TR, Debbie L. Finnegan TR and Brian J. Finnegan LIV TR; SW SW 15-95-14 N1/2 EX NW NW 22-95-14 S1/2 EX NW NW 22-95-14 L1 NW NW 22-95-14.

Mark D. Dungey and Jolene A. Dungey to UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST, Mark D. Dungey REV TR, UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST, Jolene A. Dungey REV TR; N75' S93' NEW HAMPTON WEST VIEW ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 2 N75' S93' NEW HAMPTON WEST VIEW ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 2.

Sandra Szalkowski EST and Jeffrey Szalkowski EX to Shawn Szalkowski and Jeffrey Szalkowski; NASHUA COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION PLAT 3 Lot: 17 Block: D.

Joann Benning to Brandon Evans and Tina Evans; NASHUA COLERS SECOND ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 4 NASHUA COLERS SECOND ADDITION Lot: 2 Block: 4 N5-1/2' NASHUA COLERS SECOND ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 4 N5-1/2' NASHUA COLERS SECOND ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 4.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Oct. 6 1949 (75 years ago)

• The businessmen of New Hampton are showing their appreciation of the fine record the football team has made so far this year by financing a trip for the team to Iowa City Saturday for the Iowa-Illinois football game. The varsity only will go. The Fresh-Soph team will go to Cedar Falls for an Iowa State Teachers College football game later in the season.

“Butch” Messersmith and “Spade” Harmon deserve much of the credit for the trip as they did the soliciting.

• The New Hampton Fire Department held its annual dinner with a good attendance present. The menu consisted of chicken and all the trimmings.

A number of new members were initiated into the order of the Firemen and their initiating duties were to peel the potatoes for the event. After the dinner they were invited to attend the Firemen's Theatre as guests of Harry Herman.

This is the one time of year when the department gets together for fun instead of work.

1974 (50 years ago)

• In addition to joining other publications throughout the country in observing National Newspaper Week, Oct. 6 to 12, the New Hampton Newspapers, which saw its beginning 100 years ago with the founding of the New Hampton Tribune, has also chosen this week to mark its centennial.

And it's been a century of changes, improvements and progress, as the New Hampton Newspapers have followed the industry from early Tribune days.

• On Sale at Liddle's Super Valu: Chuck Roast, 99 cents/Lb.; Tomatoes, 29 cents/Lb.; Apples, 3 Lb./ 79 cents; Margarine, 49 cents/Lb.; Saltine Crackers, 49 cents/Box; Peas, Corn and French Beans, 3 Cans/79 cents; Jell-O, 2 Boxes/29 cents; C & D Batteries, 2 Pac./29 cents.

1999 (25 years ago)

• The New Hampton varsity football team won its fourth consecutive shutout Friday night, at Independence, defeating the Mustangs 45-0 in the Class 3A, District 3 game.

The Chickasaws scored seven touchdowns and racked up 291 yards in total offense and 213 yards in returns while allowing their hosts only sixteen yards total offense and one first down.

The Chickasaws are 4-1 for the season and 3-0 in district play.

• Vern Laures has been in the automobile sales and service business for 35 years. Vern graduated high school in 1959 and worked at the local Gamble's Store, five years later, Bill Huebner purchased the Chevrolet dealership in New Hampton and Vern was hired as a salesman.

Through the years Vern bought shares of the business, and when Mr. Huebner passed away in 1981, Vern took over, renaming it Vern Laures Auto Center.

2014 (10 years ago)

• Dr. Nick Sanford and his staff members at Dental Associates volunteered their services at the Iowa Dental Association's annual Mission of Mercy, or MOM. When the two-day MOM event ended, the dentists from around the state provided care to 1,102 patients.

According to the association that has put on the event for the

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past seven years, the two-day event provided a preliminary total of \$760,279.20 in free care.

• Good teams find a way to win, even on their so-called off nights. New Hampton found a way Friday night as they doused Oelwein's upset hopes with a late flurry of points in a 42-14 victory in Class 2A, District 3 game.

The win, coupled with North Fayette Valley's 33-13 victory over Dyersville Beckman, gave New Hampton sole possession of first place in the district.

2019 (5 years ago)

• A dream 10 years in the making came to realization Friday morning when New Hampton's new Theisen's store opened.

The new store's "soft opening" came with a little style as the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 Color Guard held a short ceremony before raising the flag for Theisen's first day.

• It has been a long 28 years since the New Hampton volleyball team won a conference championship, as the last time they claimed the title was 1991.

This streak finally came to an end, as the Chickasaws, the sixth-ranked team in Class 3A, defeated Waverly Shell-Rock, the sixth ranked team in Class 4A, 3-2 in an extremely intense match between the two lone undefeated teams in the Northeast Iowa Conference.

With this victory, New Hampton completes conference play at 6-0 to clinch sole first place of the NEIC.

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Submit yours or a family member's Veteran photo to be honored in our Special Veterans Day Tab

There is a \$5 fee for each Veteran photo submitted. All funds raised will directly benefit various Veterans organizations in Chickasaw County.

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Briefs

Charles City Lions Club holding book sale through Oct. 19

The Charles City Lions Club is in the midst of its annual book sale, one that runs through Saturday, Oct. 19.

The club has thousands of books for sale at its “bookstore” that is located in the 800 block of N. Main St.

The sale opened Wednesday and continues today (Thursday) and Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After a few days off, they sale will open up again from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16, through Friday, Oct. 18, with a final

day on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chamber’s Scarecrow Contest voting to be held Oct. 21-22

The New Horizons-Chamber third annual Scarecrow Contest is taking shape as 17 businesses and organizations have signed up to take part in the event.

The final day to sign up is Friday, and all displays must be in place by a week from today, Thursday, Oct. 17.

Voting will take place on Oct. 21 and 22 on Facebook, and the winner will be announced on Oct. 25.

The winning entry will receive \$25 in Chamber Bonus Bucks and

the traveling plaque to display.

For more information or to sign up, contact Liz Zweibohmer at 641-394-2021 or email nhcnewhampton@gmail.com.

Second Congressional District candidates to debate Oct. 14

Iowa’s Second District Congressional candidate Sarah Corkery announced that her opponent, Congresswoman Ashley Hinson, has agreed to a public debate.

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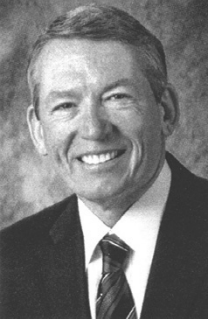


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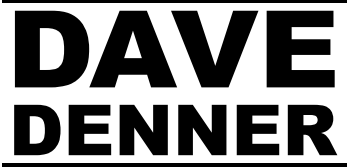
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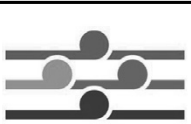


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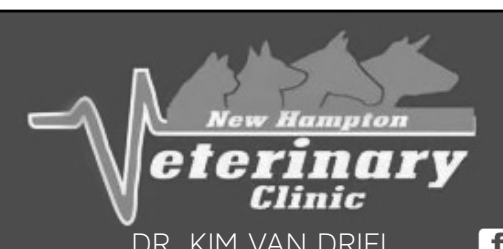
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New Hampton offensive lineman Ryan Willadsen heads downfield after “pancaking” a North Fayette Valley defender during Friday’s game in West Union.

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Pemble also liked how his team competed against a North Fayette Valley team that every week comes to the gridiron ready to hit.

"I was really happy with our physicality," Pemble said. "We got off the ball well, and honestly, I think physicality is a lot about experience. You can see our guys are growing up on the field."

But while New Hampton had some success on offense, it just couldn't find an answer for the North Fayette Valley offense that piled up 579 yards.

"That's the most balanced North Fayette Valley offense I've ever seen," Pemble said. "I've been coaching for 27 years so that's saying something. ... They've always been able to run the ball, but their passing game is really good this year, too."

Serie led the New Hampton defense with 5.5 tackles and a fumble recovery while Dylan Maloy was in on five stops. New Hampton, which had come up with 18 tackles for losses in its previous two games, had just two tackles for loss against the TigerHawks.

Despite the blowout loss, though, New Hampton remains firmly in the playoff hunt, but the Chickasaws must win at least one of their final two games, to have a chance to extend their season.

New Hampton hosts Crestwood this Friday and then ends the regular season with a game at Waukon next week, but Pemble and his Chickasaws are squarely focused on the match-up with the Cadets.

Crestwood is led by the best running quarterback in the district as Aidan Skoda has rushed for almost 800 yards through the first six games of the season.

"They're big and physical and obviously it's going to be a challenge," Pemble said, "but this group of guys I know will come back to work this week."

Friday's game is also Senior Night, and Pemble said he is grateful for the leadership and effort the Chickasaws' dozen seniors have provided in his first year as head coach.

"They've been great," he said. "They've really bought in, they're hard working and they're the reason I think we've made a lot of progress this year. A lot of teams that have one win at this time of the season pack



New Hampton senior Logan Thiele puts pressure on North Fayette Valley quarterback Decklyn Heins during Friday’s game.



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Turkey Valley's Levi Kruse (above) tries to break a tackle while offensive lineman Wyatt Maklenburg (below) pulls to lead a Trojan running play during Friday night's homecoming game.

Trojans have 'definitely grown' in 2024

TV FOOTBALL: FROM 18

apiece if the games shake out like they should. Kee High (4-2, 3-2) will be heavily favored in its final district contest against Central Elkader (2-4, 1-3) this Friday and Riceville plays Waterloo Christian in its second-to-last district game prior to finishing with TV. Kee High defeated TV in the second week of the season, 58-28.

"They're pretty tough," said Scott about Riceville. "We're playing to get better."

8-Man football in the state of Iowa accepts the top three squads in each of the 10 districts as playoff qualifiers, in addition to two at-large squads that round out the 32 teams that compete in the postseason.

Last Friday TV ran at will over the Regents – who started their football program just last year. TV racked up 329 yards rushing and saw junior J.D. Kruse return two punts for touchdowns. Kruse also caught the lone Trojan pass of the night for a 34-yard, over-the-shoulder grab from junior signal caller Logan Busta. That made the score 24-0 with just over four minutes into a first quarter of play that the Trojans led 46-0 after it was completed.

"We just gotta execute and we gotta play hard. That's all we gotta do. We're a young team. We knew it coming into this year," said Kruse. "We just gotta get ready for next year. Hopefully we can do some good things this year and finish out strong – build on this year."

Kruse took it to the house left sideline for his first punt return for six from 54 yards out with 6:43 to go in the opening stanza. He would strike again as Waterloo Christian amazingly lofted the ball high into the air once more on a punt, tempting fate and obviously hoping for a better outcome.

They were wrong as Kruse busted his way through Regents' special teamers down the left sideline again for a 52-yard score on the powerful, yet speedy punt return.

"I think after the second one they finally figured it out because the next one after that they just punted it right at me," said Kruse. "They didn't want me to touch that ball."

Kruse has hauled in 18 balls for 444 yards – which comes out to a whopping 24.7 yards per catch. That would rank Kruse second in 8-Man, but he doesn't have enough catches to qualify in that category. The minimum number of pass catches required to be considered is 20. Jaxson Schnell of GTRA is first in 8-Man with a 25.9 YPC average off of 22 receptions for 570 yards.

"Logan knows he can catch so he's not scared to put it there," said Scott about his high-scoring aerial tandem of Busta to Kruse.

The Trojans played mainly reserves in the second half and let the 35-point continuous clock roll, as it was engaged in the first quarter after Kaden Schmidt's eight-yard TD run with 3:23 left before halftime.

Schmidt, just a sophomore, averaged over 20 yards a carry en route to 133 yards on just six carries. Schmidt leads the team in rushing with 543 yards on 57



carries. He averages an explosive clip of 9.5 yards per carry, coincidentally tied for 10th in 8-Man with Busta. Schmidt has scored 10 rushing touchdowns.

Busta found the end zone on a 46-yard scamper and totaled 80 yards rushing against the Regents. He's tallied 454 yards on the ground and found the end zone seven times. He's passed for eight touchdowns and amassed 604 yards through the air.

Busta talked about his team's mindset the rest of the way as Riceville will be another big game – just like it was last year to finish off the regular season. TV won that game, 14-8, to lock up a playoff spot.

"It's all business – really," said Busta. "That's all there is to it. We just need to take care of what we need to take care of – execute right and just play our game, try to win and make the playoffs. We have to stay locked in."

TV led 62-0 before WC finally got on the board with 40 seconds before halftime on a five-yard run by Toby Nelson.

Alex Hanson, a Trojan sophomore, intercepted a deep pass near the left sideline with 2:45 left in the first half.

Hugo Busta, another one of Scott's sophomores, fumbled on the next Trojan possession with 2:00 before intermission. That was the only time TV didn't score in the first half. WC recovered at the Trojan 27-yard-line.

Hugo Busta scored on the game's first play as he took the opening kickoff the distance, but the standout special teams play was negated by a block in the back.

The very next play Schmidt burst up the middle, cut to the left sideline and was gone for a 60-yard scoring dash.

TV does not sport a senior on its roster and has encountered some tough luck in the past two weeks with key injuries to starters. The Trojans have lost three sophomores for the season. Mitchell Kriener, a starting defensive end, hurt his shoulder on the opening kickoff last week at Clarksville. Treyton Franzen – one of Scott's running backs – broke his collarbone and Cale Langreck fractured his jaw in a JV game. Langreck is the back-up quarterback and a member of TV's secondary.

Those three players' absences – especially on the 8-Man level – are tough to overcome.

"It's been a roller coaster of emotions – people getting injured," said Kruse. "Next year we'll get players and hopefully we'll get bigger, stronger, faster. We return everyone."

Hunter Kruse, TV's starting

center and crucial run-stopper on the defensive interior, talked about how his squad has changed from week to week as the regular season has wound down to the final two games.

"We've definitely grown as the season went on. We've definitely progressed, but we still have to do better," said Hunter Kruse. "We have the same team coming back next year. We just have to learn this year."

Kruse leads the team with three tackles for loss. He stated what the ultimate goal is for the Trojans – and that's sharpening their skills, both in what's left of play this fall and in the offseason.

"We just need to eliminate mistakes. That's all there is to it," said Hunter Kruse. "We need to work on it during the offseason as well, get in the weight room and get bigger and stronger."

TURKEY VALLEY 62, WATERLOO CHRISTIAN 26
WC 0 6 12 8 - 26
TV 46 16 0 0 - 62

FIRST QUARTER
TV - Kaden Schmidt 60 run (Logan Busta run) 11:42

TV - Busta 46 run (Schmidt pass from Busta) 10:07
TV - J.D. Kruse 34 pass from Busta (Schmidt run) 7:56
TV - Kruse 54 punt return (run failed) 6:43
TV - Schmidt 8 run (Hugo Busta run) 3:23
TV - Kruse 52 punt return (Parker Reicks run) 0:50

SECOND QUARTER
TV - Schmidt 22 run (H. Busta run) 9:28
TV - Caleb Kriener 3 run (Reicks pass from L. Busta) 3:36
WC - Toby Nelson 5 run (pass failed) 0:40

THIRD QUARTER
WC - David Comer 17 run (run failed) 10:00
WC - Gavin DeFord 48 run (pass failed) 3:57

FOURTH QUARTER
WC - DeFord 32 run (Comer pass from DeFord) 0:29

TEAM STATS
WC TV
Rushes-yards 31-229 37-329
Passing yards 17 34
Total yards 246 363
Att-Comp-Int 15-2-1 1-1-0

TURKEY VALLEY STATS

Rushing - Caleb Kriener 14-36, Hugo Busta 7-36, Kaden Schmidt 6-133, Logan Busta 4-80, Parker Reicks 3-21, Jayden Rausch 2-21, Levi Kruse 1-2.
Passing - L. Busta 1-1-34.
Receiving - J.D. Kruse 1-34.
Tackles - Jacob Wurzer 4.5, Caden Tiedt 4.5, J.D. Kruse 4, Tyler Forbes 3.5, Hunter Kruse 3, Kriener 3, Rausch 3, Jordan Kriener 2.5, Alex Hanson 2, Schmidt 2, Reicks 1.5, Wyatt Maklenburg 1, Eli Holthaus 1, Traejin Keel 0.5, H. Busta 0.5.
Tackles for loss - Maklenburg 1, H. Kruse 1, Reicks 0.5, Keel 0.5.
Sacks - H. Kruse 0.5, Reicks 0.5.
Interceptions - Hanson.
Kickoff returns - L. Busta 2-6.5, J.D. Kruse 2-6.5, H. Busta 1-5.
Punt returns - J.D. Kruse 2-28.5.
Kickoffs - J. Kriener 7-38.0, J.D. Kruse 1-25.

Eight-Man, District 3 Football

	Dist.	All
Don Bosco	4-0	6-0
Riceville	3-1	5-1
Turkey Valley	3-1	3-3
Kee High	3-2	4-2
Central Elkader	1-3	2-4
Waterloo Christian	1-3	2-4
West Central	0-5	0-7

LAST FRIDAY RESULTS

Turkey Valley 62, Waterloo Christian 6
Kee High 63, West Central 6
Riceville 38, Central Elkader 0

THIS FRIDAY GAMES

Turkey Valley at Don Bosco
Central Elkader at Kee High
Waterloo Christian at Riceville
West Central at Springfield

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 1	Oct. 2	W	L	GB
Dak's Tap I	7	2	0	
Hide A Way	6	3	1	
Kenny's Tavern II	6	3	1	
NH Country Club	5	4	2	
Dak's Tap II	4	5	3	
Kenny's Tavern I	3	6	4	
The Office	3	6	4	
Bowlaway Lanes	2	7	5	

RESULTS

Kenny's Tavern I 3, Kenny's Tavern II 6
Dak's Tap I 7, Bowlaway Lanes 2
Hide A Way 6, The Office 3

THREE-GAME WINNERS

Kenny's Tavern II - Karen Schwier & Sue Matthews
Dak's Tap I - Sheila Schwickerath & Pat Halvorson
Hide A Way - Sandy Burgart & Hazel Duckett
NH Country Club - Leslie Noehl & Cathy Knutson

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STANDINGS	W	L
Rochford Insurance	10.5	5.5
Vern Laures Auto	9.5	6.5
Mid-Tech Services	9	7
Hugeback-Johnson	8	8
Geerts Plumbing	7	9
Dak's Tap	4	12

OCT. 2 RESULTS WEEK 4

Rochford Insurance 3, Hugeback-Johnson 1
Vern Laures Auto 3, Geerts Plumbing 1
Mid-Tech Services 3, Dak's Tap 1

LEADERS

High individual games:
Diane Nehl 225, Kristy Kirkus 211, Rita Geerts 205, Linda Lechtenberg 202.

High individual series:
Nehl 588, Kirkus 541, Linda Lechtenberg 513.

High team games: Geerts Plumbing 473, Vern Laures Auto 451, Hugeback-Johnson 444.

High team series: Vern Laures Auto 1,234, Rochford Insurance 1,222 Hugeback-Johnson 1,212.

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)

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Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of Oct. 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage.

This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Tips to making a home fire escape plan

- Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes.
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- When you walk through your plan, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily.
- Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped.
- Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road. If not, paint it on the curb or install house numbers.



The firefighters of Alta Vista

Members of the Alta Vista Fire Department include (front row, from left) Alan Kolbet, Norb Geerts, Chief Larry Laures, (second row) McKenzie Hanson, Calvin Zimmerman, Michelle Haar, Ashlyn Laures, Kevin Hubka (retired), Cam Haar, Mason Burke, (back row) David Zimmerman, Matt Zeien, (not pictured) Jimmy Geerts, Dustin Meirick, Abe Karels, Jon Seible, Jason Bachman, Clifford Zimmerman, Alicia Miller, Russell Martin and Spenser Marvin.



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New Hampton fire chief: Takes all of us to prevent blazes

By BOB FENSKE
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Fire Prevention Week couldn't have come at a better time this year, at least that's the opinion of New Hampton Fire Chief Toby Schwickerath. "I think we should always be cognizant about fire prevention," he said, "but it's really dry out there right now so we want people to be extra careful. There's a reason we have a burn ban in place."

Chickasaw County is one of 50 counties in Iowa that currently is under a burn ban, according to the latest report from the State Fire Marshal's Office.

All counties — save for Mitchell, Fayette and Allamakee — in Northeast Iowa are currently under a burn ban.

New Hampton received just .44 inches of rain in September, just 11.4 percent of the 3.83 inches that normally fall during the month. And October has been even drier, with just a smidgen of rain — all of .05 inches — falling on the city.

Those who violate the burn ban can be charged with a simple misdemeanor, but Iowa law does allow the use of outdoor fireplaces, barbecue grills, properly supervised landfills or the burning of trash in incinerators or trash burners made of metal, concrete, masonry or heavy 1-inch wire mesh, with no openings greater than one square inch.

"It doesn't take much for a small fire to turn into something big," Schwickerath said last week, "so we're just asking everyone to be extra cautious until we get some rain."



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The firefighters of New Hampton

Members of the New Hampton Fire Department include (front row, from left) Brian Schilling, Scott Kime, Brayden Hathaway, Toby Schwickerath, Marty Onken, Nick Griffith, Tyler Sevidy, Jeff Bernatz, Tim Hanson, (second row) D.J. Schueth, Joel Knutson, Ryan Cain, Tony Jeffrey, Paul Powers, Mark Andera, Dustin Lechtenberg, Tim Shank, Brodie Rethamel, Jason Bierman, (not pictured) Cory Rahlf, Eddie Arnold, Jason Kuehn, Jayden Jones, Kelsey Glaser, Kipp Jones, Larry Heying, Nick Dennler, Nick Jurgensen, Steve Geerts and Taylor Steine.

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But how often are smoke alarms used in the United States, are they used properly, and what are people's perceptions of them?

In September 2024, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) published the results of a comprehensive survey that assesses the prevalence, functionality, and public perception of smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in U.S. households.

The CPSC survey, known formally as the Survey on Use and Functionality of Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms (SCOA) in Households, is a continuation of a similar study conducted by the CPSC 30 years ago. Conducted in coordination with the Fire

Protection Research Foundation (FPRF), the research affiliate of NFPA, and the National Institute of Safety and Technology (NIST), the newly released survey involved in-home interviews with 1,060 households located across the U.S. between Jan. 1, 2019, and Feb. 16, 2024.

Among the key findings in the survey:

- According to the recent CPSC survey, nearly all U.S. households (99 percent) have at least one smoke alarm. But that doesn't mean they work (more on that below). Still, this is a significant increase from the 88 percent that were found to have at least one smoke alarm in the 1994 survey.

The different types of smoke alarms households reported having in the 2024 survey were relatively evenly split, with the largest portion (42 percent) reporting having ionization smoke alarms, 29 per-

cent reporting having photoelectric smoke alarms, and 6 percent reporting having ionization and photoelectric alarms (23 percent didn't know what type of smoke alarms they had).

- The 2024 CPSC survey focused not only on smoke alarms, but also on CO alarms. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that is created when fuels, such as wood or gasoline, burn incompletely. A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time, and NFPA recommends the use of CO alarms.

While most households surveyed by the CPSC recognized smoke alarms as "extremely necessary" (90 percent), far fewer (66 percent) felt the same way about CO alarms. In fact, over a fourth (26 percent) of survey respondents said they knew "nothing at all" about carbon monoxide alarms, and only 55 percent of households reported having at least one CO alarm.

- Despite high ownership rates, many households have inaccurate perceptions about the age and functionality of their smoke and CO alarms, according to the recent CPSC survey. Only half (51 percent) of households were always accurate about the age of their alarms.

Furthermore, nearly 1 in 5 households (16 percent) that believed all alarms would be working had at least one functionality issue with the alarms tested, including dead batteries.

- A significant portion of households surveyed by the CPSC showed a need for more education on smoke alarms. Twenty-nine percent said they didn't know how to install smoke alarms, and 23 percent said they didn't know how to maintain them. And while the NFPA recommends testing smoke alarms at least once a month, more than half of households (61 percent) reported testing their smoke alarms less frequently than once a month.

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New Hampton tops Waukon, finishes as NEIC runner-up

Chickasaws sweep Waukon but Comets claim title with a victory over Decorah

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Charles City is the champion for now, but the Chickasaws will get a second crack at the Comets in a week from this Saturday – that much is certain. The New Hampton Chickasaws and head coach Jess Geerts swept Waukon (17-10, 0-4) on Tuesday to finish up the regular season portion of its NEIC slate with a game effort against the underdog Indians.

New Hampton’s heavy hitters up front – senior Braelyn Rosonke and freshman Aleigha Cahoy – led the charge as the Chickasaws held off the pesky Waukon squad by scores of 25-20, 25-15 and 25-19.

“We did good,” said Geerts. “Games one and two we led most all the game. That makes a big difference.”

Rosonke led the Chickasaws with 17 kills and Cahoy racked up 13 kills of her own to put the finishing touches on a league slate that saw New Hampton go 3-1 and place runner-up to the eventual league champ Charles City (16-5, 4-0). The Comets prevented the Chickasaws from an NEIC regular season title 3-peat as CC downed Decorah in four sets on Tuesday – 25-21, 17-25, 25-22 and 25-20.

The bragging rights for upper-tier domination in the league aren’t done yet as the NEIC will play its conference tournament all in one day on Saturday, Oct. 19 in Cresco. That’s a tournament the Chickasaws have also won two years in a row.

“That’s kind of our goal is to win the tournament,” said Geerts. “We obviously know we can beat Charles City. We beat them already. You’ve gotta play hard.”

New Hampton (12-13, 3-1) defeated Charles City in a quad back in late August on the Comets’ home floor – 25-23, 25-21. The Comets returned the favor on the Chickasaws’ home court in the traditional league matchup roughly two weeks later with a four-set win 22-25,

NEIC Volleyball

	Conf.	All
Charles City	4-0	16-5
New Hampton	3-1	12-13
Decorah	2-2	15-9
Crestwood	1-3	19-6
Waukon	0-4	17-10

TUESDAY RESULTS

New Hampton 3, Waukon 0
Charles City 3, Decorah 1

25-19, 25-20 and 29-27. That barnburner of a league tilt went a long way toward CC claiming the outright crown in 2024.

The loss to Charles City snapped an 11-match NEIC win streak orchestrated by New Hampton that dated back to 2021.

Decorah finished with a league mark of 2-2 overall and is currently 15-9.

Geerts talked about Rosonke and Cahoy’s production up near the net that was tough for Waukon to stop.

“Aleigha is a six-rotation player and reads the court very well. She can find ways to score. Tonight she scored on dumps and tips, whereas Braelyn is just a very strong player, she swings hard, hits hard and she’s hard to stop,” said the NH head coach.

New Hampton went on a 5-0 run in game two after Sydney Laures’ slam to the hardwood gave New Hampton a 19-11 advantage. Cahoy’s kill ended game two.

The final set saw Waukon lead for a decent portion of the final stanza, but adept serving by the Chickasaws kept the Indians second-guessing and back on their heels. That allowed New Hampton to pull away and come up with the six-point, game-three triumph.

“We definitely capitalized on things that they struggled with like serve receive and they left some holes open for us to capitalize,” said Geerts.

New Hampton senior libero Taylor Ries managed 12 digs and Cahoy registered nine. Chickasaw junior setter Maici Weber led in assists (37).



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New Hampton’s Sydney Laures (above) takes a swing while the Chickasaws’ Taylor Ries (below) fires off a jump serve during a tournament hosted by Waverly-Shell Rock on Saturday.

Chickasaws ‘up and down’ at loaded tourney

New Hampton picks up just one win at Waverly-Shell Rock Invite but coach says competition will pay off

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Three state qualifiers from a season ago and five ranked squads that currently represent all of Iowa’s prep classes.

Simply put, the Waverly-Shell Rock Go-Hawks hosted some pretty darn good teams at their home volleyball eight-team invite on Saturday.

New Hampton (11-13) battled with five of those squads – one of them twice – and ended up going 1-5 amongst some of the state’s best.

The weekend tourney featured No. 3 Ankeny (32-4), a state participant in Class 5A last fall, as well as top-ranked Denver (36-3) – a 2A squad that reached the state semifinals in 2023. No. 11 Norwalk – who New Hampton faced twice – also played in the 4A state tournament in Coralville last year. Other teams that took part in the day-long invite were No. 6 Janesville (1A), Class 3A and No. 15 rated Nevada (26-9), AGWSR and the host Go-Hawks.

While New Hampton wasn’t able to play W-SR (13-17) for a third time this season – the Go-Hawks have defeated the Chickasaws twice in 2024 – NH did lasso a victory in the seventh-place match to end the afternoon festivities in bracket play against AGWSR (9-20).

“We knew going into this

tournament that it was going to be tough. We also knew it would give us a good chance to see how we measure up. We played very up and down. I think we could have beat teams we lost to, but unfortunately we didn’t get the job done,” said NH head coach Jess Geerts.

New Hampton started the day in pool play in the first foray against Norwalk (21-13). The Warriors topped the Chickasaws in three sets – 21-13, 14-21 and 15-7.

The Chickasaws’ next match came against the powerful Hawks of Ankeny – who turned back NH by scores of 21-13 and 21-11. New Hampton’s final competition in pool play was another nip-and-tuck finish as Janesville (17-14) edged the Chickasaws’ by the slimmest of margins in straight sets – 23-21, 21-19.

“With five of the eight teams rated we saw come great competition. We played right with Norwalk in pool play and played Janesville very closely, so I tally both of those as wins,” said Geerts.

New Hampton’s first match in bracket play came against the Cyclones of Denver, who won 21-12 and 21-9 over the Chickasaws.

The Chickasaws’ second go-round with Norwalk saw the Warriors move on to the third-place match with a straight-set

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Trojans drop key UIC match to South Winneshiek

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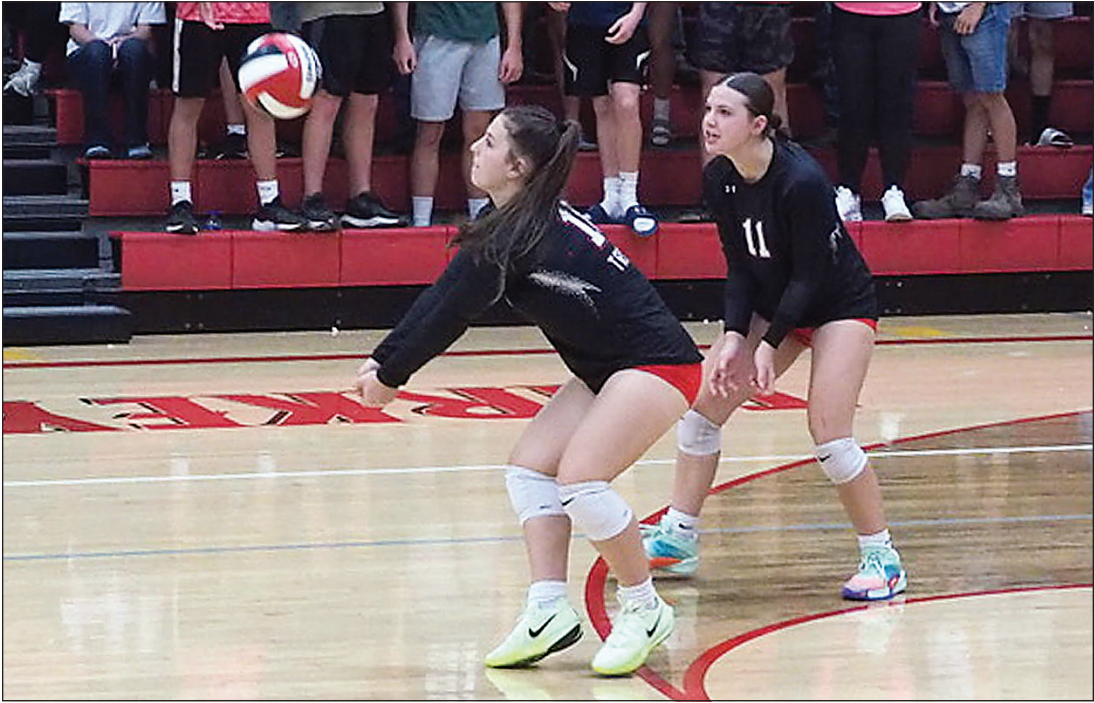
The fight for Upper Iowa Conference supremacy out on the volleyball court went down at Jackson Junction last week Tuesday between rivals South Winneshiek and Turkey Valley.

Turkey Valley won the first match versus the Warriors, but South Winn stormed back to take the final three sets by match scores of 19-25, 25-17, 25-16 and 25-17.

With the win, South Winn (16-10, 4-1) sits in second place in the UIC behind league front-runner North Fayette Valley (14-6, 5-0). Turkey Valley remains in third place as of Tuesday afternoon with a league mark of 4-2 and 11-13 overall record.

“The night started well, but we just couldn’t get the win,” said TV co-head coach Tammy Vrzak.

TV finishes off the conference portion of its schedule with a match played at West



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Turkey Valley’s Alexis Elsbernd comes up with a dig during a match against Postville that was played late last month.

Central (6-14, 2-3) this Tuesday and then tonight (Thursday) at

MFL MarMac (5-18, 2-3).

The Trojans were on-point in the serving department as they didn’t miss a serve. TV was a perfect 76-76 as a team serving with junior Addison Steinlage and senior Layni Schuchhardt going 16-16, respectively.

TV also generated 17 blocks – seven of them by senior middle Delaney Busta. Busta also led the team in kills with five.

“We were 100 percent at our serving and our blocking was in good shape,” said Vrzak. “Delaney was a force in the front row with her blocks, even after she went out with an ankle injury and came back in.”

TV senior libero Morgan Vsetecka led the Trojans in the back row with 26 digs and two aces. Steinlage added 23 digs to

go along with her team-leading 11 assists against the Warriors.

South Winn was led up front by junior Alyssa Holthaus (17 kills) and freshman Bailey Kuennen (14 kills). The Warriors also racked up 13 aces, led by sophomore Chloe Wiltgen’s five.

The Trojans also competed in the Oelwein Invite on Saturday and defeated Valley Lutheran by a score of 21-3 and 21-7. TV dropped tilts to Waukon 21-18 and 23-21 and to Nashua-Plainfield 14-21, 21-18 and 15-12.

Through 21 matches that have been tabulated for season statistics thus far on gobound.com, Schuchhardt

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THURSDAY

New Hampton 9th volleyball conference tournament at Charles City, 4 p.m.

New Hampton JV volleyball conference tournament at Waukon, 4 p.m.

New Hampton cross country invitational, New Hampton Golf & Country Club, 4:15 p.m.

Turkey Valley 9/JV/V volleyball at MFL Mar-Mac, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton football vs. Crestwood, 9th at 5 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m. (Senior Parent Night)

Turkey Valley football at Don Bosco, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Turkey Valley volleyball at Riceville tournament, 9 a.m.

MONDAY

New Hampton JV football at Crestwood, 6 p.m.

Turkey Valley JV football at Tripoli, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

New Hampton cross country at NEIC meet, Oneota Golf & Country Club, Decorah, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

Turkey Valley cross country at UIC meet, Elkader Golf & Country Club, 4 p.m.

New Hampton varsity volleyball quad vs. Dike-New Hartford, Sumner-Fredericksburg, at Wapsie Valley, 5 p.m.

New Hampton JV football vs. Waukon, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

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

Turkey Valley football vs. Riceville, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

New Hampton varsity volleyball, NEIC tournament at Crestwood, 9 a.m.

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Trojans cruise to a big victory on homecoming

Turkey Valley blows out Waterloo Christian to remain in the eight-player postseason run

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If Turkey Valley wanted to on Friday night, the Trojans probably could have hit the century mark in points scored against Waterloo Christian.

There was no reason to. The Trojans routed second-year program Waterloo Christian (2-4, 1-3) in their homecoming game in Jackson Junction by a score of 62-26 to remain alive for a post-season berth in 8-Man, District 3.

"This was a nice game for homecoming. We were able to get all the players some playing time. The varsity starters executed very well on offense and on defense we swarmed to the ball and did a good job of covering receivers on pass plays," said TV head coach Mark Scott.

Turkey Valley (3-3, 3-1) sits in a tie for second place in the district, but may have to sneak into the playoffs like it did last year to be able to extend its fall campaign with a post-season contest.

This much is certain with two games to go in the regular season – TV is gonna have to win one of them to have a chance at making the playoffs for the fourth-consecutive year.

Barring a major upset at No. 4 Don Bosco (6-0, 4-0) next week, the Trojans will have to win their final home regular season game versus Riceville (5-1, 3-1) and hope to snare a top-three spot in the district standings via the 17-point tie-breaker rule.

"You control your own destiny," said Scott. "Basically, if we win one of the next two games



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Turkey Valley's J.D. Kruse (above) races down the sideline on a punt return for a touchdown while the Trojans' Jayden Rausch (below) makes sure a Waterloo Christian run doesn't go far in Friday's homecoming game.

we'll be in the playoffs. It would be a three-way tie for second and it would break down to points."

Even if TV does not qualify automatically as a top-three finisher in its district, it can still nab one of 8-Man's two at-large berths, again obviously predicated on a Riceville victory. The fewest number of district losses is the first tiebreaker criteria for an at-large berth, which would leave Kee High, Riceville and TV all with two

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Chickasaws enjoy PR bonanza at Jesup

Fresh off busy week, New Hampton runners gear up for annual home invitational

By KELLY TEPRSTRA
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Hugs, smiles and handshakes – there were plenty of them last Tuesday at the Jesup Invite for the New Hampton Chickasaws.

To give you an indication of how well the cross country meet went for Jamie Ohrt's harriers – 10 career PR's and five season-bests were achieved.

That's a lot for a team that's battled injury and sickness this fall and to be quite frank – doesn't have much of its regular season left.

What a perfect opportunity for these Chickasaws to rise to the top and crank out impressive runs in what amounted to peak performances for almost all of New Hampton's runners.

"It was awesome," said Ohrt, who is in the midst of her 13th season coaching her New Hampton XC squads.

Just how great was the Jesup meet?

Ohrt explained. "Sophie (Glaser) has been trying to run under the 20s forever and she ran a 19:57. I mean she spun me around. She picked me up off my feet and spun me around. I'm like, I'm supposed to do this to you," laughed Ohrt about her team's post meet celebration.

Glaser – a sophomore that qualified for state a year ago – clipped out to that 19:57, which saw her cross the finish line in



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New Hampton's Sophie Glaser, shown here at a meet earlier this season, ran under 20 minutes for the first time in her career at a meet in Jesup last week.

ninth place. Her previous lifetime best was 20:10.

Glaser was just the start for New Hampton – as Chickasaw senior Calyb Zeien shattered



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New Hampton's Beau Serie (8) makes a cut to use a block by Tate Schwickerath to pick up a nice gain in the first half of Friday's game against North Fayette Valley.

'Good things' not enough for Chickasaws

New Hampton runs ball well but North Fayette Valley balance gives TigerHawks 46-13 district victory

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The scoreboard – at least from the New Hampton perspective – was downright ugly Friday night in West Union, but the Chickasaws' coach believes if one digs a little deeper, one will see the progress New Hampton is making in 2024.

"I don't care what the score says, we did a lot of really good things," Chad Pemble said after Class 2A, District 3 leader North Fayette Valley beat his team 46-13. "We rushed the ball against a really good defense well, we played with a physicality that we have to have and, you know, we were really one play away a lot of times from having some really good things happen for us."

In the end, North Fayette Valley, which was eighth in the Iowa High School Athletic Association's first Class 2A state rankings, had too much experience and too much firepower as the TigerHawks won their fifth straight game to improve to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in district play.

Not that New Hampton, which fell to 1-5 overall and 1-2 in the district, didn't have some chances early in the game.

The Chickasaws couldn't get North Fayette Valley off the field on two fourth-down plays and couldn't convert when it had a third-and-1 play at the TigerHawk 15-yard line in the first half.

"You know, it could have easily been 14-7 at halftime," Pemble said, "and that's saying something because that's a really good North Fayette Valley team."

Instead, it was 27-0, but undersized and inexperienced New Hampton kept battling. The Chickasaws put together a solid drive to open the second half, controlling the ball for almost six minutes but again came up empty.

Finally in the fourth quarter, the Chickasaws broke through with a pair of touchdowns – the first on a hard-nosed



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton's Bryar Usher, Emmett Kuehner and Tristin Willadsen (above) force a turnover while the Chickasaws' Kyson Kielman (below) makes a tackle in Friday's game.

4-yard run by Beau Serie and the second on a 26-yard dash to the end zone by Serie – in the fourth quarter.

Serie finished with 174 yards on 34 carries against a North Fayette Valley team that had given up just 75 rushing yards a game during its previous four games.

"He's such a powder keg and just such a tough, tough kid," Pemble said of the senior who has now rushed for 773 yards on 128 carries this season. "He's not the biggest kid, but almost every play it takes more than two guys – a lot more – to bring him down."

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