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## Lots of safety talk but no action

City Council gets an earful on sidewalks, plethora of stop-sign requests

By BOB FENSKA  
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The vast majority of Monday night's New Hampton City Council meeting revolved around safety, but two hours of discussion didn't lead to any action being taken by city leaders.

From installing sidewalks on West Hamilton to adding four-way stop signs near New Hampton schools to

establishing so-called "school zones" to adding stop signs at various other locations in the city, safety dominated Monday's meeting.

In the end, though, just one motion was made on any of the five "safety" issues on the agenda and that didn't even go to a vote because the agenda item on making a four-way stop at North Water Avenue and East Prospect Street near the Chickasaw

County EMS station did not state "possible action" would be taken.

Instead, Mayor Steve Geerts said that he hoped a committee would be formed to study traffic safety concerns and bring back recommendations to the council, which to at least one New Hampton resident made the most sense.

"You have five items here on the agenda about safety," Jay Matthews

said, "and to me, it makes more sense to step back and take a comprehensive, all-encompassing look and come up with a plan ... instead of acting on each of these separately."

**AS EXPECTED,** A number of West Hamilton residents did turn out Monday to express their concerns

about the possibility that the city may require them to install sidewalks.

The issue was discussed at the City

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## New Hampton gets good news with its school enrollment

By BOB FENSKA  
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New Hampton Community Schools once again is bucking the trend for rural schools when it comes to certified enrollment, and the district's top administrator said he believes it says something about the quality of education being offered to students.

During Monday night's School Board meeting, Superintendent Jay Jurrens gave board members an update on the Oct. 1 enrollment numbers at New Hampton which showed a 2.3 percent increase from Oct. 1, 2023.

That enrollment jump came a year after the district's certified enrollment jumped by 40 students, meaning over a two-year period, New Hampton's has seen a 6.9 percent increase in enrollment.

"I think, one, it shows we're putting out a

**SEE SCHOOL BOARD, 3**

## Early balloting off to a fast start in county

By BOB FENSKA  
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Ask Chickasaw County Deputy Commissioner of Elections Gina Fangman to describe the atmosphere around the Auditor's Office these days and she has a quick, one-word answer.

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**TESTED RACE ON**

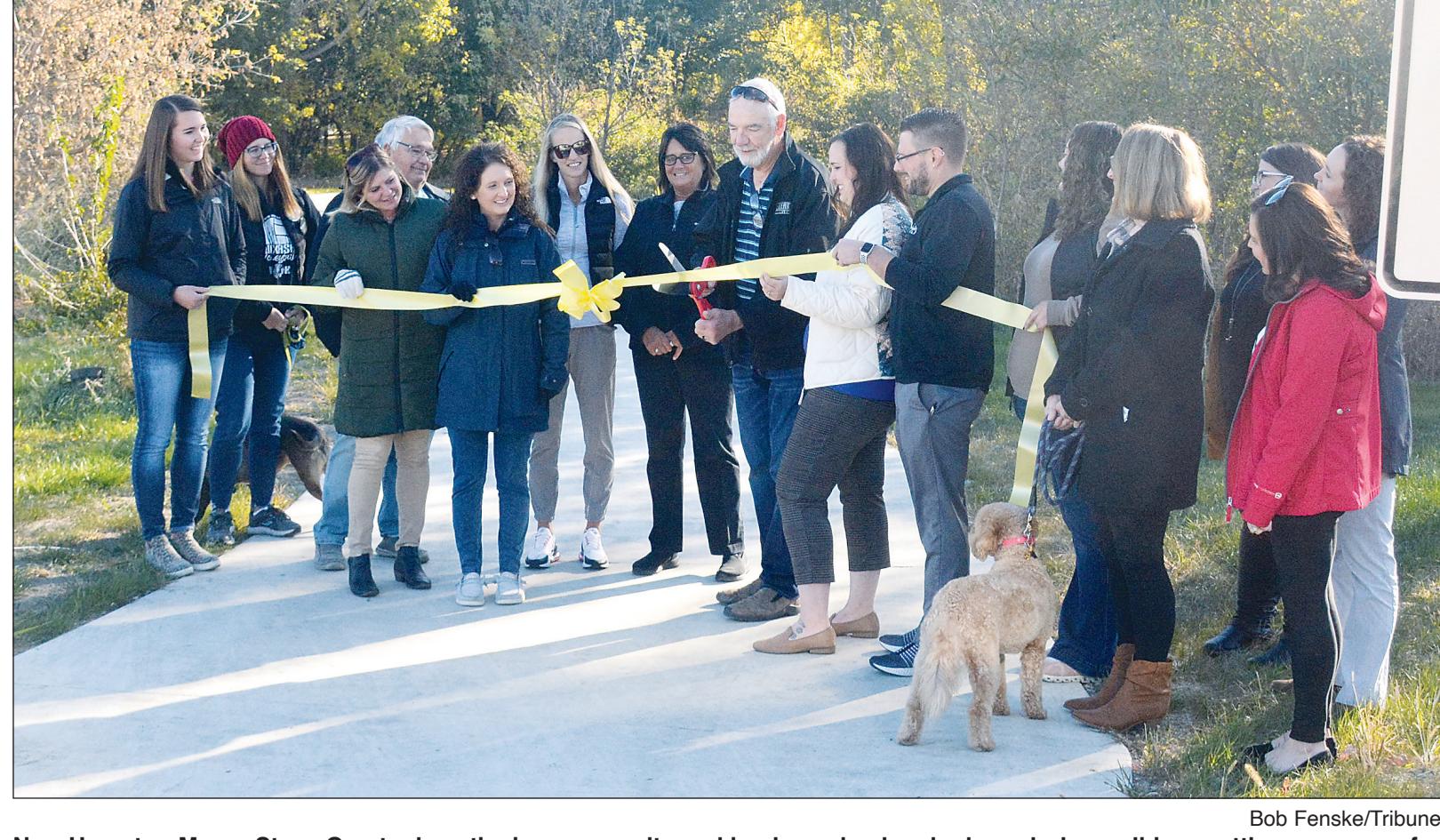
**TAP IN COUNTY.**

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"Hopping." She isn't kidding, as early voting commenced last Wednesday and through the first four days of absentee balloting, the Auditor's Office had seen more than 1,500 ballots either mailed in or turned in by those who voted at the Chickasaw County Courthouse.

"It's been hectic to say the least," Fangman said Monday, "and we don't think it's going to let

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton Mayor Steve Geerts does the honors as city and business leaders look on during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the TRIBE Trail that was held last week on the trail just off of South Western Avenue.

## AN EMOTIONAL COMPLETION

EIGHT YEARS OF WORK COMES TO AN END WITH RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE TRIBE TRAIL

By BOB FENSKA  
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Megan Baltes has been to what seems like a thousand ribbon cuttings.

But the one the TRIBE Trail Committee member attended last week was far from ho-hum; in fact, one could say it was a little emotional.

"When you put eight years into something,"

Baltes said, "and you're celebrating its completion, yeah, I felt it a little bit. It was, yeah, emotional. It's been a big part of my life for a long time, and it meant a lot."

It, of course, is the TRIBE Trail, a dream that involved connecting existing trails in Mikkelsen Park and New Hampton's west-side industrial park that became a reality last month when work on the third and final phase of the trail came to an end.

And last Wednesday morning, on an absolutely gorgeous fall morning, city and business leaders gathered on the trail at South Western Avenue and snipped the ribbon that celebrated what turned out to be a \$1.5 million project.

"It's a wonderful addition to our community," New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman said, "and we can't thank the

**SEE TRIBE, 5**

## Supervisors reach consensus to include Homeland in turbine TIF

By BOB FENSKA  
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors moved forward Monday with possibly providing tax-increment financing to Homeland Energy Solutions for a \$40 million expansion project the ethanol plant is considering.

Board members did so by directing the county assessor and the county's bond attorneys to prepare paperwork that would include the ethanol plant in an urban-renewal plan being considered to use TIF funds from the recently completed wind farm for a variety of projects.

Last month, supervisors accepted a recommendation from its TIF Committee to consider spending close to \$32 million in coming years on proj-

ects ranging from road work in the county to upgrades to the Chickasaw County Sheriff's Office to providing a storage building for the Chickasaw County Conservation Board to updating part of the Chickasaw County Secondary Roads Department shop building.

During a meeting on Oct. 14, Homeland Energy Chief Financial Officer Beth Eiler pitched creating an urban-renewal plan that would make it possible for the ethanol plant to receive almost \$1.18 million in TIF funding over a 10-year period and while supervisors appeared interested in pursuing the plan, they wanted to gather more information before acting on the request.

After talking with its bond

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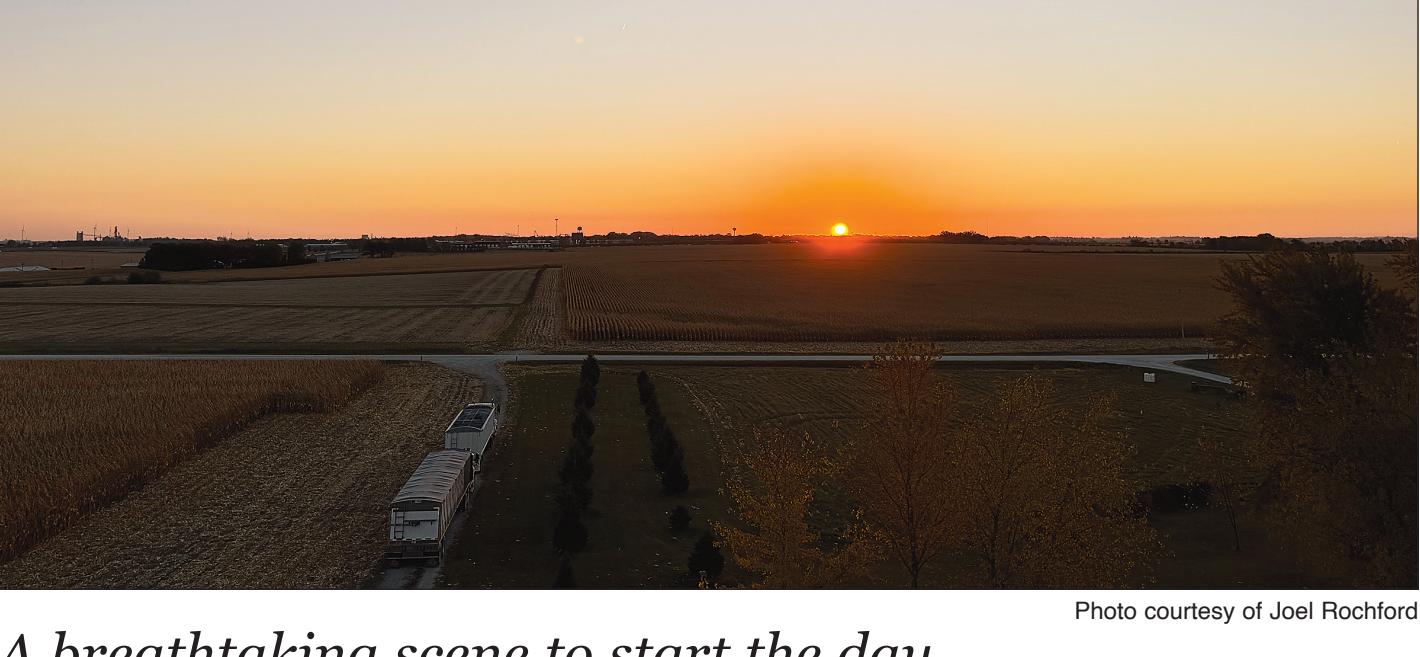


Photo courtesy of Joel Rochford

A breathtaking scene to start the day

Before getting to work on another day in the harvest season, New Hampton resident Joel Rochford takes a break to capture a beautiful sunrise from the top of a bin on his family's farm that is located just west of New Hampton.

### Champs again!

The New Hampton volleyball team makes it a threepeat with title at final NEIC tournament

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### Halloween

Get ready for a variety of Halloween events throughout the area

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### One more

New Hampton misses out on football playoffs but will play ninth game

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# Mayor wants committee to look at traffic safety issues

## CITY COUNCIL: FROM 1

Council's meeting on Oct. 7, when Public Works Director Casey Mai said it was his opinion that the sidewalks should be installed on the north side of the street because of infrastructure and other concerns.

At that meeting, City Clerk Karen Clemens said 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 that the money could be used for the sidewalks.

Left undecided on Oct. 7, though, was how much, if any, Hamilton residents would have to pay if the sidewalks were installed, and Mai created a spread sheet for this past Monday's meeting that showed the estimated cost for the residents affected and how much they would pay for their portions of the sidewalk.

Hamilton resident Julie Lang expressed worries about the ability of some of her neighbors to pay for sidewalks.

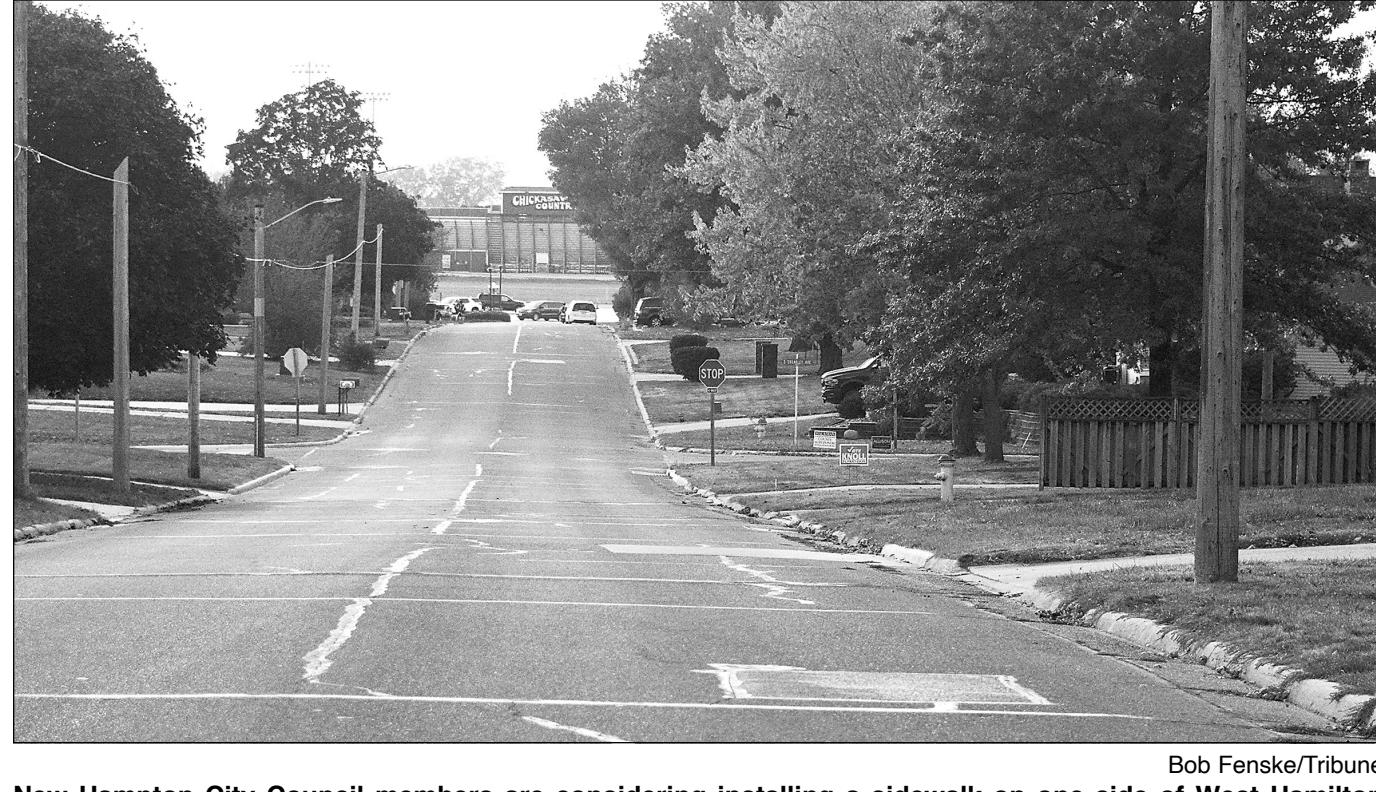
"I do have concerns [about] a couple of people on the north side [of Hamilton]," Lang said. "I know they can't afford it. I'm not even sure if they're going to clean their sidewalks off. ... We need to look out for those people, too."

Lang added that she felt that the sidewalk could also be put on the south side of the street, which would cut down the number of residents who would have to install a sidewalk because the New Hampton Cemetery is on that side of the street.

She also said that her family has lived on Hamilton Street for 50 years and that the traffic of people who walk on that street is very, very low."

Hamilton Street resident Lynn Schwickerath agreed, saying that "we see very little pedestrian traffic on our street" and added that few children appear to be walking to the middle school and high school campus, at least via Hamilton.

Councilwoman Deb Larsen said she



Bob Fenske/Tribune

**New Hampton City Council members are considering installing a sidewalk on one side of West Hamilton Street but remain undecided on how much, if any, property owners should pay for the walkways.**

had concerns about the city paying for the entire sidewalk — pointing out that the additional TIF money could be used for road projects and also wondering about the fairness of the city picking up the entire tab for a Hamilton sidewalk when it has required other residents to put sidewalks in and to repair them.

"We are going to hear it a lot, 'I paid for mine, why aren't they paying for theirs?' And that's going to be a fair point," Larsen said.

**BUT A POTENTIAL** sidewalk on Hamilton was just one of the topics covered Monday.

The council also received a "walk audit" conducted by the organization known as Safe Routes to School Iowa, a proposal from Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl to make four intersections near New Hampton schools "four-way stops" and to create "school zones" with possible reduced speed limits and heard from other residents about safety concerns on East Milwaukee and East Washington streets.

Rosendahl said his chief concern was safety near school buildings and referenced a recent accident that injured a resident in a pedestrian-vehicle accident

near New Hampton High School.

"I don't want to come on an accident where people are not so lucky," Rosendahl said and added later, "that we have to come up with a combination that works. What that combination is — more enforcement, more signs, lower speed limits — that's the question."

East Milwaukee Street resident Don Gitch asked council members to place a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Milwaukee and Foley Avenue because of concerns he and other residents have

when they have to cross the street to pick up their mail.

"It would slow them down," he said, "without me getting put on a hood of a car."

Rosendahl said he had stepped up enforcement on the street last week and had made 11 traffic stops — issuing six warnings, two citations and three equipment warnings.

Later in the meeting, resident Darla Jarchow asked council members to put a stop sign at East Washington at the intersection of North Water Avenue, saying people were using Washington to not have to deal with the traffic lights on Main Street.

"People just come flying down that

street," she said, "and with the hill there, it's just super dangerous."

## CHICKASAW COUNTY EMS

Director Joel Knutson used the same argument when he requested that city leaders place a four-way stop sign near the ambulance service's station at East Prospect and North Water.

"Everyone cuts down Prospect so they don't have to deal with the lights on Main," he said. "It's a busy, busy road."

Councilwoman Katie Fisher said that she felt a four-way stop was warranted and made a motion to add stop signs on Prospect, but when council members were questioned if the council could even vote on the motion, City Attorney Todd Prichard said that he felt it would be best if the council waited until the next meeting because the agenda item only included the word "discussion."

That meant that none of the safety issues on the agenda were acted upon Monday night, and Geerts said he would like to see a committee that included council members, city staff and residents be put together to come up with a more comprehensive plan to address both safety near schools and slowing down traffic within the city.

**There are plenty of Halloween events on tap**

## HALLOWEEN: FROM 2

behind the Charles City Public Library and the First Baptist Church.

The rain date will be Tuesday.

## ELMA

The Kids Masquerade, an event sponsored by the Elma Fire Department, will be held at 4 p.m. at the Elma Memorial Hall. Trick-or-treating will follow.

## FREDERICKSBURG

The Upham Memorial Library is hosting a Family Fun Night Halloween Carnival on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the community center.

The library is also hosting a month-long Halloween Scavenger Hunt in which kids can come into the library and if they find all the pictures on the list, they get a book and a piece of candy.

City-wide trick-or-treating will be held from 5 to 7 on Halloween evening, and kids can also trick or treat at Whispering Willow Assisted Living on Halloween from 5 to 7 p.m.

## IONIA

City-wide trick-or-treating will be held on Halloween evening from 5 to 7 p.m.

## LAWLER

The Lawler Lions Club will hold a Halloween Party at the Lawler Fire Station from 4 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and trick-or-treating will follow in town at 5.

## NASHUA

The Nashua Women of Today will hold its annual Trunk or Treat event this Sunday, beginning at 3 p.m. on Main Street.

City-wide trick-or-treating will be held from 5 to 7 on Halloween evening and Cedar Vale Assisted Living residents will also be handing out candy at that time.

## NORTH WASHINGTON

City-wide trick-or-treating will be held on Halloween evening from 5 to 7 p.m., and those handing out candy are asked to have their porch lights on.

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# New Hampton school district in a 'very good place' with enrollment

## SCHOOL BOARD: FROM 1

good product with what we have at the school," Jurrens said in an interview earlier Monday. "We have great teachers, we're offering students a great education, and people want to be a part of it."

During the interview and at the board meeting, Jurrens said that the district is currently serving 1,010 students, which means it continues to bring in more students via open-enrollment than it is losing to other districts.

"We are in a very good place right now," he said, "and there aren't a lot of districts in rural Iowa who are seeing increases like we are. It's a huge positive."

The Oct. 1 enrollment numbers are critical throughout Iowa because that is the number the state uses to determine the funding for school districts the following year.

Jurrens said that the recent enrollment increases have presented challenges for the district, most notably "finding space," especially for younger elementary students.

"Thank God, though, our board has been forward thinking," he said. "Making the decision, taking the risk, to hire

more staff last spring really has helped us. It's been a challenge, but it's a really good challenge to have."

Monday's enrollment news came in a relatively quick board meeting that lasted for about 45 minutes and also included the School Board approving for a third-straight year the offering of an incentive to retiring teachers.

Under the plan, those who notify the school district by Dec. 31 can receive \$50 per unused sick day, and Jurrens said that allows the district to begin the hiring process for the following year earlier.

"When we can get the word out and start the application process in January and February," he said, "that's a big plus in attracting more candidates. ... It gives us a larger pool to choose from and that's important."

Board members also received an update on Chickasaw County's potential use of TIF funds, and Jurrens said that it was important to note that if the county moves ahead with its plan, the TIF will not impact the district's Instructional Support, Physical Plant and Equipment (PPEL) and Debt Service levies.

He told board members that



**New Hampton High School junior Camryn Smith joins a roomful of elementary school students during the "Celebrity Readers" program that was held last month.**

the valuation of the windmills will add an additional \$34,250 per year on the district's 33-cent PPEL and an additional \$166,228 on the \$1.60 debt levy for the bond referendum that was approved in 2017 and led to the construction of the middle school, competition gymnasium and vocational agricultural and industrial technology center.

Jurrens said that if the district continues to levy \$1.60 for the bond referendum, the additional revenue would save property owners \$1 million in interest payments over the life of the bonds.

And finally, board members agreed to spend a little more than \$28,500 to improve the competition gymnasium's sound system. The lone bid the district received was for \$34,123.14, but the district's cost will be reduced because the New Hampton Lettermen's Club has donated \$4,500 to the project.

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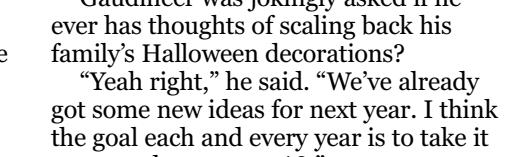
## Family already looking to take display 'up a notch' in 2024

### DISPLAY: FROM 2

"Kalee, thankfully, puts up with me and my ideas," Bo said, "and the girls, well, they're kind of into it but Bodhi really is all in. He loves it."

And Bo said he takes his love of Halloween with him to work as well. He is a paramedic with the Waterloo Fire Department, where 24-hour shifts are the norm.

"I get everyone to watch scary movies



when I'm working and we're not out on calls," he said. "I've always been into Halloween, and thankfully my co-workers — just like Kalee and the kids — put up with me, too."

Gaudineer was jokingly asked if he ever has thoughts of scaling back his family's Halloween decorations?

"Yeah right," he said. "We've already got some new ideas for next year. I think the goal each and every year is to take it up a notch or two or 10."

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202 N. Broadway  
641-394-2105

Father Jim Goerend

**Mass times:** 4 p.m.,  
Saturday; 8 and 10 a.m.,  
Sunday.

#### NEW HAMPTON METHODIST

201 N. Locust Ave.  
Pastor Paula Hemann

**Service time:** 9 a.m.  
Sunday.

#### REDEEMER LUTHERAN

611 W. Court St.  
saudjerico.com

Pastor Peter Faugstad

**Service time:** 4 p.m.  
Saturday Divine Service

#### HARVEST CHURCH

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Pastor: Josh Jacobs

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Pastor Cory Orr

**Service times:** 9 a.m.,  
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4 E. Court St.

**Service time:** 10:30  
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Hampton  
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Pastor Peter Faugstad

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Pastor Peter Faugstad

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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe

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#### IMMACULATE

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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe

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107 Wood St. Elma

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Pastor Paula Hemann

207 Plum Street Elma

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Father Jim Goerend

**Mass:** Saturday, Nov. 2,

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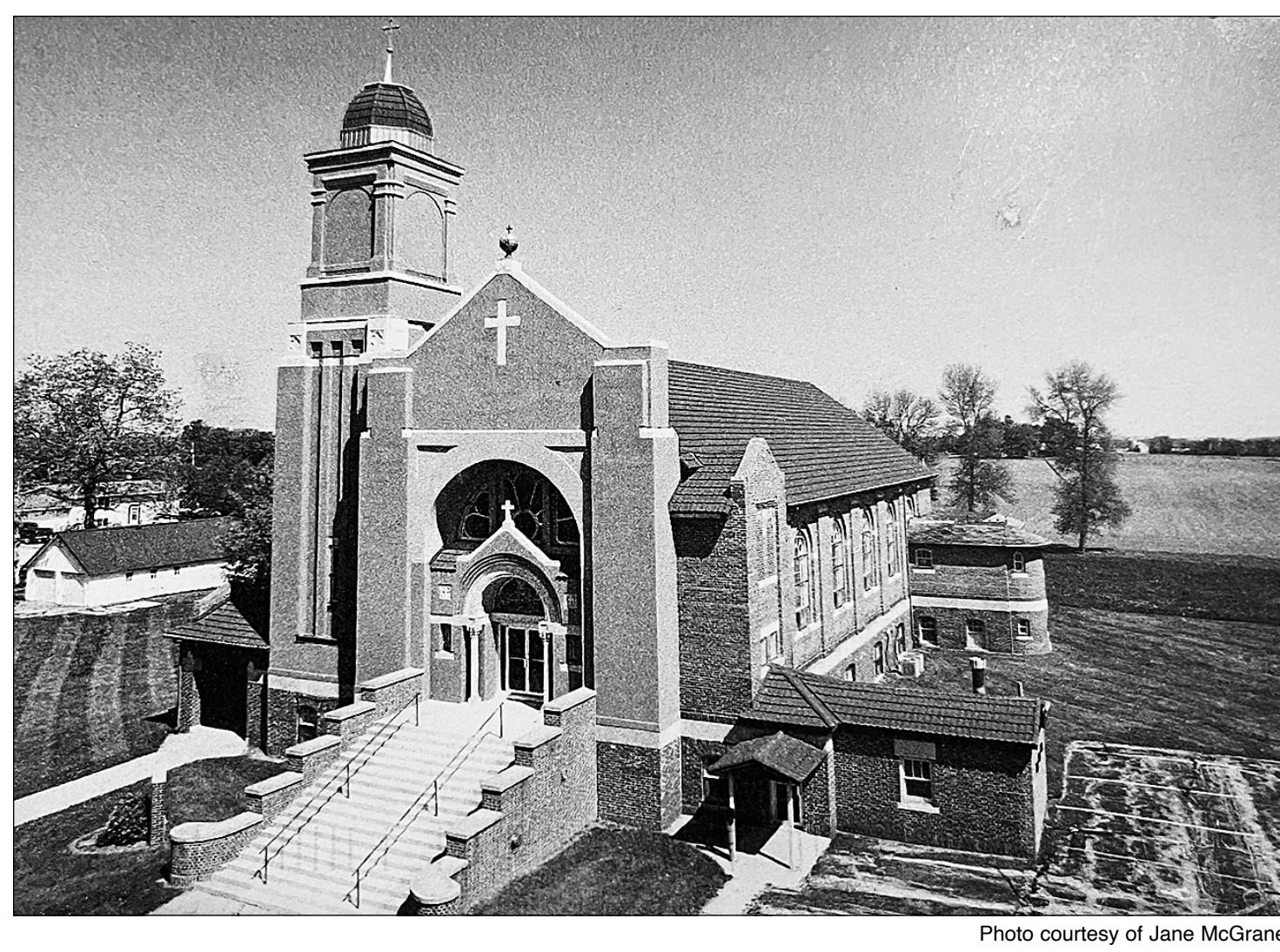


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## It's going to be a big Saturday at Ionia's 'tough' church

Members of St. Boniface Catholic Church have been through a lot during its 125 years in Ionia; after all, St. Boniface has been hit by not one, not two but three tornadoes, so we don't think we're out of line when we call it a "tough church."

So the good folks of St. Boniface have plenty to celebrate on Saturday when it marks the 125th anniversary of its founding with a 6 p.m. Mass that will be followed by a catered Swiss steak dinner. The Mass will be led by Archbishop Thomas Robert Zinkula.

## A little primer on All Saints Day

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on Nov. 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven.

It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on Nov. 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

Other countries have different rules according to their national bishop's conferences. The bishops of each conference have the authority to amend the rules surrounding the obligation of the day.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day,

which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a holy day of obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire.

Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven,

including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

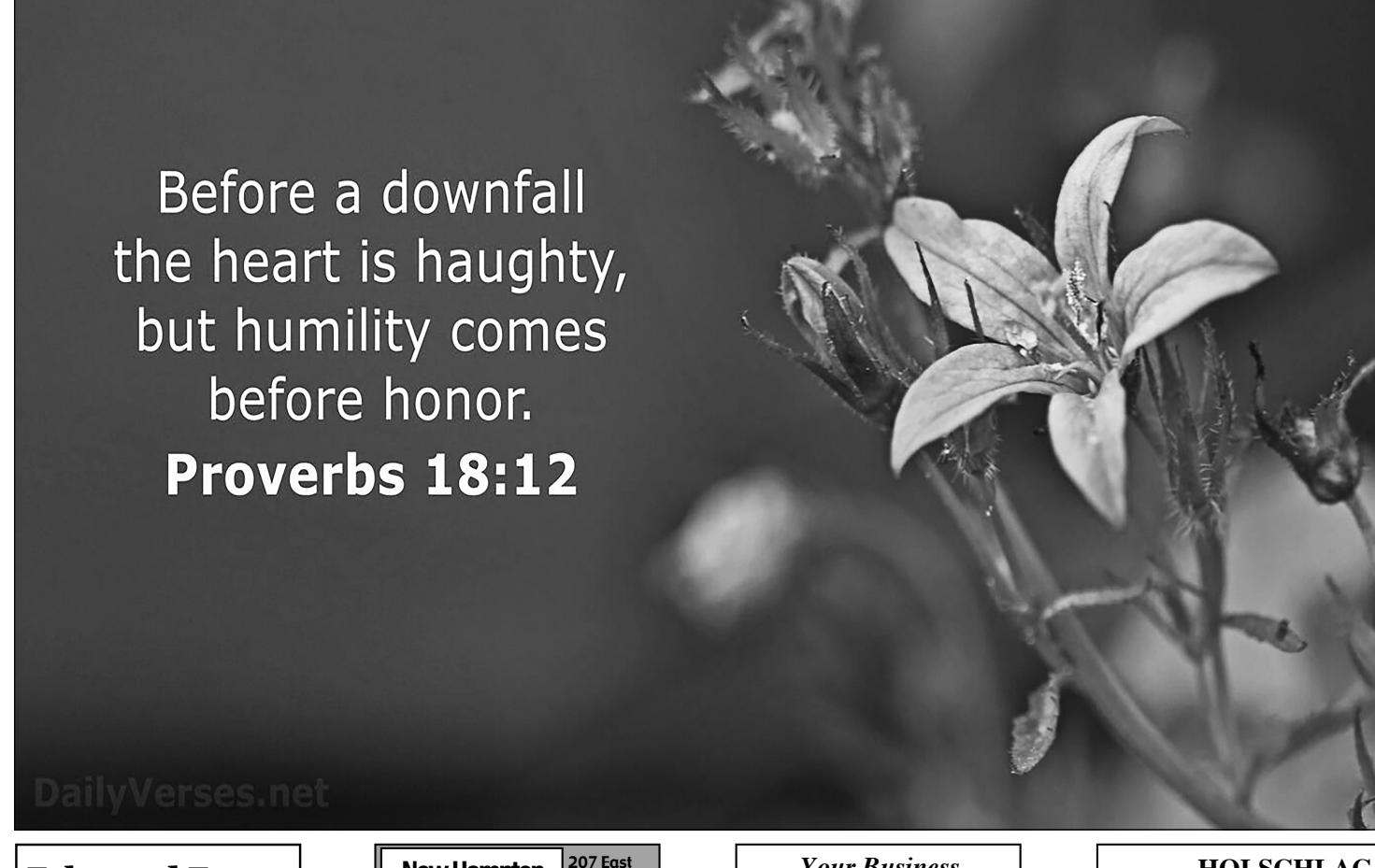
Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic.

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play, "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Dide los Innocentes" a day dedicated to deceased children.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. Many of these practices blur the distinction between All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

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Pastor Sarah Namukose

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#### UNITED METHODIST

#### CHURCH

314 Brasher Street

Pastor Sarah Namukose

**Service time:** 9 a.m. Sundays.

#### CEDAR POINT CHURCH

#### CHURCH

310 Main Street

Pastor Darin Cerwinski

**Service time:** 6:30 p.m. Fridays.

#### ST. MICHAELS CHURCH

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602 Cedar Street

Father Tom Heathershaw

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## Saving For College? Or Retirement?

If you're a parent, you want to do everything you can to help your children succeed in life. Therefore, you might think that one of the best things you can do is to save for your children's college education. And this is certainly admirable, but could it conflict with your ability to prepare for another key goal — your own retirement?

Of course, this would not be a problem if you had unlimited means, but most of us don't fall into that category. So, given the financial resources and income you do have, how should you approach the college-versus-retirement issue?

Fortunately, it's not necessarily an "either-or" scenario. However, it may make sense to prioritize saving for retirement over college, for two reasons.

First, your children have a lot more time to pay for college than you have to save for retirement. In addition to any grants or scholarships your children may receive, they might need to take out loans.

While it's a good idea to keep this debt load as manageable as possible, it's also true that most student loans can be repaid over a long period of time.

And here's the second point: One of the best gifts you can give your children is to be self-sufficient in your retirement.

You could easily spend two, or even three, decades as a retiree, so you will need to build considerable financial resources to pay for all those years. Your adult children will have their own financial needs to address, so you'll be doing them a great favor by relieving them of any financial responsibilities on your behalf.

Taking these factors into account, you may want to direct most of your saving and investing efforts toward achieving a comfortable retirement. Consequently, think about putting away as much as you can



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afford into your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

Even with this focus on retirement, though, you may find opportunities to save and invest for your children's education. For example, if you receive bonuses or income tax refunds, or your salary goes up, or you're able to free up money from your budget by reducing your debts, you could use these funds to invest in an education savings vehicle, such as a 529 plan. When you invest in a 529 plan, your earnings and withdrawals are federally tax free, provided the money is used for qualified education expenses such as tuition, room and board, books, and computers.

Depending on where you live, you may also get some state tax benefits from your 529 plan. And a 529 plan isn't just for college — it can be used for K-12 private school tuition costs, plus expenses from qualified apprenticeship programs, such as those found at trade schools eligible for Title IV federal student aid.

It might not be easy to save and invest consistently for your retirement and your children's education. But both goals are worthy — after all, retirement can last a long time and college is expensive. So, try to develop a financial strategy that can allow you to make progress in both areas — your efforts may well be rewarded.

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## Ambulance payments waived for third straight quarter

By BOB FENSKE  
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors made it official Monday when it voted to waive the third straight quarterly payment for the county-owned ambulance service.

Under the terms of 28E agreements that six county cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington — have with the county, if the Chickasaw County EMS fund balance is

above \$750,000 for two consecutive quarters, the next quarterly payment is waived.

The fund balance was \$921,866.52 as of Oct. 15, which means the cities' quarterly payments due on Jan. 5 won't have to be made.

That was also good news for the county, which had budgeted only two payments for the 2024-25 fiscal year and at worst, the county would only have to make one payment in April before the fiscal year ends on June 30.

Supervisor Jake Hackman reminded his

fellow supervisors that the latest waiver of the payment means the county's ending fund balances in Rural Services Basic and its Local Option Sales Tax funds will benefit. Those were the two funds that the county was going to use to pay for its portion of the ambulance costs.

The next "check" of the EMS fund balance will take place on Jan. 15, and if the fund has more than \$750,000 in it, the fourth and final quarterly payment of the fiscal year that would be due on April 5, will be waived.

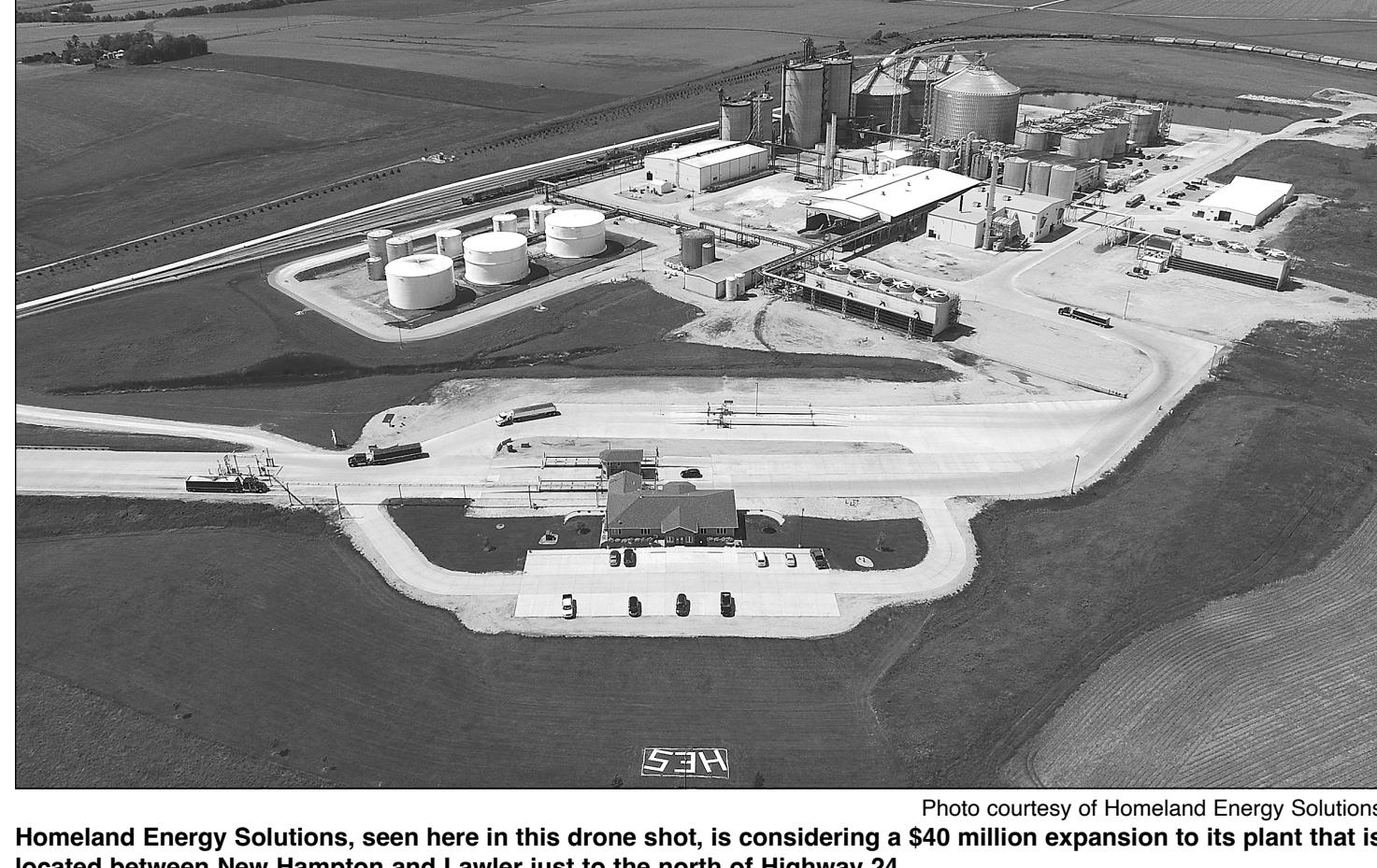


Photo courtesy of Homeland Energy Solutions

**Homeland Energy Solutions, seen here in this drone shot, is considering a \$40 million expansion to its plant that is located between New Hampton and Lawler just to the north of Highway 24.**

## Supervisors to add ethanol plant to turbine urban-renewal area

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attorneys, board members had three options to consider this past Monday. One, they could do nothing. Two, they could create a separate plan for Homeland. Three, they could lump the ethanol plant into the wind-turbine plan that will be considered at a public hearing set for Dec. 9.

They went with option three.

"I see the benefit to adding them to the [wind turbine] TIF for both parties," Board Chairman Scott Cervinske said. "It would give them options either for the project they're currently discussing or for other projects that could pop up down the road."

At the Oct. 14 meeting, Eiler had told the board that the proposed expansion would lead to

the taxable value of the plant increasing \$6.7 million, which would see its property tax bill increase by about \$131,000 a year.

Chickasaw County would receive about 41 percent of that tax revenue. The other 59 percent would go to other taxing entities, with an estimated 49 percent of the new revenue going to New Hampton Community Schools.

County Attorney David Laudner said that whichever way the county goes, a development agreement with Homeland would need to be drawn up.

"Part of the development agreement would be terms as to how much you want to return back, if any, how many years you want to do it, what percent-

ages, how you want to structure that, who pays the cost of the development agreement, who pays for the extra work," Laudner said. "If you're doing a separate district just for them, obviously that'll be quite a bit more expense. ... If you're going to incorporate them into the current renewal plan you're working on, it would be obviously far less expense."

He added that he wanted to be clear that if Homeland does receive TIF, the county would not be taking existing tax revenue from the school district and other taxing entities.

"We're not cutting their budget, we're not taking their money," Laudner said. "It would be new money they could anticipate getting that would not flow to them."

Supervisor Jake Hackman said he supported "adding it in" to the wind-turbine TIF, but "I just want to keep things separate so we can get reimbursed for all the stuff the county has to do to add this."

Hackman made the motion to move forward with adding the ethanol plant to the wind-turbine urban-renewal area, and supervisors voted 4-0 to do so.

Board member Matt Kuhn was not at the meeting on Monday, but he had said last week that he will not vote on any Homeland TIF issues because he works for the ethanol plant.

"I think we're this close to the wind turbine TIF, it would have been nice to know this sooner but it takes time for everything," Hackman said.

## Briefs

### New Hampton Police Department loses second-longest tenured officer

The New Hampton Police Department is once again looking to hire a police officer after its second-longest tenured officer submitted his resignation to accept a job offer from the Bremer County Sheriff's Office.

In his resignation letter that was submitted last week, Chad McGee, who has been an officer in New Hampton since 2012, said he will work through this coming Monday before heading to Bremer County.

The City Council on Monday accepted McGee's resignation as part of its consent agenda.

### NICC EMT course set to begin next month in New Hampton

Starting on Nov. 21 and continuing until March 15, there will be an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course — sponsored by Northeast Iowa Community College — held in New Hampton.

The 31-session course will run from 6 to 10 p.m. on selected evenings, with mandatory attendance on the first evening. Among the instructors are Chickasaw County EMS Director Joel Knutson.

The cost of the program is \$1,279.

Visit [nicc.edu/solutions/99368](http://nicc.edu/solutions/99368) for more information or to register.

"Our program exceeds the National Standard Curriculum for Emergency Medical Technicians by the U.S. Department of Transportation, preparing candidates for pre-hospital care across all age groups and medical emergencies," the release stated. "It covers emergency services overview, EMT roles, anatomy and physiology, medical and trauma emergency management, prehospital considerations, and patient transport. Graduates are equipped for national certification as EMTs through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians."

### Gingerbread artists needed

Plum Creek Art is planning a Gingerbread House Contest for Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Connie Mohr Gallery, 115 W. Main St., Fredericksburg. Make a creative, beautiful, artistic or fun and funny gingerbread house and enter the contest!

There will be four categories of the competition: Age 12 and under, Ages 13 to 18, adult, and organizations (such as businesses or churches or clubs).

Winners will be determined by votes of the public for favorite creations in each category. We hope many people will stop in to see the gingerbread houses and VOTE!

A \$50 prize will be awarded to the winner in each category.

Watch next week's newspaper for details about how to enter. No fee for entering.

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The City of New Hampton is accepting applications

## Street Superintendent

The City of New Hampton is accepting applications for a Street Superintendent position. At will position appointed by and under the direction of the Public Works Director. Performs a variety of street repair and maintenance functions, including patching streets; mowing city properties; grading gravel roads; plowing and sanding streets; and operating all related road maintenance and repair equipment. Repairs and replaces traffic signs and signals. Depending on qualifications the Street Superintendent Position could be combined with the Water & Sanitary Collection Superintendent position for additional pay. New Hampton offers competitive pay and benefits.

## Public Works Operator

The City of New Hampton is accepting applications for a Public Works Operator position. At will position appointed by and under the direction of the Public Works Director. Performs specialized duties in the operation and maintenance of the municipal water treatment plant and water distribution system in accordance with established regulations and operating procedures; a variety of street repairs and maintenance functions, as well as plowing and sanding of streets; hydrant flushing; and jetting and cleaning of sanitary collection sewer lines. New Hampton offers competitive pay and benefits.

Interested persons should fill out a job application submit a cover letter and resume with three references to the New Hampton City Public Works Director

(112 E Spring St, New Hampton, IA 50659)

or email to [nhppublicworksdirector@gmail.com](mailto:nhppublicworksdirector@gmail.com).

A full job description and application is available at:

[https://www.newhamptonia.com/employment-opportunities](http://www.newhamptonia.com/employment-opportunities)

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled

## Committee realizes dream with the completion of TRIBE Trail

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committee and the donors enough. So many people put their hearts and souls into this and it's great to see how well used it is."

Former New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Rick Kramer said Baltes especially deserves credit for making the 5.7-mile trail a reality.

"The work she did on the grants, I don't think anyone really realizes how invested she was in this," he said, "and we wouldn't be here today without the work that she did. The same goes for the donors — big and small. In my mind, it showed what kind of community we have here in New Hampton."

Work on the trail began in 2016 when fundraising began, and in the fall of 2017, the first phase of the trail — running from Mikkelsen Park, down South First Avenue and through Garnant Park to Logan Street — was poured.

Two years later, Phase II — which continued south from Logan, cut to the west, used a small chunk of the road to the wastewater treatment plant and then headed west to Linn Avenue — was poured.

The third and final phase, though, was delayed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but fundraising continued and ramped up in 2022 and 2023. The campaign received a boost when the New Hampton City Council in early 2022 pledged \$200,000 of the city's American Rescue Plan Act funds to the project.

Finally, earlier this year, Wicks Construction submitted the winning bid and work on Phase III — which runs from Linn Avenue to the industrial park trail behind the Chickasaw Wellness Complex — began in April.

Eleven major grants were received for the Tribe Tail.

Waucoma Historical Society

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Thursday	66	31	--
Friday	70	43	--
Saturday	74	45	--
Sunday	81	47	--
Monday	81	45	--
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**Forecast**

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny early but good chance of showers in the evening; high 66, low 44.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 60 and a low of 33.

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny with a high of 59 and a low of 35.

**Sunday:** Sunny and breezy with a high of 61 and a low of 43.

**Extended forecast:** Warming up into the mid-70s by Tuesday with chance of showers Monday evening into Tuesday.

**Meetings****MONDAY**

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

**History**

• In 1648, the Treaty of Westphalia is signed, ending the Thirty Years' War and radically shifting the balance of power in Europe.

• In 1861, workers of the Western Union Telegraph Company link the eastern and western telegraph networks of the nation at Salt Lake City, Utah, completing a transcontinental line that for the first time allows instantaneous communication between Washington, D.C., and San Francisco.

• In 1901, a 63-year-old schoolteacher named Annie Edson Taylor becomes the first person to successfully take the plunge over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

• In 1954, U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower pledges support to South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem's government and military forces.

• In 1973, President Richard Nixon vetoes the War Powers Resolution, which would limit presidential power to commit armed forces abroad without Congressional approval, but Congress later overrides the veto.

• In 2003, the supersonic Concorde jet makes its last passenger flight.

**Birthdays**

• Detroit Lions star wide receiver Amon-Ra St. Brown turns 25.

• Rapper Drake turns 38.

• American actor B.D. Wong turns 61.

• American film actor Kevin Kline turns 77.

• Former Minnesota Twins manager Ron Gardehire turns 67.

• English rock and jazz bassist Bill Wyman, a member of the Rolling Stones from 1962 to 1993, turns 88.

**Corrections**

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

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

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**William 'Bill' Fliger, 66**

William "Bill" Fliger, age 66 of New Hampton, died Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, at Colonial Manor in Elma.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, at the New Hampton City Cemetery.

Following the graveside service the family would like to invite attendees to a luncheon for fellowship at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

William Roger Fliger, known affectionately as Bill to his friends and family, passed away peacefully on Oct. 18, 2024, in Elma at the age of 66. Born on June 7, 1958, in New Hampton, he was the son of Russell and Clydene (Weaklen) Fliger.

Bill was a proud graduate of New Hampton High School in 1977. After completing his education, he dedicated 36 years of service to Chickasaw County, where he was not just a loyal and dependable worker but one who enjoyed working with his colleagues.

Bill was a man of simple pleasures and profound passions. His love for the outdoors was more than a hobby — it was a vital part of his existence. He could often be found observing the beauty of Canadian geese and ducks and other wildlife in their natural habitats, a pastime that brought him immense joy and tranquility.

He also found great pleasure from his interaction with many friends and acquaintances.



**Bill Fliger**

es in the New Hampton and Chickasaw County area.

A lifelong lover of cars, Bill's enthusiasm for automobiles was evident to all who knew him. Many summers were spent with his family in Wabasha, where he took great delight in watching the barges and boats navigate the waters.

Bill is survived by his sister, Susan (Dennis) Peters; one nephew, Jeff (Carlie); one great-nephew, Collin; special Fliger cousins, Andy and Dan, along with many other cousins; and two aunts, Jeananne Johnson of Laurel, Montana, and Enola Fliger of Everett, Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Clydene Fliger; one brother, Ricky Fliger; and grandparents, Louis and Nellie Fliger and Lavona and Carl Maxson.

**Property Transfers**

Elaine Croatt to Lisa Phyfe, Keith Croatt, Kevin Croatt, Carol Sonka and Elaine Croatt LE; LAWLER HIGHLAND ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 6 BEG AT NE COR LAWLER HIGHLAND ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 6.

Sullivan Development LLC to Maxwell J. Litwiller and Jacqueline R. Schneider; NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: P.

Jordan P. Gansen, Jordan Gansen, Elizabeth Gansen and Liz Gansen to Michael Gebel and Judith Gebel; E66' S157' E1AC W2-N1/4AC N1/4 EX SR2 SE 07-95-12.

Michael P. Freeseman and Traci L. Freeseman to Michael P. Freeseman and Traci L. Freeseman; PARCEL D OF S1/2 03-94-13.

Jordan P. Gansen, Jordan Gansen, Elizabeth Gansen and Liz Gansen to Michael Gebel and Judy Paulus Gebel and Judy Paulus Gebel; E66' S157' E1AC W2-1/4AC OF N1/4 EX 2SR SE 07-95-12.

Robert Roberson Jr. and Lisa Ann Roberson to Jordan P. Gansen and Elizabeth Gansen; NEW HAMPTON PHILLIPS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 2.

Robert Thran EST and Anthony Thran EX to Anthony Thran; NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION Lot: 2 Block: AE5' NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO SCHLUTERS ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: A.

Naomi Hruska EST and Michael Hruska EX to Lawrence Hruska; SE SE 05-96-11 N1/2 EX N400' E325' NE NE 08-96-11.

David Allen Korinke EST and Sandra Lawrenz ADM to John M. Gasperi; N1/2 NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: A N1/2 NASHUA CENTRAL ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: A Parcel: 191318451002.

Rita R. Faber to Rhonda Faber Bronner, Rhonda Faber Bronner, Tami Faber Ruiz, Tami Faber Ruiz and Rita R. Faber LE; IONIA HAMMONS ADDITION Lot: 7 Block: 25 IONIA HAMMONS ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 25 Parcel: 191223102005.

Timothy D. Hubert to Douglas Mendez and Angela Mendez; L10 EX S11R NW SW 20-96-13.

Lawrence Hurska, Lawrence Alan Hruska, Larry Hruska, Pamela Jean Hruska and Pamela J. Hruska to Lawrence Alan Hruska and Pamela Jean Hruska; SE SE 05-96-11 N1/2 EX N400' E325' NE NE 08-96-11.

**LifeServe blood drive to be held on Tuesday**

LifeServe Blood Center will hold its monthly blood drive in New Hampton this coming Tuesday at the New Hampton Community Center.

The blood drive runs from noon to 5:30 p.m.

In order to donate, participants may make an appointment by calling 800-287-4903, texting LIFESERVE to 999-777 or by going to the LifeServe website at [lifeserve.info/schedule](http://lifeserve.info/schedule).

**NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON****Week of Oct. 20****1949 (75 years ago)**

• J.F. Kennedy was elected president of the Iowa Bankers Association at the State convention in Des Moines.

For many years, Mr. Kennedy has been associated with the First National Bank in New Hampton and president of the bank for the last five years. For years Francis Kennedy has been active in affairs of the state organization and under his leadership, we know the excellent work of the association will continue.

• The New Hampton Baseball Concession stand at Memorial Park realized a net profit of \$400.97 this summer. This amount was reported and turned

over to Baseball Benefit by W.J. Sullivan and Vincent Krieger who took over the responsibility for the baseball season.

**1974 (50 years ago)**

• Friends of the Children's Library sponsored a "Library Day" for kindergarten students of the New Hampton Community Schools for over 100 youngsters from the morning and afternoon classes. The students attended a story hour at the New Hampton Public Library.

The story hour was held for the students of Joann Betten, Jan Reaman and Pam Pitlik in an effort to promote the regular Saturday story hours, held from 1 to 1:30 p.m. for children ages three through third grade.

• Some 30 members of the New Hampton Rotary Club toured Investment Tool and Machine Co., Inc. for their program following lunch at the Hotel Chickasaw.

Founded this year by Lyle Northrup, Investment Tool and Machine Co. is located in a 4,000 square foot structure in New Hampton's Industrial Park. The company is engaged in construction of dies, molds, fixtures, jigs and templates, along with machine design and construction.

**1999 (25 years ago)**

• Area residents are invited to share their ideas for the state's future at a town meeting at Northeast Iowa Community College.

The Calmar meeting is one in a series of 15 town meetings that are part of Iowa 2010. Iowa 2010 is a project of the

**Arthur 'Paul' Sjobakken, 82**

Arthur "Paul" Sjobakken, age 82 of New Hampton, died Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024, at Linn Haven Rehab & Healthcare in New Hampton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Dan Christiansen presiding.

Inurnment with military rites will follow the service at New Hampton City Cemetery. Paul's grandchildren will be serving as honorary urnbearers.

Friends may greet the family from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, at the Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton.

Born on May 20, 1942, to Arthur and Beryl (Bartz) Sjobakken in the same close-knit community, Paul's journey came full circle as he departed this world in the embrace of the town that shaped him.

Paul's life was one marked by dedication, whether it was to his country, his community or his loved ones.

After graduating from New Hampton High School in 1960, he answered the call of duty by serving in the Navy. His time in the Navy took him to the shores of Japan, where he not only served his country but also gained experiences that would enrich his storytelling for years to come.

Following his service, Paul pursued further education, attending North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) and the University of Northern



**Paul Sjobakken**

Iowa (UNI), where he earned his bachelor's degree.

Professionally, Paul's path was as varied as it was fulfilling. He took to the roads as a truck driver, patrolled the streets as a police officer in Cedar Falls and later charmed his clients as a beer salesman. His work ethic and friendly demeanor made him not just a colleague but a friend to those he met along the way.

At the heart of Paul's life narrative was his beloved wife, Sally Schnurr, whom he met in a sweet shop in New Hampton. With the certainty that only true love can instill, he declared he would marry her from the moment they met. True to his word, the couple exchanged vows at St. Mary's Church on Aug. 6, 1966. Sally preceded him in death, and their enduring love story remains a testament to their deep connection.

Paul's interests painted the

picture of a man who embraced life with vigor and enthusiasm. An avid fisherman, he found solace and joy in the quiet moments by the water. His patriotism was unwavering, and he carried his love for his country in his heart always.

A voracious reader, Paul was seldom seen without a book in hand, with a particular fondness for the thrillers of Tom Clancy.

He was the family's biggest storyteller, captivating listeners with tales that seemed to grow more elaborate with each telling. His spirit of fun was never more evident than in the trips to the casino he enjoyed with Sally, creating memories that would bring smiles for years to come.

Those who knew Paul will remember him as a man who lived life fully and loved without reservation. His friendly nature drew people to him, and his courage inspired them. Above all, Paul was spirited — a man whose energy and zest for life were contagious.

Paul is survived by his son, Jon Sjobakken of Ames; daughter, Julie Sjobakken of Waterloo; sister, Gayle (Butch) Schneider of Des Moines; and grandchildren, Ken Appleby, Kristian Thies, Lauren Thies, Wynter Sjobakken and Skye Sjobakken.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Beryl (Bartz) Sjobakken; wife, Sally Sjobakken; niece, Amanda Bumba; and brother-in-law, David Kraft.

evident in his garden, which he lovingly tended to up until his final year, nurturing it as he did his relationships with those around him.

Alongside Delores, Ken occasionally indulged in trips to the casino, where the couple enjoyed testing their luck together.

At home, Ken was a self-taught tinkerer, his hands always busy fabricating and fixing various projects in his garage. His resourcefulness and skill were gifts that he generously shared with family and friends, often helping them with their own projects and repairs.

Ken's selfless nature and handy capabilities made him an invaluable person in the lives of those who knew him. He was the sort of person who would offer help before it was asked for, and his presence brought comfort and stability to many.

# Lone contested race in the county is rematch

Former Democratic auditor challenging two-term Republican for Board of Supervisors District 3 seat

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Voters in Chickasaw County have plenty to choices to make when they fill out their ballots for the Nov. 5 general election, but only one of those involves a county race.

Four of the five county offices up for election in 2024 are uncontested races, but the exception — the District 3 supervisor race between Republican incumbent Jake Hackman and Democratic challenger Joan Knoll is a rematch of a 2020 race in which Hackman prevailed to earn a second term on the Board of Supervisors.

Running unopposed this year are incumbent Republican Auditor Sheila Shekleton, incumbent Republican Sheriff Ryan Shawver, incumbent Democrat District 1 Supervisor Steve Breitbach, and Republican Isaac Carter. The latter is seeking the District 4 seat that is currently held by fellow GOP member Matt Kuhn, who decided not to seek a second term on the Board of Supervisors.

That means only the voters on New Hampton's west side and surrounding rural areas have a choice to make, and as the Tribune traditionally does with contested races, the newspaper asked each candidate to fill out a questionnaire and state their cases to voters.

Here are their responses:

### Jake Hackman

**Occupation:** Current County Board of Supervisor District 3, New Hampton Community Schools bus driver (2015 to present) and sixth-generation family farmer (2004 to present).

**Family:** Wife Cassie, 5 daughters, Kinsley, Kayme, Kallie, Kourtney, and Kenlyn

**Previous leadership experience (both in and out of government):** Iowa Farm Bureau Young Farmer Advisory Committee; Chickasaw County Farm Bureau Board, past Secretary, Vice President, and President; Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors for 2 terms, Chair for 3 years; Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) certified supervisor; Past Chair of the County Social Services Mental Health Board consisting of 12 Northeast Iowa Counties; Catholic Order of Foresters Local Chief Ranger, 4 year term as State Chief Ranger.

**What prompted you to seek the District 3 supervisor seat in this election?** I feel someone with strong leadership skills, someone not afraid to ask questions, someone that will get answers,

someone who puts in time to research county issues, and someone who actively participates in meetings should fill the seat of District 3 County Supervisor.

Also, someone that is going to look out for all county citizens and think fairly and responsibly about taxpayers dollars. I feel I represent all of these qualities well.

**If you are elected, what will be your top three priorities during your term on the Board of Supervisors and feel free to describe how you will accomplish those?**

- Do more with less. Be efficient. We could possibly consolidate offices or cross-train current employees, so in the non-busy times of each office they could help out in other offices.

- Look more into a holding cell option for our county jail. We could further research other counties on their procedures and continue to work with them to house our longer term inmates.

- Work on upkeep of the buildings and properties that we have. Consolidate ones we don't need or find ways to be more efficient in some areas. Our old county home building is only about 1/3 occupied and has plenty of potential to house more county or non-county offices. This space could be better used to serve our constituents and make it somewhat of a one stop shop for many different services.

**In one or two sentences, why should the voters of District 3 cast their vote for you when they go to the polls?** I feel voters should vote for me because I am always willing to fight for what is right for all. It doesn't matter Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, no party, urban or rural; I consider it important to look out for everyone and I am always willing to listen, do research, and bring new ideas to the table.

### Joan Knoll

**Occupation:** Retired Chickasaw County auditor.

**Family:** Married to Kurt Knoll and we have two grown children (Melissa and Tim), three grandchildren (Jaxon, Amelia and Paloma) and 2 miniature Schnauzers.

**Previous leadership experiences (both in and out of government):** Forty years of dedicated public service in county government. I have collaborated extensively with various departments,

## Early voting turnout at the courthouse has been brisk

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up, either."

Fangman said turnout at the courthouse has been brisk since Oct. 16, which was the first day state law allowed voters to cast ballots for the Nov. 5 general election.

She reminded those who want to cast early ballots to make sure they had a valid ID, although "honestly, we haven't had any problems with that. People are used to that and

we're doing our best to keep the line moving if you will. It's gone very well so far."

Fangman also put another bug in voters' ears when it came to "key dates" running up to election day, when polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Those dates include:

- 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.

• Monday, Nov. 4: The final day early voting will be offered at the courthouse, and the Auditor's Office will be open until 4:30 p.m. that day.

• Tuesday, Nov. 5: In addition to the polls being opened, voters are reminded that all absen-

tee ballots must be received by 8 p.m. at the Auditor's Office to be counted.

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#### City of Alta Vista Council Meeting

**Monday, October 14, 2024**

The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm with the following Council members present: Adam Roethler, Kayla Pride, Rick Heying, Samantha Slick, and Amy Laures in the Alta Vista City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burt Ostert.

Agenda was discussed. Roethler made the motion, seconded by Slick to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

September 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Pride made the motion, seconded by Roethler to approve the September 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Citizen Forum was discussed.

Library was discussed. Slick made the motion, seconded by Laures to open a savings account at Security State Bank and put in the remainder of the \$10,000.00 donation from Zion Lutheran Church. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Department was discussed. Chief Laures was present and discussed some topics. First asking if the motor vehicle background checks, and private vehicle insurance was being required from the insurance provider. Chief Laures wants documentation to do the checks as the inspection form states it is a recommendation. City Clerk will contact insurance provider. Another topic discussed was that the Fire Department could not get the trucks out due to a power outage and wondered what happened to the generator that was being discussed a while back.

Clerk stated that he applied for a Summit Pipeline grant and a MidAmerican grant to obtain funding, but neither responded.

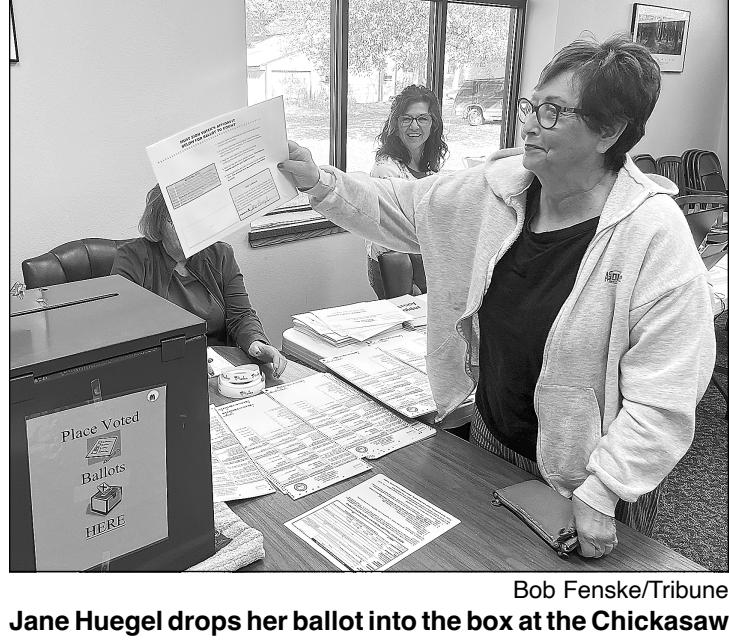
Ashlyn Laures stated that the City should apply for grants for the generator as they do not want to waste their grant money for it. Councilperson Laures will contact Stanton Electric to get a written quote for a generator and will contact Jake's Electric to see about a smaller generator to power the doors and some lights in Fire Department. Chief Laures also brought it to the City's attention that the gutter on the back of the building was leaking and if that could be fixed. Fire Department would also like to put up a new sign on the front of the building and will change metal siding if needed. Fire Chief states City Hall needs a new vacuum. Fire Chief states that the shower in the Fire Department only has hot water. City will look into these. Utility truck is almost finished. Councilperson Pride voiced her frustration that the fire hydrant by City Hall was used to test fire trucks, which caused rust in the water. Pride showed pictures of her water which was brown for many hours. Fire Department is to only use the hydrant for emergencies as the City water system is in a loop system and opening the hydrant at the end of the loop stirs up the sediment.

Workman's comp incident was brought up. Attorney stated to not comment until investigation was complete.

Budget amendment was discussed.

S White and W Weber St project was discussed. The County is putting a 2" overlay on S White and E Weber St within the next 2 weeks.

Ordinance No. 1- 2024 was discussed. Ordinance amending the code of ordinances of the City of Alta Vista, Iowa, 2008, by amending provisions pertaining to animal protection and control was read. Pride made the motion, sec-



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Jane Huegel drops her ballot into the box at the Chickasaw North Precinct satellite voting station on Tuesday in Alta Vista.

## Satellite voting station a hit for Chickasaw North Precinct voters

**By BOB FENSK**

editor@nhtrib.com

As Jane Huegel dropped her ballot in the box on Tuesday afternoon, she did so with a smile.

"It's nice, really nice, to be able to vote in Alta Vista," she said. "It's good to have it back."

Granted, it was a one-day deal and there will be no polling place in the small Chickasaw County town on election day on Nov. 5, but it didn't matter to the 97 residents of the Chickasaw North precinct who cast absentee ballots at Alta Vista City Hall on Tuesday.

As the "town sign" so succinctly put it, "Voting is back in AV!!"

"It was a really good day, and we were hoping to get close to 100 voters and we came really close so we're very happy," said Lori Johnson, who was one of the poll workers at the satellite voting station that was open between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. "A lot of the voters were really appreciative that they could vote here."

Voters in the precinct, which covers much of northern Chickasaw County and includes Alta Vista, North Washington and Protivin, had gathered 100 signatures for a petition that



was submitted to the Chickasaw County Auditor's Office.

Under state law, satellite voting stations are required if a petition is filed, and the votes cast on Tuesday will be counted when the absentee ballots are tabulated on Nov. 5. The downside is that voters in the precinct will have to do it all over again and gather signatures for the next election if they want to have a satellite station.

Still, it was a fun day for Johnson and Wanda Folkers, who worked the satellite station.

"Just the people being so appreciative to be able to vote at home, if you will, that made it worth it," Folkers said. "It was a lot of work but it's definitely worth it."

## Holiday Open House set for Nov. 2 in New Hampton

New Horizons-Chamber and its members will kick off the Christmas shopping season a week from this Saturday, Nov. 2, with the annual Holiday Open House.

The event will kick off the chamber's annual holiday punch card program, and all shoppers will receive double punches during the Holiday Open House.

In addition to New Hampton stores offering holiday specials, the event will also include the Fall and Winter Craft Show that runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chickasaw Event Center, and the Merry Market that will be held at Full River Outpost and the New Hampton Municipal Utilities Building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Look for more information and the complete schedule in next week's Tribune.

### No foul play suspected in death of elderly man

The body of an 89-year-old New Hampton man was found on land owned by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, but authorities said they have ruled out foul play in the death.

New Hampton Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl said officers were called to the scene Sunday morning and found the body.

Rosendahl said the officer who investigated the scene does not suspect foul play and that the deceased, who he described as an elderly man, was suffering from health concerns. Rosendahl said an autopsy is being conducted to determine the cause of death.

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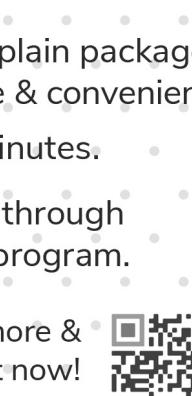
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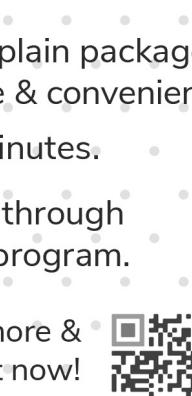
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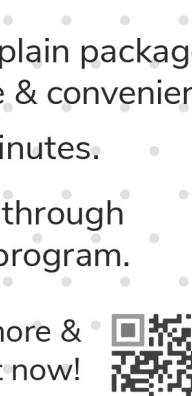
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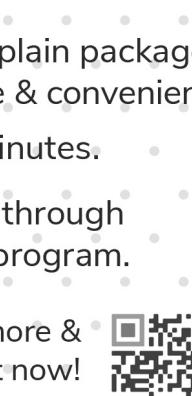
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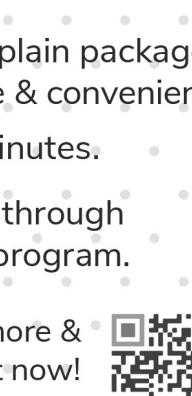
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## Kicking off concert season with Parade of Choirs

Members of the New Hampton High School Chamber Choir have a little fun as they sing "This is My Crazy Student Life" during Monday's Parade of Choirs, the first musical concert of the 2024-25 school year at New Hampton Community Schools. The concert includes performances by the Keynotes (grades 5-6), the 7th/8th Grade Choir, the NuHi Chorale and the Chamber Choir. See more photos from the "parade" in next week's Tribune.

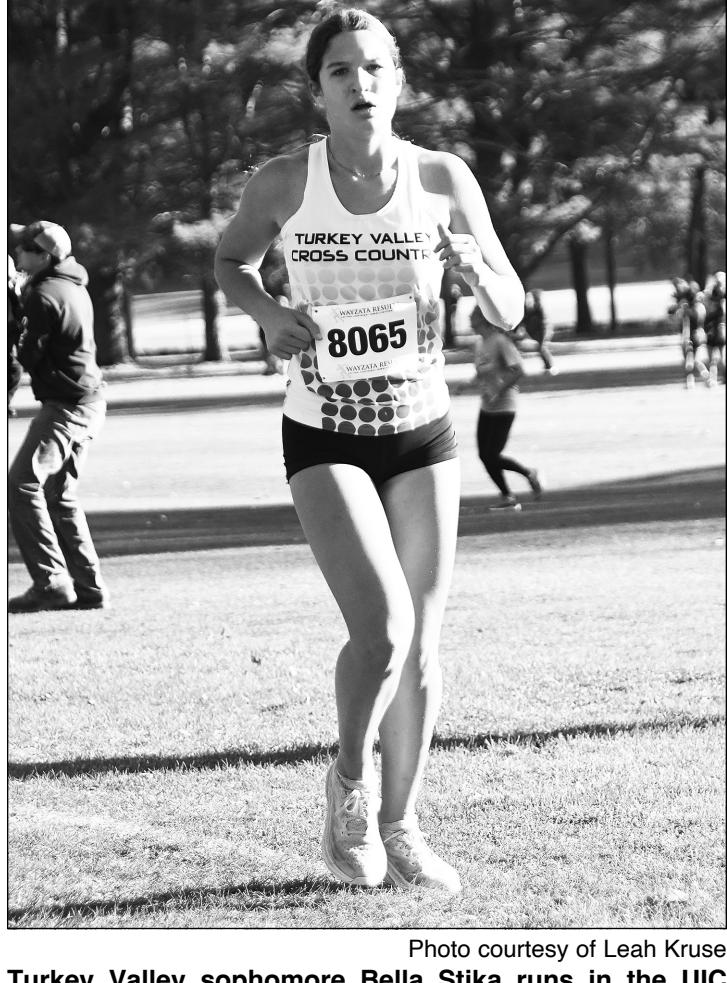


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Turkey Valley sophomore Bella Stika runs in the UIC meet at Elkader on Thursday.

## Turkey Valley lands two on all-UIC team at league meet

BY BOB FENSKA

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Turkey Valley hopes to use a pretty solid Upper Iowa Conference meet as a springboard today when the Trojans head to North Linn High School for the Class 1A state qualifying meet.

"We ran pretty well, and I was pretty proud of the effort our runners made," Turkey Valley coach Sarah Bakula said after the UIC meet last Thursday that was held at the Elkader Golf and Country Club. "The whole idea of cross country is to put yourself to run your best race at the end of the year."

Two Trojans made the girls all-conference team as Bella Stika ran a season-best time of 21:45.0 to finish fourth while fellow sophomore Hazel Nieman continued her late-season success with a career-best time of 21:56.3 to finish sixth.

"Hazel took a lot of time off her PR at South Winn so it was really nice, even if it was just a second or two, to see her go faster at conference," Bakula said. "We probably still have work to do if we want to continue our season, but it's always nice to be heading in the right

direction going to the qualifier."

The Trojans' only boy, Avery Franzen, also had a solid day at the UIC as he just missed a season-best time on his way to a 36th-place finish.

Turkey Valley will be running on a somewhat unique course today at the qualifier, for North Linn's home course is actually on its school campus.

"You loop around like three times ... not my favorite cross country course," Bakula said, "but we're all running on the same course so we just have to go out and give it all we have. ... We've done a few less miles this week so we'll have fresh legs and we'll see what happens."

### BOYS TEAM RESULTS

Central Elkader 38, South Winneshiek 52, North Fayette Valley 70, Clayton Ridge 98, Kee High 113, Postville 139.

Individual winner - Jacob Scheckhorn (MFL MarMac) 17:04.3.

Turkey Valley result - 36. Avery Franzen 21:36.7.

### GIrls TEAM RESULTS

South Winneshiek 29, MFL MarMac 52, North Fayette Valley 57, Postville 124, Central Elkader 131, Clayton Ridge 147.

Individual winner - Ava Franzen (SW) 20:54.3.

Turkey Valley results - 4. Bella Stika 21:45.0, 6. Hazel Nieman 21:56.3, 37. Madalyn Vsetecka 26:01.7.



Photo courtesy of Leah Kruse

Turkey Valley's Logan Busta intercepts a pass during the Trojans' regular season finale home contest with Riceville on Friday evening.

The Wildcats prevented one of 8-Man's best receivers from hauling in a catch as J.D. Kruse finished with zero receptions in the district contest. Kruse amassed 474 yards receiving on 23 catches this fall. That stat line included eight touchdowns through the air and three TDs on special teams (two punt, one kickoff).

Kruse was the second-best receiver in the district in terms of yardage gained behind Kee High senior Carter Seitz (796 receiving yards).

Busta passed for 677 yards and threw eight touchdowns versus four interceptions in 2024.

He also rushed for 484 yards on the ground and found paydirt seven times.

Jordan Kriener, a sophomore, led TV in tackles versus Riceville with 10, followed by

Kruse's 5.5. Schmidt and Parker Reicks each racked up 4.5 tackles apiece.

Busta picked off a Riceville pass as well.

TV will not play a ninth non-district game, according to Trojan Athletic Director Anthony Troyna.

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TURKEY VALLEY 6**  
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**TEAM STATS**  
Rushes-yards 29-230 33-82  
Passing yards 64 30

Total yards 264 112  
Att-Comp-Int 8-5-1 14-2-0

### TURKEY VALLEY STATS

Rushing - Logan Busta 15-(4), Kaden Schmidt 9-52, Parker Reicks 7-27, Hugo Busta 2-7.

Passing - L. Busta 14-30.

Receiving - Reicks 1-16, Tucker Reicks 1-14.

Tackles - Jordan Kriener 10, J.D. Kruse 5.5, Schmidt 4.5, P. Reicks 4.5, L. Busta 2, H. Busta 2, Hunter Kruse 1.5, Traejin Keel 1, Eli Holthaus 0.5.

Interceptions - L. Busta.

Kickoff returns - J.D. Kruse 3-20.7,

L. Busta 2-20.5, Schmidt 2-9.0.

Kickoffs - J.D. Kruse 1-45, Kriener 1-39.

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### CHICKASAW COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. VI-7 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR TAX SALES

### BE IT ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CHICKASAW COUNTY:

#### SECTION 1. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be referred to as the "Chickasaw County Tax Sale Ordinance."

#### SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to allow the county and the cities within the county the opportunity to utilize Iowa Code Sections 446.19A and 446.19B, as may hereafter be amended. Iowa Code Section 446.19A authorizes counties and cities to bid for and purchase tax sale certificates on abandoned property or vacant lots. Iowa Code Section 446.19B authorizes the county to separately offer and sell at the annual tax sale delinquent taxes on parcels that are abandoned property and are assessed as residential property or as commercial multifamily housing property and that are, or are likely to become, a public nuisance.

#### SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, definitions for terms as defined in Iowa Code Sections 446.19A and 446.19B as amended are adopted.

#### SECTION 4. PURCHASING DELINQUENT TAXES PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 446.19A

A. Pursuant to Iowa Code Section

446.19A, as amended, the county and each city within the county are hereby authorized to bid on and purchase delinquent taxes and assign tax sale certificates of abandoned property or vacant lots acquired under Iowa Code Section 446.19A.

B. On the day of the regular tax sale or any continuance or adjournment of the tax sale, the county or a city, may bid for and purchase tax sale certificates on abandoned property assessed as residential property or as commercial multifamily housing property or for a vacant lot a sum equal to the total amount due.

C. The county or city shall not pay money for the purchase, but each of the tax-levyng and tax-certifying bodies having any interest in the taxes shall be charged with the total amount due the tax-levyng or tax-certifying body as its share of the purchase price.

D. Prior to the purchase, the county or city shall file with the county treasurer

a verified statement that a parcel to be purchased is abandoned, and that the parcel is suitable for use for housing following rehabilitation or that a parcel to be purchased is a vacant lot.

E. After the date that a parcel is sold pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 446.18, 446.19A, and this ordinance, if the parcel assessed as residential property or as commercial multifamily housing property is identified as abandoned or as a vacant lot pursuant to a verified statement filed pursuant to this ordinance, a county or city may require the assignment of the tax sale certificate that had been issued for such parcel by paying to the holder of such certificate the total amount due on the date the assignment of the certificate is made to the county or city and recorded with the county treasurer. If the certificate holder fails to assign the certificate of purchase to the city or county, the county treasurer is authorized to issue a duplicate certificate of purchase, which shall take the place of the original certificate, and assign the duplicate certificate to the city or county. If the certificate is not reassigned by the county or city, the county or city, whichever is applicable, is liable for the tax sale interest that was due the certificate holder pursuant to Iowa Code Section 447.1, as of the date of reassignment.

F. The county or city may assign or reassign the tax sale certificate obtained pursuant to this ordinance. Persons who purchase certificates from the county or city pursuant to this ordinance are liable for the total amount due the certificate holder pursuant to Iowa Code Section 446.19A.

G. All persons who purchase certificates from the county or city under this ordinance shall demonstrate the intent to rehabilitate the abandoned property for habitation or build a residential structure on the vacant lot, if the property is not redeemed. In the alternative, the county or city may, if title to the property has vested in the county or city under Iowa Code Section 448.1, dispose of the property in accordance with Iowa Code Sections 331.361 or 364.7, as applicable.

#### SECTION 5. PURCHASING DELINQUENT TAXES PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTION 446.19B

A. Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 446.19B, as amended, the county and each city within the county are hereby

authorized to bid on and purchase delinquent taxes and assign tax sale certificates of abandoned property or vacant lots acquired under Public Nuisance Tax Certificates acquired at Public Nuisance Tax

Sales.

B. On or before May 15 the county or city may file with the county treasurer a verified statement containing a listing of parcels and a declaration that each parcel is abandoned property and that each parcel is assessed as residential property or as commercial multifamily housing property, each parcel is, or is likely to become, a public nuisance, and, that each parcel is suitable for use as housing following rehabilitation.

C. The verified statement shall be published at the same time and in the same manner as the notice of the annual tax sale, and the requirements in Iowa Code Section 446.9, subsection 2, for publication of notice of the annual tax sale also apply to publication of the verified statement.

D. On the day of the regular tax sale, or any continuance or adjournment of the tax sale, the treasurer shall separately offer and sell those parcels listed in a verified statement timely received and properly published and which remain liable to sale for delinquent taxes. This sale shall be known as the "public nuisance tax sale". Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the percentage interest that may be purchased in a parcel offered for sale under Iowa Code Section 446.19B, or this ordinance, shall not be less than one hundred percent.

E. To be eligible to bid on parcels

at the public nuisance tax sale, prospective bidders must enter a rehabilitation agreement with the county, or city if the property is located within the city, to demonstrate the intent to rehabilitate the property for use as housing if the property is not redeemed.

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shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

#### SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in effect

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Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors

this 21st day of October, 2024.

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Yes / No Jacob Hackman

Yes / No Matthew Kuhn

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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total amount due, the county in which the parcel is located, through its county treasurer, shall bid for the parcel a sum equal to the total amount due. Money shall not be paid by the county or city for the purchase, but each of the tax-levyng and tax-certifying bodies having any interest in the taxes shall be charged with the total amount due the tax-levyng or tax-certifying body as its just share of the purchase price.

H. Any tax sale certificate holder may assign the tax sale certificate obtained at the public nuisance tax sale in compliance with Iowa Code Section 446.19B and this ordinance. The assignee must have entered into a rehabilitation agreement with the county, or city if the property is located within the city, to demonstrate the intent to rehabilitate the property for use as housing if the property is not redeemed.

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# IHSAA reverses course, will keep boys golf as a spring sport

On further review, boys golf in Classes 1A, 2A and 3A will remain a spring sport as the Iowa High School Athletic Association's Board of Control voted last week to postpone any change in golf seasons for the foreseeable future.

The IHSAA and IGHSAU had announced in August a move for girls' tennis and all boys' golf classes to be played in the fall starting in 2025-26.

However, the Board of Control voted to delay the boys' golf change indefinitely, so the sport will remain in the spring for 2025-26 and until the board considers additional information.

"We considered the feedback from our member schools and the board ultimately decided it was worth reconsidering our initial vote," said board chairperson Dr. Andy Crozier, superintendent at Central Lee. "It became

clear that there were too many obstacles that need to be resolved in the short-term to make this change for the 2025-26 school year."

The change was announced in August as a way to reduce spring schedule congestion for school activities and improve the student-athlete golf experience.

Since then, the IHSAA's numerous committees and school feedback struc-

tures often cited challenges with small school participation in fall sports, coaching conflicts, and golf course availability.

Discussions among the board on Thursday turned the golf seasons from a discussion item to an action item and resulted in a 5-3 vote to delay moving the sport out of the spring at this time.

Class 4A boys' golf will remain in the fall, where it has been exclusively

since 1993 and concluded its championships Tuesday.

"We appreciate our Board's desire to continue its due diligence as it more fully considers a possible move of Class 1A, 2A, and 3A golf to a fall season," IHSAA executive director Tom Keating said. "We will continue to provide them with whatever information they need regarding the impact on and perspective of our member schools."

## Dungey serves on IHSAA student committee

**DUNGEY: FROM 13**

to a runner's well-being and success.

But through it all – maneuvering through roadblocks and hurdles that have tried to slow her down – Dungey keeps on truckin' along, all with a can-do attitude and team-first commitment to her fellow Chickasaws.

"This isn't the worst it could be – it could always get worse. Right now I'm still able to walk and do things," said Dungey. "I want to use my abilities that I have...now since I'm not able to be involved in the actual sport event, I'm still able to be involved in the outside of it."

The "outside" is being there for your teammates and showing up for practice even when you're not competing. Dungey went from being one of Chickasaw head coach Jamie Ohrt's top runners to her squad's No. 1 cheerleader. She'll be on the sidelines for the rest of the fall sports season, but she's still having an impact on her team and helping out any way she can.

"She sets goals and that's what is helping her get through this, even though it's devastating," said Tegan's mother, Sarah Dungey.

The Chickasaws run tonight (Thursday) over in Oelwein at the state qualifier – a race Dungey knows all too well. As a freshman Dungey qualified at that meet along with her Chickasaw teammates and eventually placed eighth as a squad at the state meet in 2022. Dungey ran a career-best 20:22 that day in Fort Dodge and was the second-fastest Chickasaw to cross the finish line senior to Chickasaw senior Campbell Kolbet, who medaled with an eighth-place finish of her own. Dungey was the 24th-fastest runner out of exactly 100 runners to compete in the Class 2A state girls meet.

She also ran as a freshman on New Hampton's state 4x800 relay in the spring of 2023.

Dungey is talented – no doubt – but it's her ability to face adversity head on and not back down – even if it means sacrificing her own success for the greater good that sets her apart.

"She's making the most of a situation," said Ohrt. "She's like an assistant coach. She's there to help out."

That's also no small task – especially with all that goes on nowadays in a teenager's life that is jammed-packed full of commitments and events to take part in.

"There's been illness and injuries galore this year," said Ohrt about her team's tough-luck.

"You just gotta kind of roll with the punches and just make the most of it."

Just what kind of picture is being painted concerning Tegan's future status in the athletic realm is somewhat of a gray area right now.

Sarah said she was going to take Tegan down to Iowa City sometime this week to get a second opinion about her hip issues. Regardless of what the Dungey's find out with doctors – Tegan's basketball season is in jeopardy of being played. She's hoping to be back to full strength by the time spring rolls around and the soccer season is underway.

"The torn labrum, they really have no idea of how long it's been torn. She plays pretty much every sport throughout the season and she also does club soccer," said Sarah. "It's been a roller coaster, honestly, for Tegan. It's been stop all sports, we're going to go into surgery and then we kind of went from we're still not doing any sports to we're not really sure what's the next step. We're going to kind of monitor it."

When Tegan broke the unfortunate news to her head coach about the physical malady – there wasn't a dry eye from either one when the phone call was made.

"She called me in tears and I knew right away and I shared a bunch of tears with her, too," said an emotional Ohrt.

That difficult phone call that relayed the message to her head coach that her XC season would be cut short also came with advice from Ohrt that was quickly taken to heart by Tegan.

"I said Tegan, you have to look at the silver lining," said Ohrt. "This isn't your senior year. I think your body was just telling you it's tired. You're the real deal. We gotta make sure you're healthy first because if you don't have your health, you have nothing. She understood."

And it's not only Tegan that's helping others when they're struggling or encouraging someone to rise up and overcome to achieve great things – it's her support system outside of New Hampton as well that has become a beacon of light when darkness wants to settle in and ruin someone's plans.

That's how it's supposed to work in life – if



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
New Hampton's Tegan Dungey competes at a meet earlier this season.

you have somebody else's back, you hope they have yours.

There is one more part of the story that allowed Tegan to start the process of coming full circle in dealing with her setbacks that were out of her control.

Tegan was selected to the Iowa High School Athletic Association Student Advisory Committee, which is comprised of 16 students from across the state – eight juniors that joined the board along with the eight returning seniors.

While Tegan was down, the members of the committee helped lift her up. Her spirit and energy was rekindled – the fire was back.

"Those girls have been a huge support for her," said Sarah. "They kind of turned her attitude around. She's very competitive and for her to be told you're done with all sports was very, very difficult for her to transition to like a cheerleader. It's not easy and those girls talking to her and telling her it's okay – you're still part of the team, even though you're not physically competing in it. You still need to be there for your teammates."

That student board met recently at a weekend retreat and decided to select officials that they felt had the biggest impact on them. This bestowment coincided with Officials Appreciation Week (Oct. 7-13) this month in the state of Iowa.

"We did this group thing with all of us girls and we just talked about the importance of the referees and all of our communities," said Dungey. "We made our little bags and hand-written notes and then we gotta choose two refs to give it to and then make a video of it and send it to them."

One of Tegan's picks was Ray Armel – a longtime official in numerous sports in northeast Iowa who is also Chickasaw County's Assessor.

Dungey handed Armel a certificate of appreciation prior to the start of the girls varsity race at New Hampton's home XC meet two weeks ago. Armel was needless to say, taken aback and appreciative of the honor where Tegan thought enough of him to recognize his effort and dedication to sports in front of the many spectators in attendance.

Even though Tegan couldn't break from the starting line at her home meet and try to track down a medal – she was still able to be a part of the event and have an impact.

"It was difficult being there. I would say it was very emotional for her because finally they got back to New Hampton at the golf course. That was technically home and then she's not able to run it," said Sarah.

Now Tegan's path forward is to get healthy enough to put back on her Chickasaw uniform – hopefully sooner than later.

"Cross country's done. Basketball is up in the air," said Sarah. "She's told us, no matter what, 'we're getting this figured out.' She's a definite advocate for herself. She said 'I will be playing soccer for my high school.' She's determined and I'm not going to say no."

Don't ever count Tegan Dungey out – no matter how far back in the pack she may be now, she'll find the front where the leaders are in no time.

"My main goal and eyesight is to do all the work that I'm supposed to do to make me healthy enough for spring soccer and to be fully ready for that," said Dungey.

That's how it's supposed to work in life – if



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
Turkey Valley senior Morgan Vsetecka comes up with a dig in the first round of regional play versus Kee High on Monday.

## Serving success key for Trojans

**TV VOLLEYBALL: FROM 14**

Turkey Valley hasn't had any problem this fall in the serve game – as evident by its 93.2 serve success rate, which is listed as the ninth-best clip in Class 1A according to gobound.com.

Steinlage – who fell to second

in the state as of Tuesday afternoon in serve efficiency – has only missed two serves in 316 attempts. No stats were available for the Kee High match as the New Hampton Tribune went to press, so stay tuned to see if Steinlage can reach No. 1 before the season is over.

Akron-Westfield's Allie Swoyer is tops in the state in that category with a 306 out of 307 attempt success rate.

"That's honestly crazy to me,"

said Steinlage about her adept serving. "I just kind of keep the same routine going. I try not to think about it too much."

TV co-head coach Ashley Walz had this to say about her No. 2 server in the state – a key component for her Trojans that are playing their best volleyball of the season after going 3-1 at the Riceville Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 12.

"Her going back there and just being able to go on run after run with her serves is really amazing," said Walz. "She's phenomenal."

Steinlage, who is left-handed and also plays basketball for Trojan hoops coach Steve Hoffert – is the catalyst for the Trojans' offense as she was third

in the Upper Iowa Conference with 401 assists. She talked about finishing strong this fall and doing what TV does best – getting the ball over the net to start out each and every point.

"Serving is easy points so being efficient definitely helps out on that. You try to control your own mistakes, especially against a team like Nashua – that we're pretty competitive and pretty even with," said Steinlage.

That's TV's next opponent – Nashua-Plainfield (10-14).

The Huskies swept Northwood-Kensett (0-22) by scores of 25-10, 25-11 and 25-10 on Monday. N-P and TV squared off in the quarterfinal round in Nashua on Wednesday. The area squads have faced each other before at the Oelwein Invite earlier this month. The Huskies stopped the Trojans

– 14-21, 21-18 and 15-12.

Walz ran down some of the keys to keep in mind when facing N-P. The winner will play the victor between No. 2 St. Ansgar (24-6) and Riceville (18-21) on Monday, Oct. 28 in the Class 1A, Region 3 semifinals.

"We definitely need to be able to move on defense a little bit better," said Walz. "We need to watch from where they're attacking from because they like to attack from the back row. They also use their rightside a lot so we need to adjust our blocks to them."

The Trojans (17-14) didn't

encounter any trouble serving either against the UIC cellar-dweller Hawks (1-26), who entered the regional contest having already lost to TV twice this season. The Trojans made it three in a row in 2024 over the Hawks with a dominating

25-16, 25-7 and 25-9 sweep.

The Trojans' main hitters up front are junior Annika Bodensteiner (135 kills) and seniors Kinsey Reicks (103 kills) and Layni Schuchhardt (129).

They were all active Monday night against the Hawks and helped TV race out to a 7-0 game three lead. The Trojans went on another run to string together a second 7-0 run to lead 16-3 at one point in the final set.

Schuchhardt and fellow senior Alexis Elsbernd lead the team in aces with 34 apiece. The Trojans have amassed 171 aces as a team. Steinlage has mustered up 32 aces.

Schuchhardt talked about

what TV has to do in order to survive and advance – which would give her squad a golden opportunity to more than likely take on the vaunted Saints should that Top of Iowa squad turn back Riceville in its first regional contest of the season.

"We just have to stay positive

and play our own game," said Schuchhardt. "We just need to utilize the open spots on their court and the defense to be ready for them to hit hard. We just have to create our own energy."

**TURKEY VALLEY 3, MFL MARMAC 1**

Turkey Valley 20 25 25 26

MFL MarMac 25 22 20 24

Kills - Annika Bodensteiner 7, Layni

Schuchhardt 7, Addison Steinlage 5,

Delaney Busta 4, Kinsey Reicks 4,

Blocks - Busta 1, Reicks 1,

Servings - Reicks 4-4, Steinlage

6-6, Schuchhardt 14-14, Elsbernd

8-8, Lakes 3-4, Vsetecka 4-4.

Aces - Elsbernd 2, Lakes 1.

Ella Ives 2, Jenna Thordson 1.

Assists - Steinlage 22, Morgan

Vsetecka 3, Alexis Elsbernd 2, Ives 1.

Digs - Vsetecka 29, Elsbernd 21,

Karstyn Lukes 10, Steinlage 8, Reicks

7, Thordson 7, Schuchhardt 6, Ives

4, Busta 1, Bodensteiner 1.

Blocks - Ives 4, Steinlage 3, Busta

2, Reicks 1.

Serving - Reicks 18-18, Steinlage

14-14, Schuchhardt 13-13, Elsbernd

9-11, Lukes 9-10, Vsetecka 27-29,

Ives 1-1.

Aces - Vsetecka 3, Schuchhardt 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 2, LYLE PACELLI 0**

Lyle Pacelli 15 14

Turkey Valley 21 21

Bodensteiner 6, Reicks 5, Busta

4, Schuchhardt 2, Ives 1, Steinlage

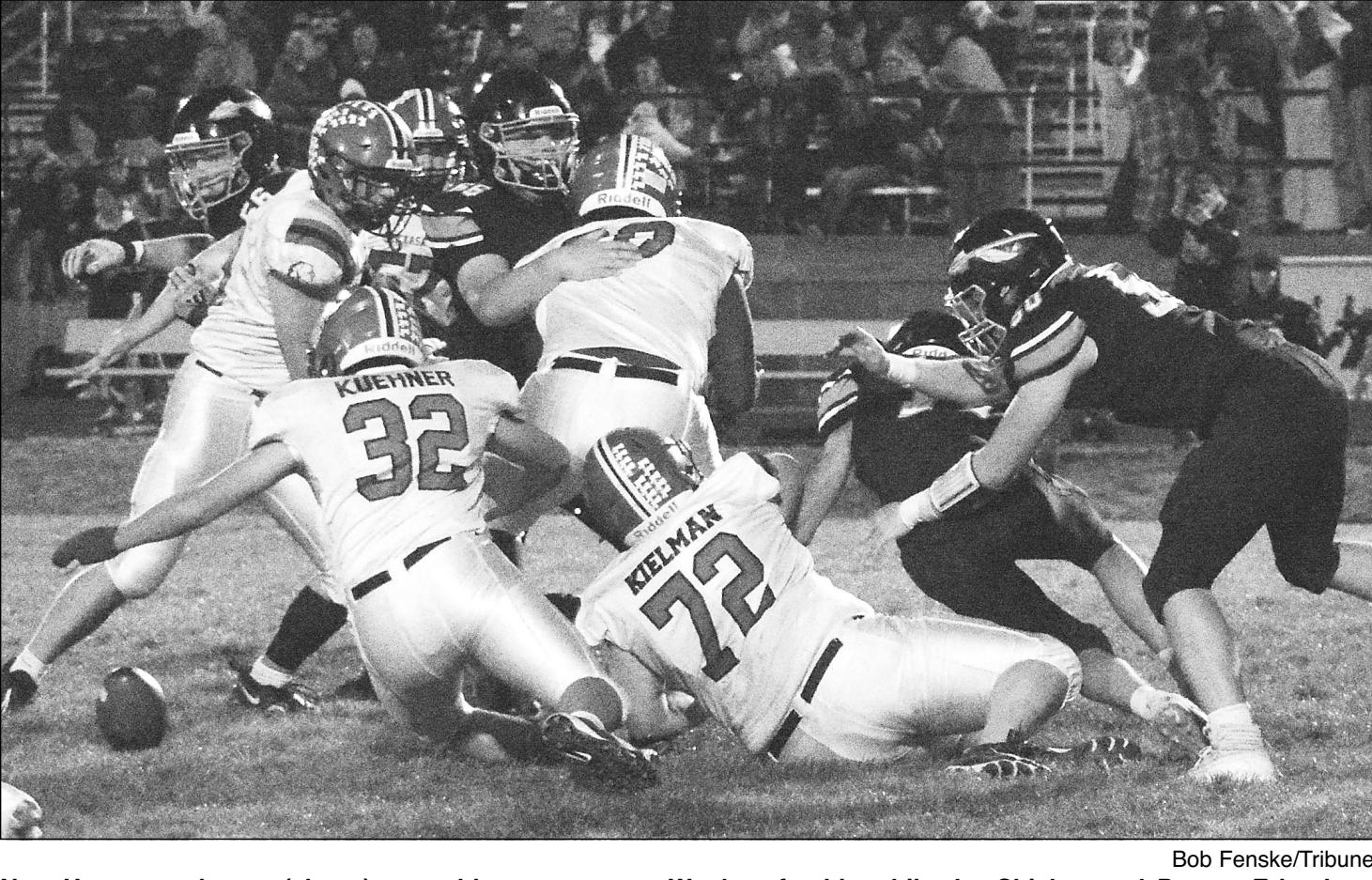
1, Assists - Steinlage 12, Vsetecka 2,

Schuchhardt 5, Vsetecka 4, Reicks 3,

Thordson 2, Busta 1, Bodensteiner

1, Ives 1, Elsbernd 1.

Blocks - Busta 3, Schuchhardt 2,</



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton players (above) scramble to recover a Waukon fumble while the Chickasaws' Peyton Erlandson (below) makes a tackle in the first half of Friday's game.

## Banged-up Chickasaws fall to Waukon

### NH FOOTBALL: FROM 14

much they've improved."

And New Hampton hung in there despite losing a key quartet of players.

Sophomore lineman and linebacker Dylan Maloy didn't make the trip to Waukon after being felled by an illness, and in the first 15 minutes of the game, the Chickasaws lost sophomore Peyton Erlandson, senior Bryar Usher and junior Emmett Kuehner to injuries.

"We had to scramble a lot there," Pemble said. "We basically had all new linebackers in, and I think Waukon, forget the record, I think they're actually pretty darn good. ... I thought our effort was good, really good, but against a team with a mobile quarterback, it was really tough."

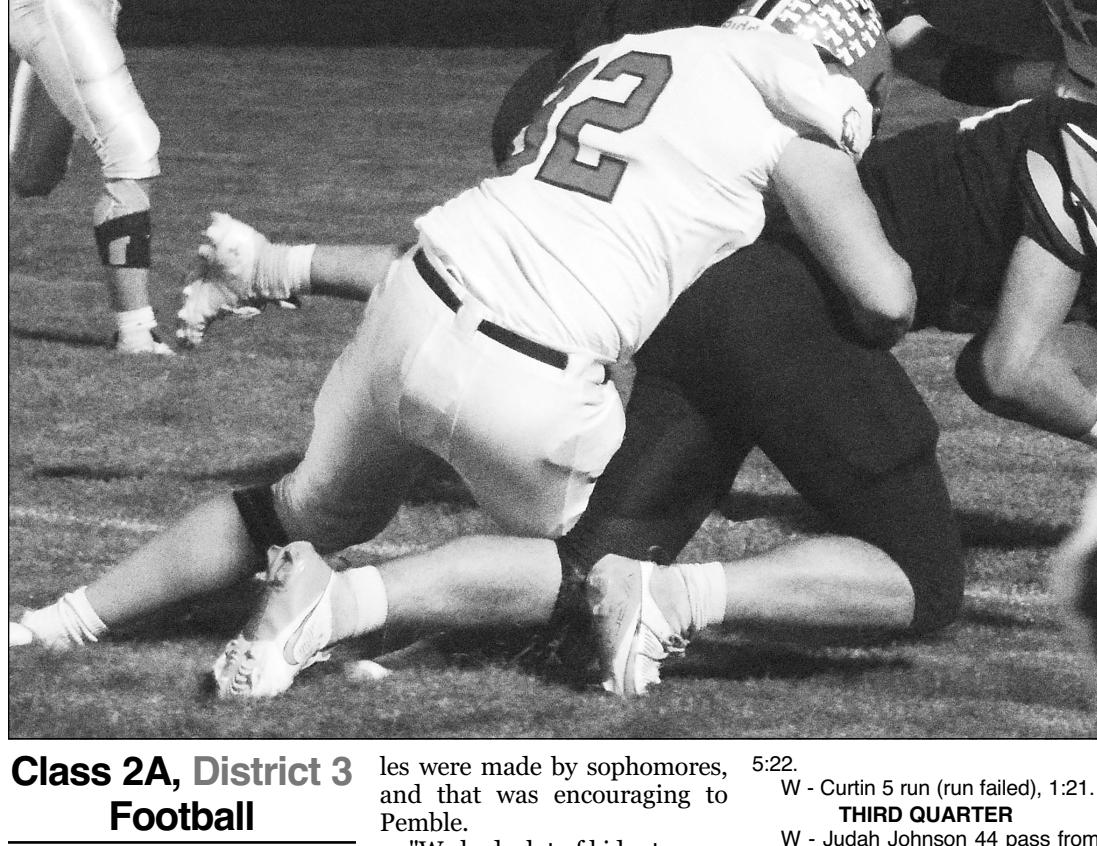
The Indians punished New Hampton with their running game as Waukon finished with 351 yards on 39 carries, and while that mobile quarterback, Jaxon Brinkman, had just 24 of those yards, it was the threat of his running that created issues for the Chickasaws.

"Football has changed so much," Pemble said. "In the old days, it was 11 on 10 basically but now you have to defend the quarterback, which is where we're trying to go with our program, too. It makes it so much tougher to defend the run game when you have to be aware of the quarterback."

New Hampton, meanwhile, had some moments on offense. Serie had his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season, Reid Rausch was 9-of-17 passing for 112 yards and fellow senior Adam Ewert caught seven passes for 98 yards.

"We're way better than we were at the start of the season," said Serie, who is just two yards away from a 1,000-yard season. "The biggest thing is our offensive line has gotten so much better. I mean we have guys who had never played a varsity snap before, and the improvement they've made is great."

Defensively, the Chickasaws were led by Kellogg, a sophomore who's motor is always



### Class 2A, District 3 Football

	Dist.	All
North Fayette V	5-0	7-1
Osage	4-1	5-3
Crestwood	3-2	3-5
Waukon	2-3	3-5
New Hampton	1-4	1-7
Oelwein	0-5	0-8

#### LAST FRIDAY RESULTS

Waukon 52, New Hampton 21

North Fayette Valley 34,

Crestwood 7

Osage 1, Oelwein 0 (forfeit)

#### FRIDAY REGULAR-SEASON GAME

North Butler at New Hampton

#### FRIDAY PLAYOFF GAMES

Crestwood at Roland-Story

Jesup at Osage

Monticello at North Fayette

Valley

Waukon at Anamosa

running, as he finished with 8.5 tackles and a fumble recovery — one that set up Serie's second touchdown.

Senior Ryan Willadsen finished with six stops and Serie was in on 5.5 tackles. Almost half of New Hampton's tack-

les were made by sophomores, and that was encouraging to Pemble.

"We had a lot of kids step up, especially with the injuries," he said, "and that will pay off for us down the road."

And the first-year coach is excited that his players will get one last game, even if it isn't of the postseason variety.

"It's great for our seniors," Pemble said, "and honestly, for our younger kids, I think it's really valuable. Nothing beats game experience, and that's why we want to play a ninth game. It's one last hurrah for our seniors and I believe it will pay off down the road for our underclassmen."

**WAUKON 52, NEW HAMPTON 21**

NH 0 14 0 7 - 21

Waukon 24 14 0 14 - 52

#### FIRST QUARTER

W - Graine Curtin 5 run (Jaxon Brinkman run), 8:38.

W - Curtin 4 run (Carson Hager pass from Brinkman), 6:40.

W - Issiah Moudy 24 run (Brinkman run), 6:01.

#### SECOND QUARTER

NH - Beau Serie 3 run (Jay Pickar kick), 11:25.

NH - Serie 2 run (Pickar kick), 8:44.

W - Curtin 3 run (Brinkman run),

5:22. W - Curtin 5 run (run failed), 1:21.

#### THIRD QUARTER

W - Judah Johnson 44 pass from Brinkman (Brinkman run), 9:24.

#### FOURTH QUARTER

W - Moudy 2 run (run failed), 11:16.

NH - Reid Rausch 1 run (Pickar kick), 6:25.

#### TEAM STATS

NH Wau

First downs 9 14

Rushes-yards 39-123 39-351

Passing yards 112 79

Total yards 235 430

Att-Comp-Int 17-9-2 5-3-0

#### NEW HAMPTON STATS

Rushing - Beau Serie 30-112, Jay Pickar 2-14, Kale Venem 1-0, Reid Rausch 6-(3).

Passing - Rausch 9-17-2 - 112.

Receiving - Adam Ewert 7-98,

Serie 1-13, Tate Schwickerath 1-1.

Tackles - Jackson Kellogg 8.5,

Ryan Willadsen 6, Serie 5.5, Cargin

Robinson 3.5, Cade Carpenter 3,

Emmett Kuehner 3, Tristin Willadsen

2.5, Venem 2.5, Schwickerath 2,

Kinnick Wisner 1.5, Roy Barron 1.5,

Peyton Erlandson 1, Pickar 1, Bryar

Usher 0.5, Caleb Rochford 0.5, Isaac

Vlades 0.5, Logan Thiele 0.5, Kyson

Kielman 0.5.

Fumble recoveries - Kellogg 1-0.

Kickoff returns - Serie 3-15.7,

Schwickerath 1-12, Pickar 1-12,

Ewert 1-10, Venem 1-0.

Kickoffs - Pickar 4-46.0.

Punts - Venem 2-26.5.

## Cahoy loves 'connection' she has with Kirkwood teammates

### CAHOY: FROM 14

first met him he made it clear that he wants a winning team. He wants a championship."

Just this past Thursday over in Mason City on the campus of NIACC (North Iowa Area Community College), the Eagles and Cahoy demonstrated just how explosive they are by sweeping those Trojans 25-16, 25-17 and 25-23.

Cahoy led all players on the court with 14 kills on 34 swings, which amounted to a .324 hitting percentage on the evening.

The smile on Cahoy's face said a lot as she celebrated the sweep over the 11-18 Trojans with her Eagle teammates — who are 26-5 overall and 9-0 in the ICCAC (Iowa Community College Athletic Conference).

Kirkwood is a Division II volleyball squad on the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) level.

"I feel like it was a really great night for everyone," said Cahoy. "It was so much fun and I enjoyed playing."

Cahoy said she is having an excellent time in her first year in college as she attempts to take her game to the next level.

"My teammates are amazing. I really do love them," said Cahoy. "I love the connection we all have with each other. These girls have all so much experience with volleyball. They're so smart and intelligent with everything that it's fun to play with them."

Cahoy — who amassed over 1,000 kills and 600 digs in her four years of playing varsity prep volleyball for the Chickasaws — is fifth on the team with 207 kills. She's also come up with 61 digs.

Kaci Johnson, a freshman setter from North Scott, leads the Eagles with 289 kills. Emma Meester, a sophomore outside hitter from Mount Vernon, is next in line in the kill total for Kirkwood with 255. Josie Bryan, who hails from Carthage, Ill. and played for Illini West, has racked up 235 kills at her freshman outside hitter position.

Bettendorf sophomore middle Ava Harris-Shepard has notched 209 kills.

Cahoy has played club volleyball for many years in addition to leading the Chickasaws to back-to-back NEIC regular season and conference tournament titles her final two years at New Hampton. But college is a different ball game — Cahoy explained.

"It's definitely a different level. I think this is one step up," said Cahoy about the difference between playing club and college volleyball. "This one is more competitive and I mean you have to travel for the competition. That's not much around us."

The ceiling is high for Cahoy. Just listen to Brown talk about one of his prized recruits.

"She came in as a middle and she knew she was going to be on the 'pin' for us," said Brown. "That transition — she just kind of embraced it and she was ready to go. That came with a lot — you have to pass and you have to be able to play defense and all these other things."

Brown uses a phrase that is

often associated with a negative outcome outside of sports, but in volleyball, it just means you're really good. That word is "terminal" — which essentially means a play that produced the end of a point. That's obviously what you want in volleyball.

"She's really excelled. I think over the past two months she's really become more terminal — out of system and in system," said Brown. "She's just putting away more balls. She's just more comfortable. She's taking aggressive swings."

Brown said he watched two

of Cahoy's matches last year and also saw her take on the best prep seniors in the state at Johnston's Senior Showcase.

"I saw Marissa last year. I went to two New Hampton games and then I went to her Senior Showcase," said Brown. "I knew from the first minute that I saw her play that I wanted her on the team."

"It's not hard to figure out that Cahoy sets herself apart from most players out on the hardwood — even on the collegiate level. Brown thought the same thing when he saw her last year as a high school senior.

"She was passing out of the back row and swinging in the middle — which is a weird combo," said Brown. "I knew that she could be a heckuva outside."

How far can Cahoy rise up the ranks of the JUCO elite? Time will tell, but she's definitely gotten off to a good start so far.

"The speed is just different at the college game, so she's just adapting to the serving and stuff," said Brown. "In terms of being terminal and being aggressive — she's come a long way from the two months I've known her and had her in the program."

Cahoy said she's taken on more of a leadership role than she may have done in the past.

"It's definitely brought out my leadership," said Cahoy about how she feels like she's a better player. "My position-wise, I have a lot more leadership especially on the outside."

Marissa said she has attended two New Hampton volleyball matches this season — one at home versus Charles City and the other on the road at West Union against North Fayette Valley.

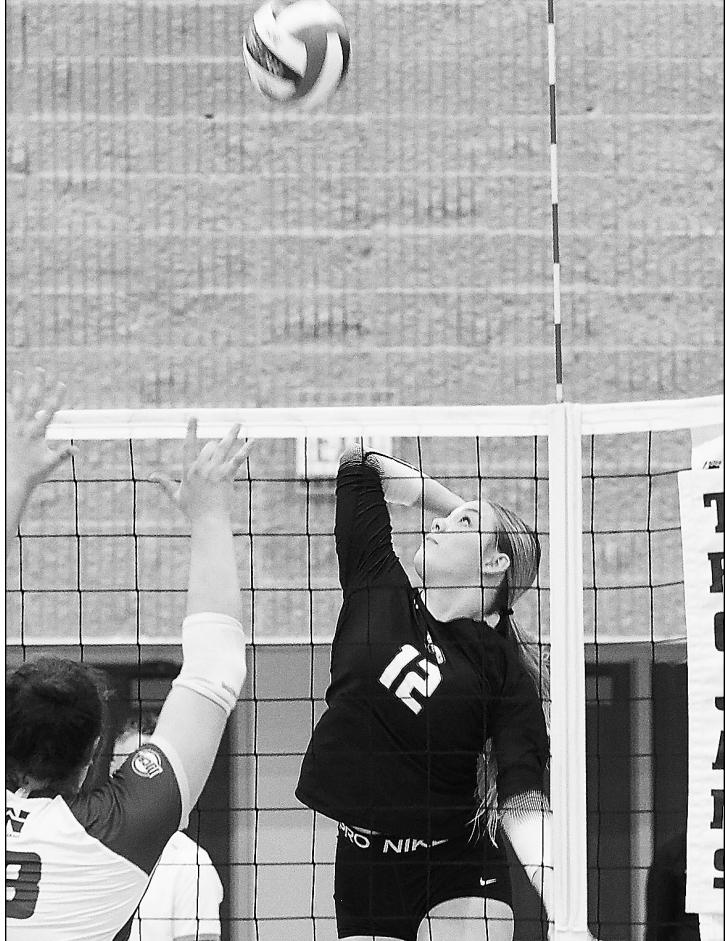
Cahoy was a three-time all-state selection as a Chickasaw. Her little sister, New Hampton freshman Aleigha Cahoy, currently stars for Geerts' squad this fall on the varsity squad.

That poses somewhat of a problem for the Cahoys and Marissa's parents — Jason and Angie Cahoy. One definitely has to go watch Aleigha play, that means the other usually travels to root on Marissa — driving distance of course.

Just listen to Brown talk about one of his prized recruits.

"She came in as a middle and she knew she was going to be on the 'pin' for us," said Brown. "That transition — she just kind of embraced it and she was ready to go. That came with a lot — you have to pass and you have to be able to play defense and all these other things."

Brown uses a phrase that is



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
Former New Hampton all-state volleyball player Marissa Cahoy winds up to deliver a kill for Kirkwood Community College during a match at North Iowa Area Community College in Mason City last week.



Photo courtesy of Teresa Weber

Members of New Hampton's Northeast Iowa Conference volleyball tournament championship team pose for a photo after going 4-0 at Saturday's league tournament. Team members include (front row, from left) Allie Johnson, Jackie Pickar, Taylor Ries, Maici Weber, Aleigha Cahoy, Camryn Smith, (back row) Ava Shoemaker, Braelyn Rosonke, Aleah Eichenberger, Chloe Weigel, Koryn Shekleton, Olivia Hoy, Sydney Laures and Ella Wassenaar.

## Chickasaws get their threepeat in volleyball

New Hampton goes 4-0 to claim the championship at final Northeast Iowa Conference tournament

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A peak performance? You betcha. The New Hampton Chickasaw volleyball squad picked a great time to be playing its best volleyball of the season after sweeping the Northeast Iowa Conference Volleyball Tournament on Saturday to make it three titles won in a row.

"Wowza! We took our day to the next level, battling through a few hiccups, including an injury," said New Hampton head coach Jess Geerts after the three-peat was achieved at the five-team tournament.

New Hampton (17-15, 3-1) – which finished second in the regular season NEIC standings to overall league champ Charles City – exacted its revenge over the Comets with a 21-18, 18-21 and 15-8 three-set triumph. The Chickasaws proceeded to run the table over the rest of the NEIC foes at the weekend get-together as

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#### TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L	11-8
New Hampton.....	4-0		New Hampton 21-21,
Crestwood .....	3-1		Waukon 8-12
Decorah.....	2-2		Crestwood 21-21, Charles
Charles City.....	1-3		City 14-19
Waukon .....	0-4		New Hampton 21-21,
<b>New Hampton 21-15-15,</b>			<b>Decorah 16-17</b>
<b>Crestwood 19-21-10</b>			Charles City 22-21, Waukon 20-18
Decorah 21-21, Waukon 16-11			<b>New Hampton 21-18-15,</b>
Decorah 21-19-15, Charles City 14-21-11			<b>Charles City 18-21-8</b>
Crestwood 21-21, Waukon			Crestwood 21-17-15, Decorah 19-21-9

NH swept Waukon 21-8 and 21-12 and did the same with Decorah, 21-16 and 21-17. The Chickasaws defeated Crestwood 21-19, 15-21 and 15-10.

"The girls showed grit and didn't back down. This is right where we want to be at this time in the season," said Geerts.

New Hampton has now defeated Charles City (21-9, 4-0) twice this season. The other time the Chickasaws topped the Comets was in a quad hosted by CC – which went the

way of New Hampton by scores of 25-23 and 25-21. Charles City defeated New Hampton in the conference regular season matchup 22-25, 25-19, 25-20 and 29-27.

New Hampton also played well last week Thursday at a quad hosted by No. 13 Wapsie Valley (24-16), which included No. 4 Dike-New Hartford (26-15) and 12th-rated Sumner-Fredericksburg (23-17).

The Chickasaws took on the defending state champ

Wolverines – who produced a perfect 50-0 season last year en route to a Class 2A title – and led D-NH in the second set before falling 21-18 and 21-19.

"What a great match we played, leading in game two for a while even. I think if we could have gotten game two we could have beat them, but it felt good to play with a great team. This set the tone for the night," said the NH head coach.

Wapsie managed to turn back NH in two – 21-18 and 21-17 – but the Chickasaws got on the board versus Sumner-Fred with a 21-15 and 21-19 sweep.

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## Chickasaws' Dungey does her best to make most of trying situation

Knocked out of cross country, New Hampton athlete addresses hurdles head on with a team-first demeanor

BY KELLY TERPSTRA  
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a fire and intensity that many of her opponents can't match.

That's called heart and that grit and determination is what will hopefully help pull Dungey through this latest predicament.

There was the mono that took away a large portion of her sophomore running season for the New Hampton cross country team.

Then just most recently this fall – even worse news.

The Chickasaw standout soccer player and guard on the NH hoops squad was thrown another curve ball as she found out she may have potentially torn her labrum – a ring of fibrous tissue that helps stabilize the hip joint and is obviously vital.

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New Hampton cross country runner Tegan Dungey presents starter Ray Armel a gift bag before the New Hampton Invitational that was held during "Officials Appreciation Week."



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Dak's Tap I 7, Dak's Tap II 2		
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Bob Fenske/Tribune  
New Hampton quarterback Reid Rausch fights for extra yardage on a running play during Friday's game at Waukon.

## Chickasaws can't dig themselves out

Loss to Waukon keeps New Hampton out of playoffs; Chickasaws to play ninth game

BY BOB FENSK  
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A painfully slow start Friday night dashed New Hampton's playoff hopes, but the Chickasaws' season isn't quite done yet.

Waukon took advantage of two New Hampton turnovers to build a 24-0 lead six minutes into Friday night's Class 2A, District 3 "winner-goes-to-the-playoffs" game, and although for a while it appeared like the Chickasaws might make a game of it, the Indians pulled away for a 52-21 win.

But over what turned out to be a chaotic weekend, New Hampton learned that it will play this coming Friday when it will host North Butler in a non-district game.

Teams in the four smallest classes of football play eight regular season games but if they don't make the postseason, they have the option of scheduling a ninth game on the fly, if you will.

New Hampton looked like it would travel to Cascade this weekend, but late Sunday morning, Cascade officials bowed out and New Hampton reached an agreement to play the Bearcats, who went 5-3 in Class A, District 3 but missed out on a playoff berth.

Beau Serie didn't care whom the Chickasaws played; he just wanted one last chance to com-

pete on the gridiron.

"I mean whether or not we're playing to go to the playoffs, it still means a lot to be able to get one more game," said Serie, the senior running back who rushed for 112 yards and two touchdowns on 30 carries against Waukon. "It's an awesome experience to get to play football with my friends one last time, especially since I don't plan to play football in college. We get one more week, and I want to soak it all in."

New Hampton came into Friday's game with just one win, but a victory over Waukon would have sent the Chickasaws to the playoffs for a fourth straight year.

Waukon, though, came flying out of the gate — holding New Hampton to a three-and-out on its first drive and then forcing two turnovers as it raced out to that 24-0 advantage.

Still, the Chickasaws battled back as Serie scored a pair of touchdowns in the second quarter to cut the deficit to 24-14 a little more than three minutes into the second quarter.

"We dug ourselves a hole," New Hampton coach Chad Pemble said. "We were kind of our own worst enemy early, but I'll give this to our kids, I thought their response was good. I think it shows how much this team has grown this year and how

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## Former Chickasaw takes the next step



Kirkwood Community College's Marissa Cahoy comes up with a dig in the Eagles' match against North Iowa Area Community College last week.

Cahoy is enjoying solid freshman season for junior college powerhouse Kirkwood

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

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for an NCAA Division I program.

"On the 'pin,' she can definitely get there. She just has to work on passing a little bit and put herself in more of a six-rotation kind of deal," said Brown.

Cahoy's current status is a starting outside hitter for the perennial-power Eagles, who have qualified for 17 National Tournaments in their tremendous run of winning volleyball across the country.

"He wants to win. I really like that about him," said Cahoy about Coach Brown and his Kirkwood program. "When

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune  
New Hampton's Maici Weber (above) taps the ball over the net and the Chickasaws (below) celebrate the match-clinching point in the five-set thriller over Crestwood in the first round of regional play on Tuesday.

## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

NEW HAMPTON KNOCKS OFF CRESTWOOD IN REGIONAL, EARNS DATE WITH NO. 3 WEST DELAWARE

BY KELLY TERPSTRA  
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New Hampton senior Taylor Ries didn't want to think about the alternative to winning Tuesday night in the regional opener versus NEIC rival Crestwood.

Neither did Chickasaw fellow senior Braelyn Rosonke.

Maybe that's why Jess Geerts' New Hampton volleyball squad outlasted the visiting Cadets in a survive-and-advance thrilling postseason

### CHICKASAWS CLAIM NEIC TOURNAMENT TITLE.

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match that saw the Chickasaws live to see another day with a heart-stopping five-set victory — 25-22, 23-25, 25-15, 18-25 and 15-12.

"I think our energy and momentum throughout the game really carried into it

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## Trojans sweep Kee in regional opener

BY KELLY TERPSTRA  
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Addison Steinlage chucked when it was brought to her attention that she was leading the entire state (all five classes) in serve efficiency after her Turkey Valley Trojans swept one-win Kee High in the opening round of Class 1A regional play on Monday night in Jackson Junction.

Steinlage, the Trojans' junior setter, may have thought the statistic was a tad humorous or she was slightly embarrassed — but either way it's an important number that could obviously come in handy the rest of the way for TV, who wants to stay alive in the state's single-elimination tournament that will crown a state champ early next month in Coralville.

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Turkey Valley's Addison Steinlage serves up another winner at the Trojans' match against Kee Monday evening.

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