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Boards land 'super' search firm

New Hampton, Turkey Valley take next step in replacing retiring Jurrens

BY BOB FENSKA

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The New Hampton and Turkey Valley school boards took the first step in hiring a new superintendent on Monday night when both boards unanimously approved hiring a search firm that will aid the districts in finding its next top administrator.

After spending more than two

hours hearing presentations from five firms, board members spent about 20 minutes to hire Grundmeyer Leader Services, a Huxley-based firm, to assist the boards in finding a replacement for Jay Jurrens, who last month announced that he will retire at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

Board members made the decision after hearing presentations from Grundmeyer, EDwise Consulting,

HYA Associates, McPherson & Jacobson and Ray and Associates officials.

"I didn't think any of them were out of line," New Hampton School Board President Jay Matthews said. "I don't think we would be out of line with any of them."

His fellow board president, Turkey Valley's Don Blazek Jr., said he felt the costs each of the five firms would

charge the districts were about the same.

"As I was saying out in the hall, I think all of them are going to fall into that \$13,000, \$14,000 range," he said, "so I think they're all pretty much in the same ballpark. I think it comes down to the one we're most comfortable with."

Board members did not necessarily



have to choose a firm on Monday night, but Matthews said if they didn't make a decision following the presentations, he'd like the two

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It's party time at the library

New Hampton facility ready to celebrate 125th birthday Friday

BY BOB FENSKA

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New Hampton Public Library Director Carrie Becker had a little glint in her eyes as she recounted the story of how the facility came to be 125 years ago.

"I know I shouldn't say this, but I'm naughty," she said with a glint in her eyes, "but the men tried to get a library going and got nowhere. It took the women to get the job done."

Those women — six of them in all — opened what was a reading room in the second floor in the Gurley Building on Nov. 1, 1899, and exactly 125 years later, on Friday, the library will celebrate its quasquicentennial with an open house that will run from 5 to 7 p.m.

"Actually, it's 5 p.m. to whenever," Becker said. "We're excited to celebrate what started 125 years ago and has received such great community support through the years. This place has an

SEE LIBRARY, 5



Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton Public Library employee Val Horner talks with patron Kyra Lewis, while Lewis' son Jameson takes a little snooze, at the front desk Monday afternoon.



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The parking lot of the New Hampton Community Center fills up Saturday morning with costumed folks of all ages before the annual New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department's Halloween Parade.

IT'S FUN, BUT IT'S HARD TO JUDGE!

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE DRAWS ANOTHER HUGE THRONG TO DOWNTOWN AREA

BY BOB FENSKA

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As Chris Perkins looked over the array of Halloween costumes arrayed in the New Hampton Community Center parking lot on Saturday morning, he came to a quick decision.

He was going to be a "one-and-done" judge for the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Department.

"I never thought it would be this hard; they're all so good," Perkins said as he judged the costumes along with his granddaughter, Harper Perkins, and Megan Abbas, a member of the New Hampton Park Board. "Can't we just say they all won?"

It was that kind of day in downtown New Hampton, where one of the biggest events on the Park and Rec calendar took place. Hundreds turned out for the parade, and folks of all ages

dressed to the hilt for both the costume contest and subsequent parade and downtown trick-or-treating.

More than 250 residents — most clad in costumes — turned out on what turned out to be a beautiful Saturday morning.

"I'm not a big Halloween person," Parks and Recreation Director Tara Hackman said.

SEE HALLOWEEN, 2



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Monteith

New Hampton High School Chamber Choir members have a little fun as they perform the song "This Is My Crazy Student Life" during last week's Parade of Choirs.

SEE PARADE, 5

Time to 'fall back'

Daylight Savings Time ends this Sunday morning so don't forget to set your clocks back before heading to bed Saturday night

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New Hampton's Sophie Glaser earns a return trip to the state cross country meet

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Holidays arrive

New Horizons-Chamber kicks off the season with Holiday Open House

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Cora Schwickerath (left) passes out candy in front of her dad's business, Rapid Printers, while Pedal and Play Sports owner Brandon Hemann (above) does the same during downtown trick-or-treating that followed the New Hampton Parks and Recreation Halloween Costume Contest and Parade Saturday morning.

Bob Fenske/Tribune

Parade draws a throng downtown

HALLOWEEN: FROM 1

"I'll spend six hours on a Christmas tree, but our family kind of throws Halloween costumes together. But it amazes me how intricate and cool so many costumes are. Every year, we're just blown away by how good the costumes are."

The contest and parade were part of a busy Saturday of Halloween events as the local chapter of Spay and Neuter All Pets, better known by its acronym of SNAP, held a "Halloween Mutt Strut," the Carnegie Cultural Center was open for a "Halloween Craft and Cider" event and the New Hampton Women of Today held its annual Spookwalk at the Chickasaw Event Center.

The parade, though, garnered the biggest crowd.

"The weather helped obviously," Hackman said, "but I



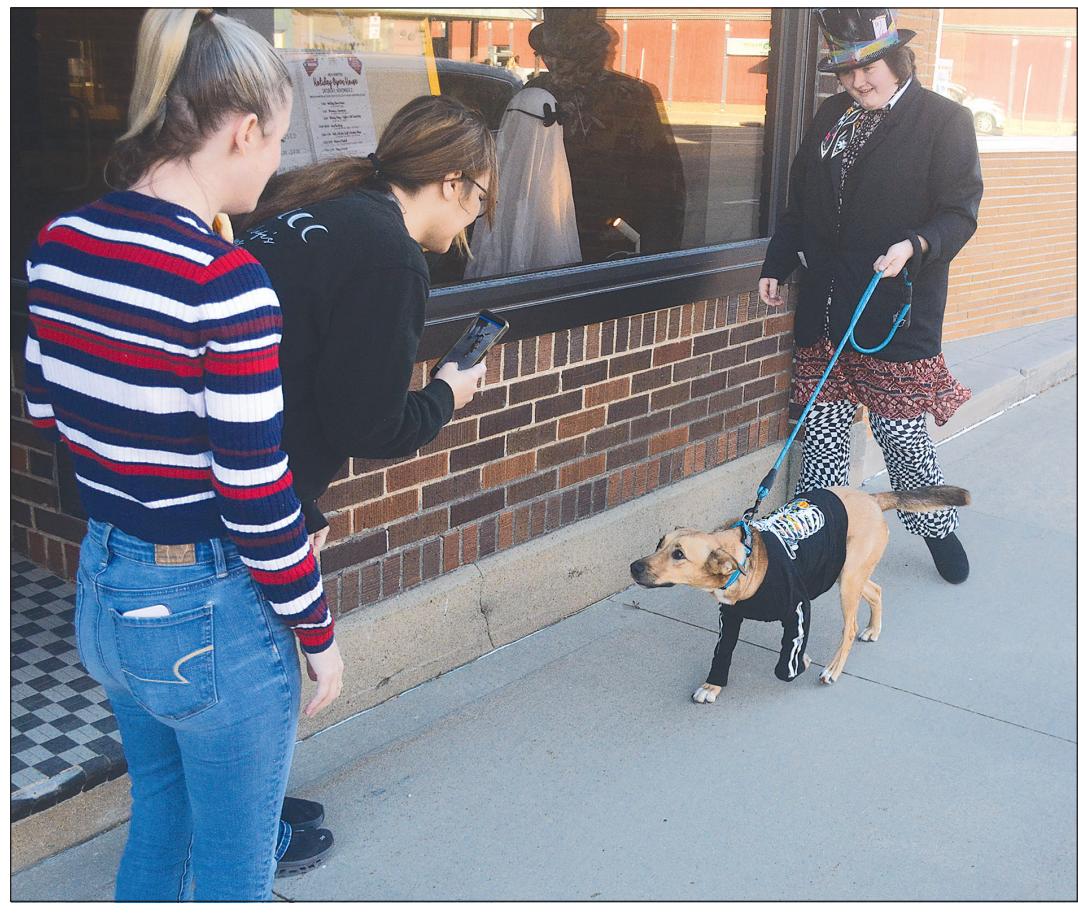
With the winners leading the way, the Halloween Parade makes its way down Main Street Saturday morning.

think what makes this such a big event is that it's something whole families can do together."

And Hackman said she was especially appreciative of the businesses — both in and out of downtown — who support the annual event that is always held on the Saturday before

Halloween.

"We have great support from businesses who help us with the prizes for the winners and all the businesses that take part in downtown trick-or-treating," she said. "It's definitely a win-win for everyone and we can't wait to do it all over again next year."



Halloween Mutt Strut

Colleen Schutte's dog Ginger (above) finds some fans during SNAP's Halloween Mutt Strut on Saturday while New Hampton resident Cheri Demaray's pups — Maggie and Zoey — are decked out in their Halloween finest. It does, however, appear that Zoey is much more camera shy than Maggie.

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ELECTION: FROM 1

Chickasaw County Deputy Commissioner of Elections Gina Fangman said, "and at times, even a little hectic. But things have gone well and we're ready for a big day next Tuesday."

That's when polling places around the county will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Fangman said that the county put the finishing touches on election day on Wednesday, when officials tested voting machines.

Interest in the election appears high even though there is just one contested race in the county — a rematch of the Board of Supervisors District 3 seat that matches incumbent Republican Jake Hackman and former Democratic Auditor Joan Knoll.

Four county races are uncontested as incumbent Republican Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Republican Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Republican District 4 supervisor candidate Issac Carter, and Democratic Supervisor Steve Breitbach, who represents District 1, are all running unopposed.

"With it being a presidential election year," Fangman said, "we're anticipating good voter turnout and so far, if the absentee balloting is any indication, that's exactly what we're going to have."

And it's not like Chickasaw County voters outside of District 3, which encompasses the west

side of New Hampton and surrounding rural areas, don't have choices on the ballot.

In addition to the race for the White House between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump, there is a contested State House of Representatives race between Republican incumbent Charley Thomson and Democratic challenger Gail Allison, as well as a U.S. House of Representatives race between Republican incumbent Ashley Hinson and Democratic challenger Sarah Corkery.

And for those who want to cast ballots before Tuesday, there's still time to do so.

The Auditor's Office will be open today (Thursday) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for early voting.

Fangman, though, again reminded voters that if they requested mail ballots and have not mailed them back that they should drop them off at the courthouse. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Auditor's Office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday to be counted.

"If you still have them, we'd highly suggest that you bring them here," she said. "We're trying to remind people as much as possible that the post-mark doesn't matter anymore. The ballot has to be here by the time the polls close on election day or we can't count it."



Members of the Turkey Valley and New Hampton school boards discuss the presentations made by five firms seeking to help the districts conduct the search for a new superintendent.

Boards to hit ground running on superintendent search

SEARCH: FROM 1

boards to hold another joint meeting later in the week to make a decision so that they would continue to remain "out front" in the hiring process.

Jurrens had told both boards in September that one reason he had announced his retirement then was so that the districts would be able to begin the search for his replacement earlier than other districts who will be facing the same challenge as New Hampton and Turkey Valley.

On Monday, members from both boards appeared to want to make the decision as soon as possible, and Grundmeyer took the "early lead" and never gave it up.

"The longevity of the ones they've worked with," New Hampton board member Nate Schwickerath said, "stood out to me. I liked that in the past seven years, of all the people they've placed in the last seven years, 90 percent of them are still there."

Turkey Valley board member Jamie Hageman said he liked what he called the "follow-up support" that Grundmeyer had in its proposal. Firm representatives said

that they would work with the new hire and school business officials, for example, during the new superintendent's first few months on the job.

"I think that's something that really stood out for me. ... I also really liked the emphasis they made about getting our opening out at the [upcoming Iowa School Boards Association] convention."

Hageman's fellow Turkey Valley board member Don Manderfield said he had reached out to districts — including two from southern Iowa, as well as Sumner-Fredericksburg — that had worked with Grundmeyer in recent years.

"They all said hands down, no issues. ... If they had to do it again tomorrow, they wouldn't get anybody else besides Grundmeyer so that spoke volumes to me because they're all people of high integrity and I have a lot of respect for them."

Matthews agreed, saying he, too, had talked with board members from Sumner-Fredericksburg and Decorah, another district that has used Grundmeyer for its last two superintendent searches and all had high reviews for the firm.

"They were impressed and they said they

were easy to work with," Matthews said. "From what they told me is they listened to the boards and were really helpful."

Grundmeyer's proposal came with a price tag of "no more than" \$14,707, which New Hampton and Turkey Valley will evenly split.

After approving the hiring of Grundmeyer, board members spent several minutes discussing when they should meet with the search firm to begin setting parameters for the search. That meeting, as of Monday night, was set for this Friday, when a joint board meeting will be held in New Hampton at 6 p.m.

Jurrens, who came to New Hampton in July 2012 and who is in his eighth year as a shared superintendent with Turkey Valley, was not at Monday night's meeting, but he said last week, his absence was by design.

"It's their decision and I don't think it's right for me to insert myself in the search," he said. "I've told both boards that I will definitely be there if they need what I would call technical assistance, but I really believe that it's best that they do the search without me being in the middle of it, without me interfering, if you will."

Briefs

County looking for snow-removal help this winter

With the retirement of one of its part-time custodians, Chickasaw County is seeking bids for snow-removal at the LEMC building that is home to the County Attorney's Office and the Emergency Management Agency.

During a relatively short meeting on Monday, board members gave the OK to head custodian Dave Gorman to seek bids for snow removal at the office building located at 516 S. Linn Ave. in New Hampton.

Bids will be due by a week from Friday, Nov. 8, at the Auditor's Office and supervisors plan on acting on the bids during their Nov. 12 meeting.

Thanksgiving Community Dinner to be held at Trinity on Nov. 28

The place to be on Thanksgiving Day will again be Trinity Lutheran Church's Fellowship Hall, 223 S. Water Ave. in New Hampton.

Everyone is welcome to the annual community dinner, which will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28. A free-will monetary donation will be asked, with proceeds to benefit the Chickasaw Co. food pantry.

Serving a full turkey and ham dinner with dessert, the meal, supported by the Pub at the Pinicon and Grant and Krissy Anderson, will also be available for take-out.

No reservations are needed, but questions may be directed to the Trinity church office at 641-394-2552.

New Hampton to have compost, brush pickup on Nov. 9

Saturday, Nov. 9 New Hampton residents may dispose of compost and brush by placing the material out on the curb for pickup.

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God raises us to new life beyond our sins and does so every day

Saints are difficult to understand.

Being a saint comes as a gift from God. You are a saint because you are in contact with the God through Word and sacrament.

Being a saint is not something you do yourself, it can only happen as a gift from God. The Greek word saint means holy – to refer to holy things or holy people. The word holy means to “set apart” or “special.”

A saint, then is holy ... a special person. A person set apart from regular ordinary people by God.

One illustration would

be the difference between a regular cake and a birthday cake.

The birthday cake is special ... the writing and the candles and the song that usually accompanies it. The birthday cake is served at the event of a birthday celebration while other cake can be served any time.

Lutheran practice is to celebrate All Saints Day on the Sunday following the beginning of November.

This is the day to celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead because we know God honors our tears.

In fact, we know from scripture verses in Revelation that “God is with us always and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more ...”

In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus illustrated that sainthood comes only through the power of God.

Lazarus was dead, and could do nothing for himself – only receive the new life given to him.

In our daily lives we die in daily repentance and God raises us to new life beyond our sins – every day. Our trust in God’s power to give us



Pastor Sue Cira serves Immanuel Crane Creek Lutheran Church in rural Lawler and is also a transitional pastor at Trinity Lutheran in New Hampton.

new lives can allow us to show this trust in how we treat others. How we live our live informs the world that we have been made special people by God.

The importance of gratitude for Christians

With the nonstop pace that most of us operate at, finding time to pause, reflect, and cultivate gratitude can be a challenge. The world is full of noise, distractions, and the alluring promise of fulfillment.

Culture tempts us to pursue bigger and better. We’re never quite satisfied, so we busy ourselves with the race to find more. It’s a never-ending chase that leaves us tired and empty rather than hopeful and fulfilled. But what if there is a better way?

I’m going to be honest with you, I often find myself drawn toward what I lack. I’m easily consumed by all that I should be doing. The places I should be going. With the never-ending-to-do list, many times gratitude is the last thing on my mind.

Derived from the Latin word *gratia*, gratitude is a simple concept that means gratefulness or thankfulness. I point this out because I tend to overcomplicate things.

Gratitude, however, is quite simple. It’s also an extremely powerful tool that can transform our spiritual well-being, attitude, and overall mental health. Due to its simplicity, the practice is often overlooked.

But what if this simple habit could radically transform every aspect of our lives? What if we could be truly grateful for the everyday moments? If you’re intrigued, then I’m glad you’re here.

Together we’ll explore the deep impact of gratitude along with simple ways to be thankful each day.

1. Know the Benefits of Gratitude

Gratitude has many benefits, but let’s highlight just a few. Gratitude goes beyond an appreciation for life and the many blessings we have. It’s deeper than that. Gratitude has the power to heal us from the inside out.

Much research has been done on this topic and the findings are astonishing! By consistently practicing gratitude, we have

the ability to change our brains. By simply being thankful, we can reduce symptoms of depression, alleviate anxiety, and relieve stress.

Gratitude has also been shown to improve relationships, increase resilience, and improve overall health and well-being. These are just a few of the ways a regular gratitude practice can impact our lives.

You may be wondering why gratitude is so powerful. It’s partly because of how incredibly powerful the mind is. Our minds shape our reality. What we focus on is what we tend to gravitate toward.

2. Remember Gratitude in the Mundane

Now that we better understand the remarkable benefits of gratitude, let’s explore why it’s essential to practice gratitude in the ordinary moments of our lives.

You may find yourself wondering how to find things to be thankful for when every day seems less than spectacular.

Perhaps the majority of your days look very similar, each one a repeat of the last. If so, you’re not alone. Many of us relate to feeling like our days are routine, boring, and insignificant. So, how can we find things to be thankful for in the mundane?

Consider the simple pleasures that surround you each day. The sunrise painting the sky, the breath that fills your lungs, the cool air against your skin, or the comforting warmth a cup of coffee brings.

These aren’t life-changing events, aside from the breath that sustains you. However, they are extraordinary moments that fill life’s journey.

3. Seek True Fulfillment

We often think that fulfillment will be found when we arrive at some far-off destination. Yet, for many of us, it’s unclear where we’re going.

We’re so caught up in the race to earn

more, achieve more, and prove ourselves to be more than we rarely stop to think about where the chase is leading us.

We believe that reaching the next milestone in the next season will finally bring us fulfillment, but it doesn’t.

The truth is that true fulfillment is found in the present moment as we walk with God every step of the way. I know it’s a cliché, but I’ve found this to be true in my own life and maybe you have too. It really isn’t about the end destination; it’s about the journey.

4. Make it a Daily Practice

Gratitude isn’t meant to be a one-and-done thing. Consistency is key when it comes to experiencing the positive results that follow a regular practice of gratitude. The Bible reminds us of the importance of this continuous habit.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Paul says, “Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” This verse reminds us that regardless of what we’re facing, there is always something to be thankful for.

The word “always” here speaks to the importance of consistently practicing gratitude. In order for us to be consistent with this habit, we’ll need to create simple rhythms that fit into our everyday lives.

So, how can we make gratitude a daily practice? To increase your chances for success, attach this new habit to something you’re already doing each day.

You can set a reminder alarm on your phone to help develop this new habit or even change the wallpaper background on your phone to keep this new habit at the forefront of your mind.

Remember, this can and should be simple. We don’t have to overcomplicate it or have impossible standards.

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For he guards the course of the just
and protects the way of his faithful ones.

Proverbs 2:8

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may apply. A few states assess state inheritance taxes, and your heirs could incur federal and/or state income taxes when they withdraw money from inherited assets funded with pre-tax dollars, such as some retirement accounts. They could also face capital gains taxes when they sell inherited assets, such as stocks, for more than they were worth at the time of the inheritance. In any case, inheritance-related taxes can be complex, so you and your family and other heirs should discuss these issues with your tax advisor.

• *Will they know what's in your estate plans?* Your family and other heirs will be much better prepared to deal with an inheritance if they know what to expect. That's why it's so important that you share your estate plans with everyone involved. You need to let them know the wishes and decisions you've expressed in your will and other legal arrangements, such as a living trust. Of course, sharing this information doesn't necessarily mean that all your heirs will be completely satisfied with your choices — but at least they won't be surprised, and perhaps will be less likely to cause disputes when the time comes to settle your estate.

• *Will they know what to do with the money or other assets?* You may be planning to leave your grown children a sizable amount of assets, possibly including cash, stocks, real estate, IRAs, 401Ks or other types of valuable personal property. But this inheritance brings with it several possible questions: Do your heirs already have an investment platform ready to accept inherited stocks? If you do leave behind rental property or a vacation home, can it be easily sold? These types of issues are generally not hard to resolve, but the more prepared your heirs are for their inheritance, the quicker they can take whatever actions are needed.

• *Are they prepared to handle any taxes that may result from the inheritance?* Unless you have a very large estate, your heirs likely won't face federal estate taxes. (In 2024, the first \$13.61 million of an estate is exempt from federal estate taxes.) However, other types of taxes

specified by wards. First Ward residents came to the facility from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Second Ward residents were welcomed from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Third Ward residents had the run of the library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Fourth Ward residents were slotted to attend the open house from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Later that evening, at 8 p.m., a program was held at the Opera House, where the keynote address was given by Alice Tyler, who was the state librarian at the time.

"Obviously, it was a big event for our community," Becker said, "because it was pretty much an all-day affair."

The library would remain at the corner of Main Street and Water Avenue for more than 80 years until 1994 when the current library building, which was supported by donations and New Hampton voters approving a bond referendum, opened on Spring Street.

In other words, the New Hampton Public Library has plenty to celebrate on Friday.

Becker, though, went back to that day almost 115 years ago when New Hampton's Carnegie Library was dedicated.

She loved the flowery words written in the New Hampton Tribune's Feb. 8, 1910, edition.

"Mr. Carnegie would have been repaid could he have seen the large number of young people who visited the library. They came like worshipers at a shrine; silent and respectful. They had found a place where quiet, culture and comfort reigned. They could enjoy a quiet hour, with their voiceless friends. This is the real spirit of gratitude, this is the realistic expression of appreciation."

"I know maybe it's over the top," she said, "but that's it, that's what libraries are supposed to be all about."

She paused and laughed.

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Remembering Jack Seelhammer, one of the good guys

It was sometime during that magical softball season so many summers ago when Jack Seelhammer gave me a line I'll never forget.

I was covering his red-hot New Hampton softball team, and as Jackie Whitman, a notoriously pull hitter who routinely hit rockets, came to the plate, I noticed that the Chickasaws' head coach was a good 20 or 30 feet down the line from third base.

In between innings, I mosied over to the dugout area and gave Jack a little grief.

"It's called the third-base box; not the left-field-line box," I said with a laugh.

He turned around and with that unmistakable glint in his eye rebutted my statement.

"I'm old, but I'm not stupid," he said with a laugh.

I thought back to that night and that summer almost immediately after I heard the news that Jack had passed away last Tuesday at the age of 65, and although I tried to smile, finding out about Jack's death was like taking a sucker punch to the gut.

Jack Seelhammer was one of the good guys.

I covered his softball teams for the final 10 years of his head coaching career, and what I'll always remember about him is that he almost always took the blame for the losses and always gave the credit to his girls when the Chickasaws prevailed.

That 2013 season, of course, was special. Barely playing .500 ball through the first half of the season, New Hampton caught fire, won 15 in a row, made it to the state tournament and finished fourth in Fort Dodge.

But as much as I remember that season — the one in which Jack redefined the third-base coaching box — I'll also remember the season that followed. With the graduation of that fabulous Class of 2013, the Chickasaws struggled the follow-



New Hampton High School student Emma Elliott (left) performs a solo while Choir Director Jill Cantu (above) directs the 7th/8th Choir during the Parade of Choirs.

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Monteith

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PARADE: FROM 1

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Members of the Chickasaw County Fire Honor Guard honor the memory of Jack Seelhammer at his funeral on Monday.

ing season and finished the regular season 14-18. But they caught fire in the playoffs and in the regional final, they were tied late in the game with second-ranked East Marshall.

That season, however, didn't have a storybook ending, for East Marshall scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth inning on its way to an 11-4 win and a trip to state.

"I am so proud of our girls because they could have just packed it in," Seelhammer said after that game. "Instead, they battled back and showed a heck of a lot of character."

I didn't remember the words — had to look them up in the archives, in fact — but I remember the fire in his voice that night. He didn't just speak those words; he meant them.

But to remember Jack as just a softball coach would be unjust.

He was a great husband, a wonderful father and just about the best dang grandpa there ever was. He was a loyal and devoted employee at TriMark.

He also was a true public servant — serving on the North Washington Fire Department and on the North Washington City Council.

He also was an "overpayer" when it came to his fall softball league and his grandson's youth baseball games.

I worked for Jack in both, and he'd always hook me with the two advantages of spending a fall Sunday on the diamond behind the plate.

"You'll make a little money," he said, "and the Vikings won't irritate the hell out of you. It's a win-win."

Last fall, his grandson Ryder's South Winneshiek youth baseball team met a Charles City team in New Hampton, and Jack lined me up. I told him I'd do it for free, but he would have none of that.

As I put my bag in the car after the doubleheader, my phone rang.

"Hey, I put an envelope in your bag, and I won't take it back," he said. "Do something nice for Josh and Noah."

I got home, unzipped the bag and opened the envelope to find a 100 bucks.

I called Jack immediately and got halfway through my spiel about "that's way too much" when he cut me off.

"We're not arguing about this, Fenske," he said and hung up on me.

That was Jack, though. He was the nicest, most appreciative guy. The fact that he "talked me off the ledge" after another stunning loss by the Vikings or the Twins was just a bonus.

Life isn't fair. We all know that, and we were reminded of that with the jarring news that came last Tuesday, when we lost one of the good guys.



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Members of the Keynote Singers, made up of students in grades 5-6, perform at the Parade of Choirs.

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"They thought it was 'too cliche' for them to sing," she said. "I had to explain that this song is actually difficult to sing because they have to 'hear' in their heads the new key before they even have to sing it to make sure it is in tune because it goes so fast. I also added some choreography to make it even more fun and I think the students appreciated that and the confetti cannons at the end. By the time we got to perform it I think they were having fun."

The goal, though, of Parade of Choirs is the same as any other concert, vocal or instrumental, that New Hampton students present.

"One of our missions as a music department is to create lifelong musicians," Cantu said. "Not that students have to go into music once they graduate, but we want them to be able to come together as friends and family and enjoy listening to music, singing or playing their instrument."

She pointed out that there are many times that people of all ages celebrate life with music — be it at weddings, bonfires, funerals or holidays, "and we don't want anyone to feel like they have to be left out. Everything we do in class scaffolds from fifth grade through 12th grade to try to create those lifelong musicians."

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the song.

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Friday	56	30	--
Saturday	59	29	--
Sunday	61	44	--
Monday	71	45	--
Tuesday	80	64	--

Forecast

Thursday: Windy and colder with chance of rain, especially early in the day; high 51, low 28.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 52 and a low of 36.

Saturday: Partly sunny but showers developing later in the day; high 58, low 44.

Sunday: Showers likely with a high of 59 and low of 51.

Extended forecast: We'll begin the work week with a chance of showers and a high of 64 and a low of 43.

Meetings**MONDAY**

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

• New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

• In 1517, Martin Luther approaches the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, and nails a piece of paper to it containing the 95 revolutionary opinions that would begin the Protestant Reformation.

• In 1864, anxious to have support of the Republican-dominated Nevada Territory for President Abraham Lincoln's reelection, the U.S. Congress quickly admits Nevada as the 36th state in the Union.

• In 1950, 21-year-old Earl Lloyd becomes the first African American to play in an NBA game when he takes the court in the season opener at the Washington Capitol.

• In 1961, five years after Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev denounced Stalinism and the "personality cult" of Soviet rulers at the 20th Party Congress, Joseph Stalin's embalmed body is removed from Lenin's tomb in Moscow's Red Square.

• In 1984, Indira Gandhi, the prime minister of India, is assassinated in New Delhi by two of her own bodyguards.

Birthdays

• English poet John Keats was born in 1795.

• Michael Collins, the command module pilot on Apollo 11, was born in 1930.

• TV actor Michael Landon, who starred on "Bonanza" and "Little House on the Prairie," was born in 1936.

• Canadian actor and comedian John Candy was born in 1950.

• Longtime CBS news anchor Dan Rather turns 93.

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Rebecca Jean Berns, 73

Rebecca Jean Berns, age 73 of Monona, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, surrounded by loved ones at her home.

She was born March 4, 1951, to Eugene Louis and Cecilia Ann (Chipera) Leuenberger at St. Joseph Hospital, New Hampton.

Becky was baptized on March 19, 1951, and confirmed on Sept. 22, 1962, both at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler.

She attended Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Elementary School and graduated from Turkey Valley High School. She went on to attend North Iowa Area Community College and graduated from Winona State College with a bachelor of science degree.

After college, Becky went into the teaching profession. In 1973, Becky was hired as a reading and resource teacher in Cresco, at Howard Winneshiek Community School. Her next job was at Garnavillo Community School.

In 1981, Becky took a break from teaching to raise her own family. When her children were older, Becky started substituting, before resuming teaching full-time again at Postville Community School until her retirement in 2013.

As a youth, Becky was active in 4-H, and as an adult, she was a leader. She was also involved with St. Patrick's Service Society for many years.

While participating in activities at the Elkader Opera House, Becky met her perfect guy. She was united in marriage with Ronald Hubert Berns on June 23, 1979, at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Monona, Iowa. Three children were born to this union, Sarah, John and Mark.

Becky was extremely passionate about her family. She was very supportive of her husband, and all the activities her children were involved in during their growing years. She took great pride in keeping up the family home. She attended many of her children's events and drove them wherever they needed to go.

She was a talented baker who enjoyed preparing and gathering the family together.

Shirley M. Goddard, 79

Shirley M. Goddard, age 79 of Nashua, died Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at the Nora Springs Care Center in Nora Springs.

A private family inurnment will take place.

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

Property Transfers

Thomas F. Marpe, Brenda A. Marpe, Brent D. Hinz and Lisa Hinz to Rodney L. Hinz; PARCEL A NW NE 19-96-14.

TylerSassman to Dawson Michael Schmidt; FREDERICKSBURG NO ADDITION Lot: 3 Block: 9.

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FOR Chickasaw COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF ANDREA M. GATES, Deceased
PROBATE NO. ESPR00 003248
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Andrea M. Gates, Deceased, who died on or about October 2, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on October 22, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of Andrea M. Gates, Deceased, bearing date of June 17, 2009, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Brian Gates was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of

this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated October 22, 2024.

Brian Gates, Executor of Estate
P.O. Box 121
Roland, Iowa 50236

Tori A. Beyer, ICIS#: AT0015570

Attorney for Executor
Dillon Law PC
12 E. Main Street
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**CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY OCTOBER 21, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 21, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Geerts at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Humpal, Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, and Fisher. Also in attendance were Conrad Rosendahl, Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, Bob Fenske, Gary Johnson, Kayla Smith, Kerstin Schwickerath, Matt & Casey Paulus, Jacob Hackman, Gerrit Oltrogge, Kathy O'Conner, Steve & Julie Lang, Lynn Schwickerath, Tony Trower, Don Gitch, Tammi Gitch, Darla Jarchow, Don Mai, Jr., Chad Sweitzer, Joel Knutson, Jay Jurrens, Melissa Scheidel, Jay Matthews, Erin McGee and a NHHS student.

1. Approve meeting agenda
2. Approve City Council Minutes of October 7, 2024.

3. Approve City Claims of \$64,953.82

4. Fire Dept Minutes of October 7, 2024

5. Park & Rec Board Minutes of October 9, 2024

6. Planning & Zoning Appointment: Jeremy Croell

7. Family Halloween Parade on Main Street/Hwy 24

8. Resignation of Chad McGee

9. Supplemental Letter Agreement S.E.H. TRIBE Trail

10. ARPA Summary of Funds as of 10/16/24

11. Finance Reports

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

7:00 PM Public hearing: Urban Renewal Area Designating of the expanded New Hampton Urban Renewal Area

The City Council investigated and found that notice of the intention of the Council to conduct a public hearing on the designation of an expanded urban renewal area and on a proposed urban renewal plan amendment had been published according to law and as directed by the Council and that this is the time and place at which the Council shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City.

Mayor Geerts asked for oral comments. There were none. Mayor Geerts asked for written comments. There were none.

There being no further objections, comments or evidence offered, Mayor Geerts declared the hearing closed.

Moved by Denner, seconded by Speltz; That RESOLUTION No. 6678 Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the New Hampton Urban Renewal Area, be approved. Ayes - Humpal, Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays – None – Absent – None. Resolution approved.

It was moved by Council Member Porath, seconded by Council Member Fisher; That Ordinance No. 898 An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the October, 2024 Addition to the New Hampton Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa, be adopted. Ayes - Humpal, Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays – None. Absent – None.

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and declared that said ordinance had been given its initial consideration.

Moved by Council Member Larsen, seconded by Council Member Humpal; that Resolution #6679 A Resolution Setting a Date of Meeting at which it is Proposed to Approve a Development Agreement with New Hampton Transfer & Storage, Inc., Including Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments, be approved. Ayes - Humpal, Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

The 2016 Dodge Charger was advertised for sale with sealed bids due on Friday, October 18th, 2024 at 4:30 pm. The clerk's office received two bids:

Ringwood Motors, Ringwood, Illinois \$3,000
Gabriel Eagan, North Washington, Iowa \$6,020

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Porath; That RESOLUTION NO. 6680 A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE BID OF GABRIEL EAGAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,020 FOR THE 2016 DODGE CHARGER, be approved.

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

Several members of the community were in attendance to share their thoughts and concerns regarding the discussion of installing sidewalks on West Hamilton Avenue. Resident Melissa Scheidel shared the results of a 'Safe Routes to School' walkability audit. This report

identified opportunities for improving walkability within the city. Other concerns that were shared with the council included: 1) Cost to property owners, 2) Inconsistent enforcement of sidewalk installation/removal, 3) Requesting an analysis of pedestrian and vehicular traffic data, 4) Impact of new sidewalk on existing concrete driveways, 5) Other high traffic areas in the city where a sidewalk is not installed.

City Attorney Todd Prichard called in at 7:36 pm.
Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl informed the residents that he is aware of the traffic & pedestrian issues surrounding both public school and has suggestions to hopefully minimize potential accidents.

Denner made a motion to table the issue for future discussion. Motion died for lack of a second.

Council members Larsen and Humpal both shared their thoughts on the dynamics of the several issues needing to be addressed as well as the financial responsibility the council needs to consider for infrastructure improvements. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Geerts thanked everyone for their input and is planning on organizing a committee of citizens to continue this discussion to find a solution.

Chickasaw County Emergency Services manager, Joel Knutson, requested the city council give consideration to installing a 4 way stop at the intersection of North Water Ave and East Prospect. As a result of the county ambulance service being housed adjoining that particular intersection, he has noticed that traffic speeds and having a clear view of oncoming vehicles are concerns. Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl shared his concern regarding that intersection as well and encouraged the city council to adopt a resolution to add stop signs for the east and west bound traffic. This item will be added to the next City Council agenda.

Chief Rosendahl has prepared a list of suggestions to slow traffic and improve school zone safety. The specific areas of concern are listed below:

Stop Signs added to the following locations:

• Intersection of S. Maple and W. Hamilton, making this a 4 way stop intersection

• Intersection of S. Broadway and W. Hamilton, making this a 4 way stop intersection

• Intersection of S. Walnut and W. Hamilton, making this a 4 way stop intersection

• Intersection of S Chestnut and E.

Hamilton, making this a 4 way stop intersection

Creating and adopting School Zones in the following locations

• West Main Street from N. Linn to S. Maple

• West Spring from S. Broadway to S. Maple

• West Hamilton from S. Linn Ave to S. Maple

• West Main Street from N. Western Ave to Industrial Ave

• West Hamilton from S. Sheakley to high school parking lot

• N. Broadway from W. Hale to W. Court

• N. Maple from W. Hale to W. Court

• W. Hale from N. Broadway to N. Maple

Also discussed were traffic concerns on East Milwaukee Avenue and the intersection of North Water Avenue and East Washington. Mayor Geerts will add these concerns to the agenda for the sidewalk committee.

Chickasaw County has begun the process of creating an urban renewal area. Since some of the urban renewal area is inside the 2-Mile zone for the City of New Hampton, they need City Council approval to continue with the URA project. Moved by Larsen, seconded by Denner; that Resolution #6681 RESOLUTION APPROVING JOINT AGREEMENT WITH CHICKASAW COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A URBAN RENEWAL AREA, be approved. Ayes - Humpal, Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Fisher. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution approved.

PWD Mai has been asked to consider repairing the steps in the Mikkelson Parking lot on South Locust Avenue. The parking lot is scheduled for complete replacement and Mai does not want to make repairs only to have the pay to have the steps replaced a second time. No action was taken.

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Porath; that the meeting adjourn at 9:10 pm. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.

**ATTEST: KAREN CLEMENS,
City Clerk
STEVE GEERTS, Mayor**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024**

7:00 PM

**CITY - WRITTEN SINCE
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

Iowa Department of Revenue, Sales Tax (Water Sewer) 4,582.85

Windstream, Phone Service (Water Sewer) 282.94

USPS, Postage for Utility Bills (WA SR) 11,098.47

IA Water Environment Assoc, Wastewater Annual Conference 10/30/24 (Sewer) 120.00

TOTAL WRITTEN 5,186.15

CITY - TO BE WRITTEN

Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas (PD WA Clerk Cust ST Fire SR) 1,008.48

Corell Inc, Water Main Repair N Linn (Water) 3,150.75

Geerts Plumbing & Heating, 12" Copper Pipe (Water) 113.28

Hopkins & Huebner PC, Research File for Audit Information (Clerk) 75.00

INRCOG, September USDA Housing Program Expenses 863.71

Insurance Strategies Consulting, 509A Study for plan year ending 9/30/24..

..... 520.00

Iowa One Call, One Calls (Water Sewer) 50.40

LeisureTime Golf Cars, UPS Shipping (Water) 15.99

MacQueen, Hose, Cairns, Gloves, Boots, Patch (Fire) 5,768.12

Microbac, Testing Fees (Water) 2,201.00

MiEnergy, Electric Service (Sewer) 64.95

Municipal Supply, 3/4" Water Meters & Touchpads (Water) 1,341.50

New Hampton, City of, Utilities (Clerk PD ST Fire Carnegie WA SR) 14,619.57

NEIA Community Action, FY 24/25 Annual Contribution 3,494.00

Petty Cash, Recording Fee for Carey's Deed (Clerk) Postage (Police) 57.80

Rapini Printers, Fire Prevention Coloring Contest (Fire) 185.85

Sandy Fire Supply, Fire Hose, Helmets, Coats (Fire) 14,343.14

Speicher Excavating Inc, Rip Rap on South Maple & Foley (Street) 10,762.50

US Cellular, Phone & Data Charges (Street SR Fire WA Zoning Police) 479.49

Utility Equipment Co, Repair Clamp (Water) 192.86

Visa, Gsuite Fee, Headlight Bulb (PD) 1,619.57

Zoom Fee (Clerk) Microsoft Fee, Ink Cartridges (WA) Wireless Mouse (Econ) Ink Cartridges (Zoning) Fall Conference (Sewer) 459.28

Total to be Written 59,767.67

Plus City Written 5,186.15

TOTAL TO BE APPROVED 64,953.82

**PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

EFTPS, FICA & Federal Tax 10,623.47

Empower Retirement, Deferred Comp 475.00

..... 11,098.47

AIRPORT - TO BE WRITTEN

MidEnergy, Electric Service 94.64

CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN

New Hampton, City of, Utilities .. 79.73

PARK & REC - TO BE WRITTEN

New Hampton, City of, Utilities 912.32

US Cellular, Cell Phone Service .. 63.26

Vista, Tumbling Facebook Ad, Goal-keeper Gloves, Footballs 204.76

LIBRARY - TO BE WRITTEN

New Hampton, City of, Utilities .. 99.29

Visa, Microsoft Fees, Books, Batteries, Plates, Cups, Misc, Mobile Phone, Pizza .. 1,039.07

**PARK & REC- WRITTEN SINCE
OCTOBER 7, 2024**

Petty Cash, Soccer Fundraiser Prizes .. 500.00

Black Hills Energy, Utilities 592.59

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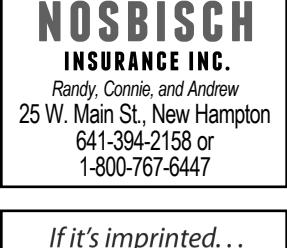
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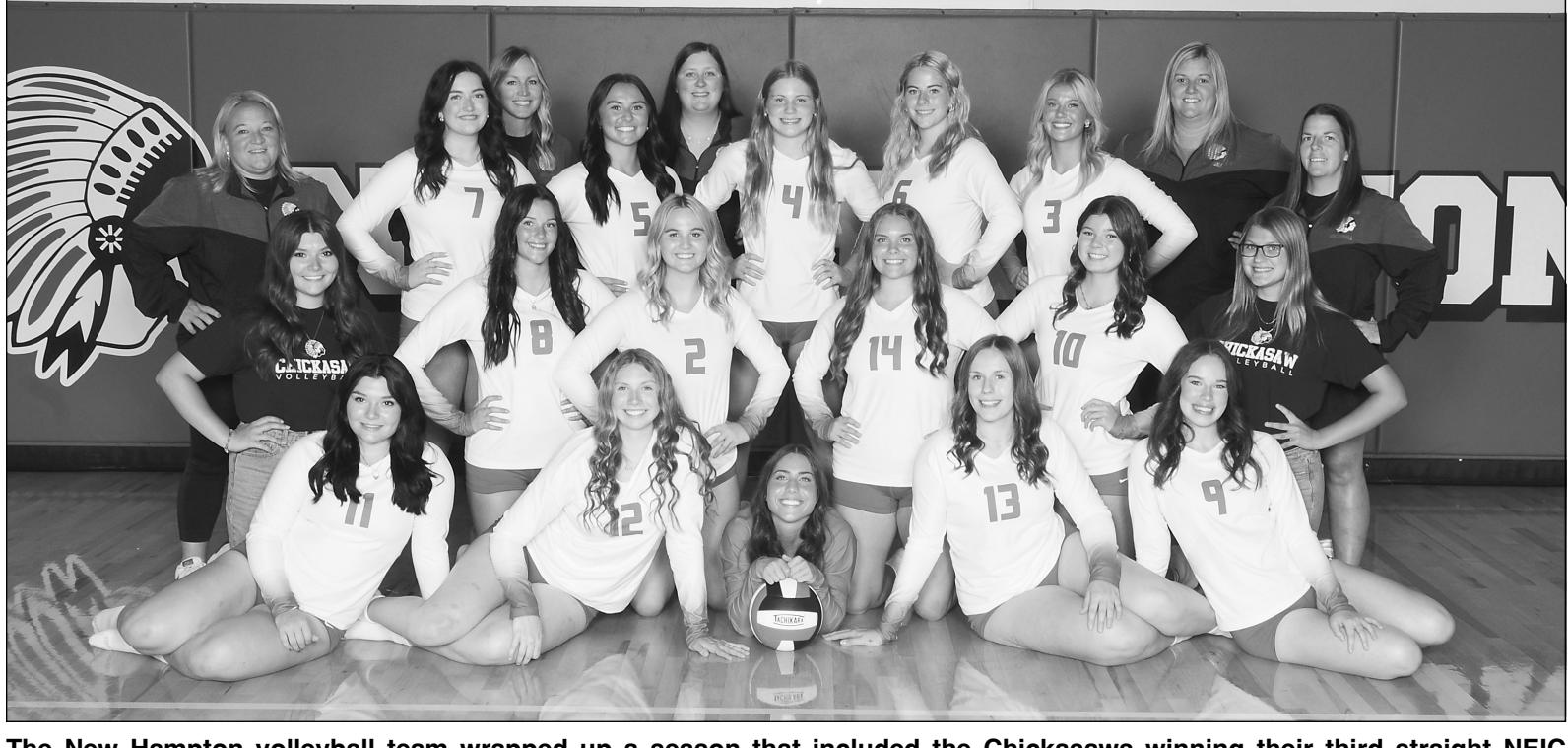
Bidding starts | Monday, November 4, 2024 at 8:00 AM

Bidding closes | Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at close of live event

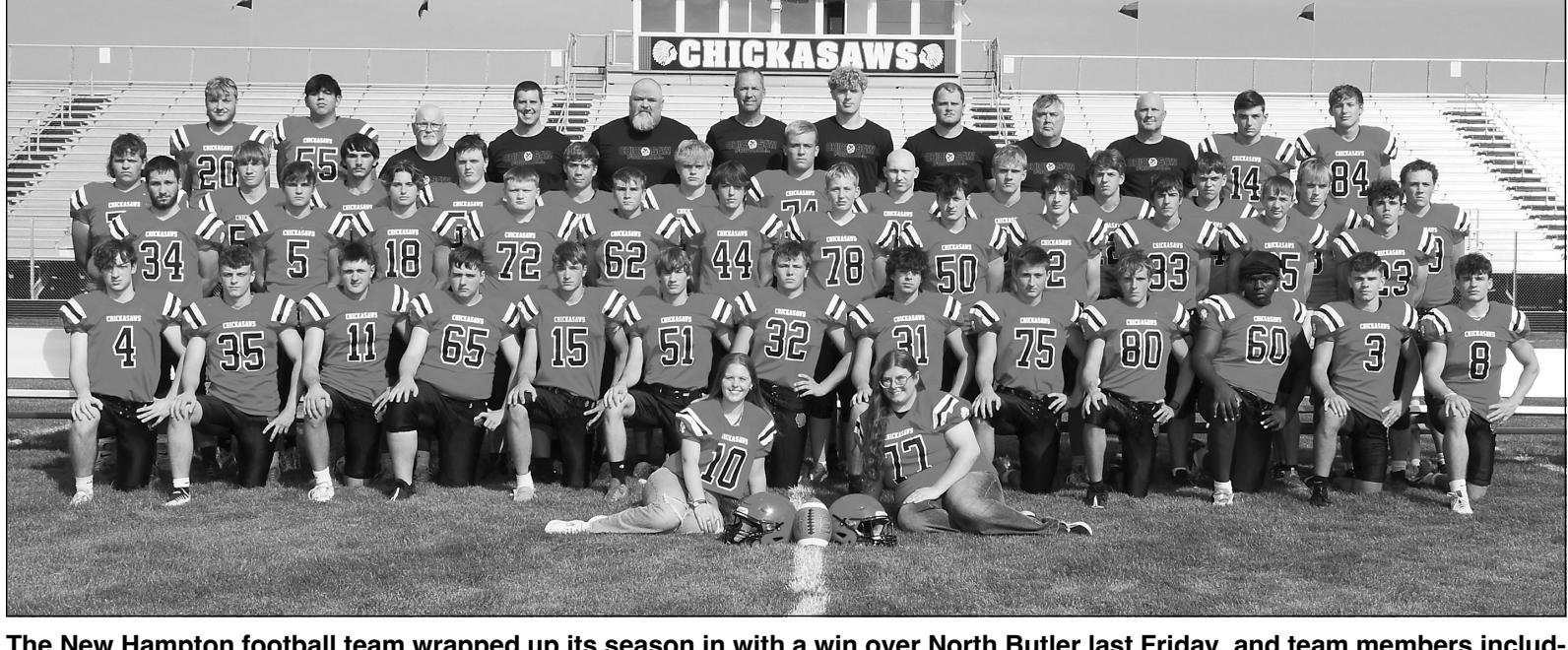


The Chickasaw boys and girls of fall!

Thanks for representing New Hampton so well this fall on the court, course and gridiron



The New Hampton volleyball team wrapped up a season that included the Chickasaws winning their third straight NEIC tournament title, and members of the team include (front row, from left) Allie Johnson, Braelyn Rosonke, Taylor Ries, Aleah Eichenberger, Olivia Hoy (second row) manager Kaylee Johnson, Maici Weber, Josie Speltz, Jackie Pickar, Sydney Laures, manager Maycen Hackman, (third row) coach Krissy Anderson, Ava Shoemaker, Madison Shawver, Aleigha Cahoy, Chloe Weigel, Camryn Smith, coach Cassie Hackman, (back row) coaches Laura Schwickerath, Kerigan Holthaus and Jess Geerts.



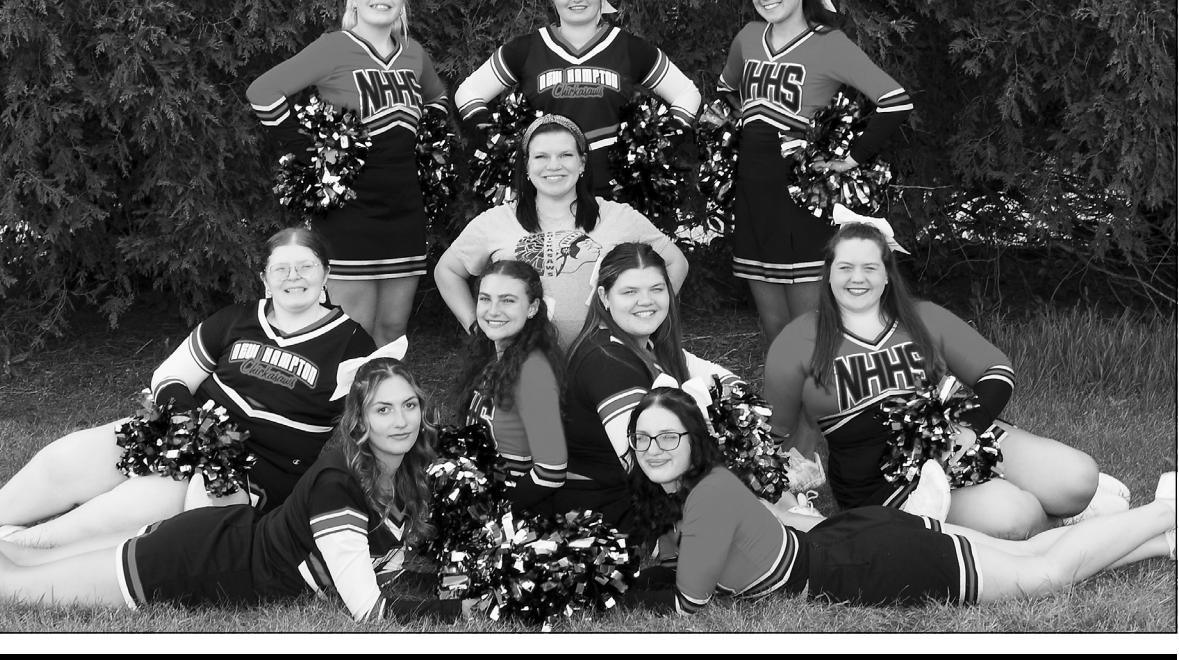
The New Hampton football team wrapped up its season in with a win over North Butler last Friday, and team members included (front row, from left) managers Karla Pickar and Hayden Hackman, (second row) Kinnick Wisner, Bryar Usher, Adam Ewert, Spencer Sittig, Jaylen Shekleton, Tristin Willadsen, Emmett Kuehner, Cade Carpenter, Dylan Maloy, Braden Manson, Roy Barron, Tate Schwickerath, Beau Serie, (third row) Jayden Bucknell, Jay Pickar, Bryce Flugum, Kyson Kielman, Nolan Swehla, Dakota Martzahn, Troy Federspiel, Caleb Rochford, Cargin Robinson, Ben Douglas, Ashton Pitz, Weston Praska, (fourth row) Chase Gebel, Ryan Willadsen, Logan Thiele, Griffin Wenzlaff, Caleb Utley, Peyton Erlandson, Jacob McDonald, Dylan Schmitt, Lohen Tank, Caden Rochford, Jaxon Kuehn, Reid Rausch, Jackson Kellogg, (back row) Kale Venem, Issac Vidales, coaches Terry Sittig, Coy Weigmann, Tyler Boos, Chad Pemble, Drake Wemark, Jordan Rommes, Dennis Pagel and Eric Olson and Jaxon Porath and Chase Humpal.



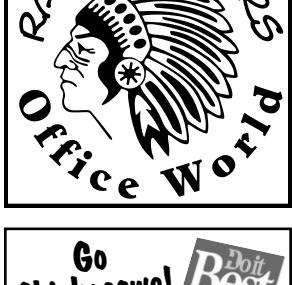
The New Hampton cross country team still has one runner competing as Sophie Glaser runs at the Class 2A state meet this Saturday in Fort Dodge while her teammates completed their seasons at the state qualifier in Oelwein last week. Team members included (front row, from left) McKenzie Herzberg, Rebecca Wickman, Lauren Nuss, Zoey Dreckman, Tegan Dungey, Juanita Cardona (second row) manager Andi Gebel, Karley Wickman, Cassidy Meyerhoff, Addison Neville, Harper Humpal, Sophie Glaser, Adrianna Kinley, Zoey Kellogg, Josi Singewald, manager Ainslea Pint, (back row) Colin Shatek, Kamdyn Trower, Xander Meyerhoff, Easton Monteith, coach Jamie Ohrt, Jarrin Robinson, Calyb Zeien, Connor Stumme and Eduardo Barrios.

Cheering on the Chickasaws this fall were the members of the New Hampton competitive cheerleading squad that included (front row, from left) Aurora Paladini, Miale Schmitz, (middle row) Adeline Hackman, Harper Paulsen, coach Kyra Lewis, Alexis Rethamel, Marjorie Reicks, (back row) Cassidy Meyerhoff, Claire Shackleton Annarose Pauley.

New Hampton
fall sports team
photos courtesy
of Troy Bass Photography



Best of luck to the Chickasaws' Sophie Glaser at the state cross country this meet Saturday!



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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF STACIE JEAN VEGA AND ORLANDO ELIEZER VEGA UPON THE PETITION OF STACIE JEAN VEGA, Petitioner, AND CONCERNING ORLANDO ELIEZER VEGA, Respondent.

CASE NO. CDDMM001387

ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are notified there is a petition now on file in the office of the clerk of the above court, a Petition in the above-entities action which pray for the dissolution of marriage The Petitioner's attorney is Todd P. Prichard at Walk, Prichard, Baresel, Murphy and Rourick, PC, whose address is 1300 Grove Street, P.O. Box 454, Charles City, Iowa 50616. The Plaintiff's attorney's phone number is (641) 228-4500, with a facsimile transmission number of (641) 228-3143.

You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You must serve a motion or answer on or before Novem-

ber 20, 2024, and within reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Chickasaw County, at the courthouse in New Hampton, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

If assistance of auxiliary aids or services is required to participate in court due to a disability such as hearing impairment, call the Americans with Disabilities Coordinator at 319-398-3920. If you are in need of dual party telephone relay services, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.

IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

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of our students after they graduate and at times while they are in school. Director Denner moved to approve the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Plan. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Superintendent Jurrens and Board Secretary Roethler present.

Director Denner moved to approve the agenda except for moving item #7 between items #3 & #4. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the consent agenda. Approve minutes of the September 16, 2024, regular session. Approve the September monthly financial report and the October 2024 bill listing. Approve personal recommendations: Terry Sittig (High School Para), Ryan Anderson, Caleb Flugum, Cael Krueger, Tyler Boos and Peyton Anderson (volunteer wrestling coaches), Logan Peterman (volunteer boys basketball coach). All positions are pending suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the second reading of Board Policies 802.4 Capital Assets Management System. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the first reading of Board policy 105 Long-Range Needs Assessment. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the first reading of Board Policy 503.8 Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the first reading of Board Policies 104, 104.R1 – Anti-Bullying/Harassment Policy and 104.E1, 104.E2, 104.E3 – Complaint Form. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the first reading of Board Policy 105 Long-Range Needs Assessment. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from Activity Tickets to General Athletics along with \$6,000 from Student Senate Vending (Concession Stand) to General Athletics. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to adjourn at 6:48pm. Director Denner seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath, Matthews and Denner. Nays: none.

Monthly Bills October 2024

General Fund (10)

Vendor Name Amount

AFLAC 90.27

Ag Vantage FS 2,918.26

Amazon Capital Services 5,626.94

American Printing House for the Blind 158.66

AP Examinations 752.00

Auto Value Parts Stores 143.02

Blackhawk Automatic Sprinkler 250.00

Bohr, Raquel 57.00

Bowlaway Lanes 600.00

Charles City Theatre 176.00

Chickasaw Wellness Complex 300.00

City Laundering Co. 1,397.49

City of New Hampton 20,282.64

Control Installations of Iowa 85.15

Counseling & Family Centered Services, Inc. 10,530.00

Demaray, Cheri 64.78

Distributed Website Corporation 447.50

Dollar General Charged Sales 47.50

Doors Inc. 130.00

Fareway 1,546.55

Five Star Cooperative 3,798.81

Follett Content Solutions, LLC 507.53

Fritcher, Katie 465.50

Geerts Plumbing & Heating 545.39

Geerts, Norbert 100.00

Home Invasion Pest Control 70.00

iCEV 2,340.75

IITEA 95.00

Interstate All Battery Center 125.40

Iowa Department of Education 1,300.00

Iowa Department of Human Services 11,985.92

Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation 500.00

Iowa Talented and Gifted Association 375.00

J.W. Pepper & Son Inc. 57.98

Jendro Sanitation Services Inc. 1,555.96

John Deere Financial 58.37

JourneyEd.com.Inc 1,067.00

Junior Library Guild 2,077.81

Knutson, Theresa 37.25

Kwik Star 955.96

L & R Manufacturing, LLC 850.70

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musical productions were astounding. She is a powerful mix of enormous talent and extreme grit.

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She is focused on her mission to write and support laws that improve the standard of living for each and every one of her people, whether they identify as red, blue, or purple. Her particular cause is to reverse the AEA bill, holding private schools accountable and making school vouch-

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SALE

The contents of Storage Unit #11

Located at: C Storage

625 S Linn Ave

New Hampton, IA 50659

And rented in the name of: Matt Har-

vey

Will be sold at public auction sale on

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at

12:00PM

Contents of said unit consist in part of:

Personal, Household, and Misc Items

MINIMUM BILL WILL HAVE TO BE

\$250 per unit.

If the tenant of the above storage unit

pays rent due before the auction, the sale

will be canceled without notice.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF MEETING FOR APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH New Hampton Transfer & Storage, INC. AND AUTHORIZATION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATION TAX INCREMENT PAYMENTS

The City Council of the City of New Hampton, Iowa, will meet at the Council Chambers on November 18, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place proceedings will be instituted and action taken to approve a Development Agreement between the City and New Hampton Transfer & Storage, Inc. (the "Company"), in connection with the construction by the Company of a new warehouse building for use in its business operations in the New Hampton Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), which Agreement provides for certain financial incentives in the form of incremental property tax payments (the "Payments") to the Company in a total amount not exceeding \$379,000.00 authorized by Section 403.9 of the Code of Iowa.

The commitment of the City to make the Payments to the Company under the Development Agreement will not be a general obligation of the City, but such Payments will be payable solely and only from incremental property tax revenues generated within the New Hampton Urban Renewal Area. Some or all of the Payments under the Development Agreement may be made subject to annual appropriation by the City Council.

The meeting of the City Council will receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City. Thereafter, the Council may, at the meeting or at an adjournment thereof, take additional action to approve the Development Agreement or may abandon the proposal.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of New Hampton, Iowa, in accordance with Section 403.9 of the Code of Iowa.

Karen Clemens City Clerk

No. 24362

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD F. BLOCKER, Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR003247

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

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Donald F. Blocker, Deceased, who died on or about October 11, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of October, 2024, the last will and testament of Donald F. Blocker deceased, bearing the date of the 14th day of September, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Martin Blocker was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of New Hampton, Iowa, in accordance with Section 403.9 of the Code of Iowa.

Karen Clemens City Clerk

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY J. WAD, Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR003246

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

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Jeffrey J. Wad, Deceased, who died on or about October 9, 2024.

You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of October, 2024, the last will and testament of Jeffrey J. Wad, deceased, bearing the date of the 21st day of November, 2008, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Robert Whalen and Kathy Auchstetter were appointed executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

This notice is given by order of the City Council of New Hampton, Iowa, in accordance with Section 403.9 of the Code of Iowa.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2024.

Martin Blocker Executor of estate

P.O. Box 161 Henderson, NE 68371

Christopher F. O'Donohoe ELWOOD, O'DONOHOE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP

Attorney for executor

101 North Locust Avenue,

P.O. Box 310 New Hampton, Iowa 50659

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

New Hampton offensive lineman Jacob McDonald blocks on a Chickasaw running play during Friday night's win over North Butler.

Chickasaws end season of growth with win

NH FOOTBALL: FROM 13

... Football's different than a lot of sports where you can pick up something later. This was it for us, and we wanted to make the most of it."

And despite a slow start, New Hampton did just that to snap a three-game losing streak and close out the season with a 2-7 record.

The Chickasaws took an early lead when Adam Ewert picked off a North Butler pass and raced 60 yards to the end zone, but North Butler answered with its best drive of the night, capping it with a Pryor Wiedkerkehr 7-yard touchdown run and after a successful two-point conversion pass, the Bearcats had an 8-7 lead late in the first quarter.

That was the high water mark for the Bearcats, for New Hampton owned the second quarter.

A 69-yard Reid Rausch-to-Ewert pass set up Rausch's quarterback sneak for a touchdown 32 seconds into the period, and then New Hampton used an eight-second flurry at the end of the half to take command of the game.

Rausch found Jay Pickar for a 2-yard scoring pass to give New Hampton a 21-8 lead with eight ticks on the clock, and then North Butler fumbled a reverse handoff on the ensuing kickoff — giving New Hampton time for one play.

The Chickasaws cashed in when Rausch, who finished the night 13-for-17 for 207 yards, found Tate Schwickerath for a 21-yard touchdown pass to give New Hampton a 28-7 halftime advantage.

"We wanted to finish that drive off and not leave them any time," New Hampton coach Chad Pemble said, "and then we get the kickoff fumble — actually, it should have been a touchdown [on the return] — but the kids took advantage of that. Reid made a nice throw, and the kids said it got tipped but Tate stayed with it. We definitely got going in that quarter."

New Hampton's would add a third quarter touchdown from Beau Serie, who went over the 1,000-yard mark as he gained 122 yards on 22 carries. The senior finished the season with 1,120 yards.

While Serie led the ground game, Ewert had another big receiving game — catching six passes for 148 yards.

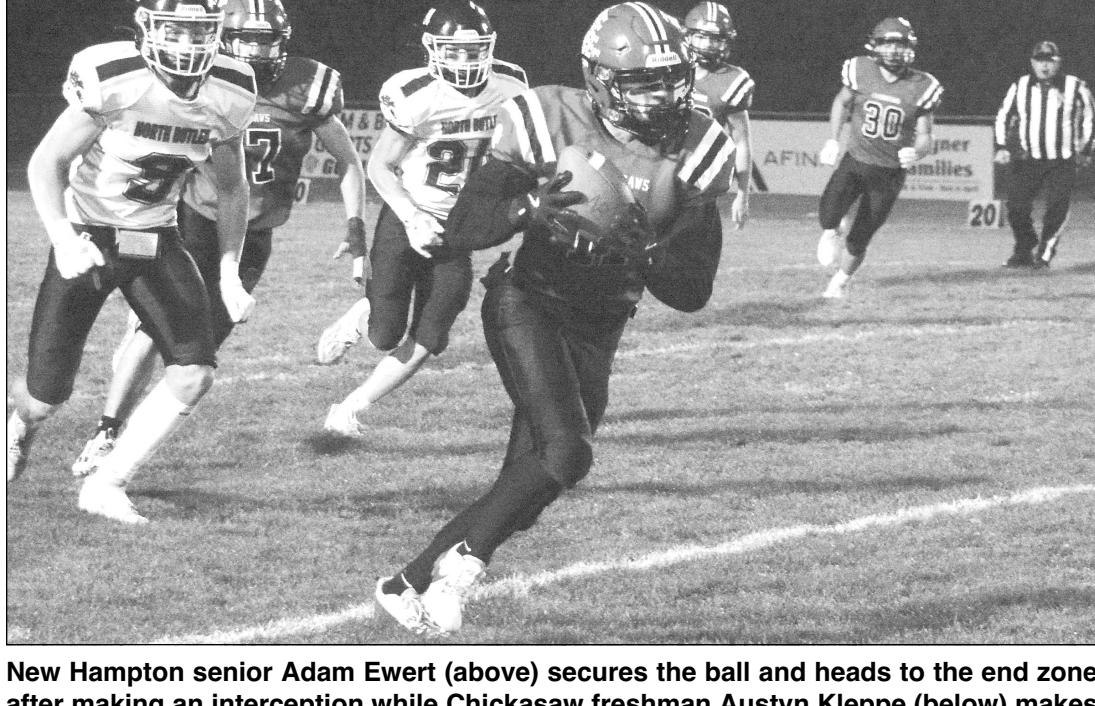
But as good as the offense was, this was a night for the defense as the Chickasaws held North Butler to just 120 total yards.

Senior Ryan Willadsen led what was a balanced defense with six tackles while Kale Venem, Serie and freshman Austyn Kleppe had five apiece and Jackson Kellogg added 4.5.

"It was definitely our best game," said Thiele, who finished with 3.5 tackles. "I just thought we got better and better, and honestly, we didn't want it to end."

Usher, who missed much of the Waukon game after injuring his ankle, returned and had a quick response when asked about playing against North Butler.

"We taped it up really good,



New Hampton senior Adam Ewert (above) secures the ball and heads to the end zone after making an interception while Chickasaw freshman Austyn Kleppe (below) makes a tackle during Friday's game.

and there was no way I wanted to miss out," he said. "Once I got moving, it didn't hurt that bad."

As for Saturday morning?

"Yeah, I was hobbling around quite a bit," he said with a laugh, "but it was worth it."

New Hampton also played its most opportunistic game of the season. Ewert's interception was the first of three turnovers forced by the Chickasaws as Willadsen recovered the fumble on the late first half kickoff and Pickar made an acrobatic interception in the second half.

Their coach was certainly impressed, especially in light of how many Chickasaws were in street clothes on the sidelines, but then again, all season long, Pemble has talked about his team's resiliency.

"In every way, the amount of growth we had is just amazing," he said. "We had three, maybe four kids, who had played varsity football this year, and even though we had a meat grinder of a schedule, these kids got better every week."

And before he signed off on his first season as New Hampton's head coach, Pemble lauded a senior class that he said provided the leadership needed for a team that entered the season so woefully short on experience.

"They're great kids, and they showed up every week and not just for games, either," he said. "They came to practice, they worked hard and they gave us great effort. They deserve a lot of credit, and I'm so glad they could go out like this."

NEW HAMPTON 35, NORTH BUTLER 8

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FIRST QUARTER

NH - Adam Ewert 60 interception return (Jay Pickar kick), 5:56.

NB - Pryor Wiedkerkehr 7 run (Jackson Miller pass from Jay Thorne), 0:18.

SECOND QUARTER

NH - Reid Rausch 1 run (Pickar kick), 11:28.

NH - Pickar 2 pass from Rausch (Pickar kick), 0:08.

NH - Schwickerath 21 pass from Rausch (Pickar kick), 0:00.

THIRD QUARTER

NH - Beau Serie 12 run (Pickar kick), 6:41.

TEAM STATS

NB NH

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Chickasaws' district has big night in first round of playoffs

Class 2A, District 3 certainly silenced the doubters during the first round of the state playoffs this past Friday as the district opened the postseason with a 3-1 mark.

District champion North Fayette Valley routed Monticello 42-14, runner-up Osage rolled to a 53-13 win over Jesup and the district's third-place team, Crestwood, scored late to beat Roland-Story 27-23.

The only loss District 3 suffered came when 8-1 Anamosa rallied from a 40-18 deficit to beat Waukon 46-40.

Osage will head to Spirit Lake this Friday while Crestwood heads to North Fayette Valley in the "round of 16."

Three other New Hampton opponents will also be in play-off action this week as Clear Lake plays Humboldt in the first round of the Class 3A playoffs, MFL MarMac travels to Wilton in the second round of 1A and Decorah, a team the Chickasaws scrimmaged back in August, puts its undefeated record on the line in a first-round 4A matchup with Newton.

NEW HAMPTON STATS

Rushing - Beau Serie 22-122, Reid Rausch 4-1, Kale Venem 2-1, Bryar Usher 1-(3), Jay Pickar 3-(11).

Passing - Rausch 13-17-0 - 207.

Receiving - Adam Ewert 6-148, Serie 3-30, Tate Schwickerath 2-21, Caden Rochford 1-6, Pickar 1-2.

Tackles - Ryan Willadsen 6, Venem 5, Austyn Kleppe 5, Serie 5, Jackson Kellogg 4.5, Tristin Willadsen 1.

Kickoffs - Pickar 4-43.0.

Punts - Venem 4-34.8.

Kickoff returns - Ewert 2-7.0.

Point returns - Ewert 2-2.0.

Trojans play their best match of season in regional win over N-P

BY KELLY TERPSTRA

sports@nhtribune.com

The Turkey Valley Trojans had a block party in Nashua last Wednesday.

No, there wasn't the smell of burgers and brats being grilled over an open flame or music booming from a stereo, but TV definitely made its presence known around the neighborhood.

You know, if neighborhoods were volleyball courts with nets and hundreds of fans rooting for their respective teams.

The Trojan volleyball squad played their best match of the year in a convincing 25-20, 25-23 and 25-19 sweep at Nashua-Plainfield in last week Wednesday's Class 1A, Region 3 quarterfinal round.

The productive outcome — which saw TV's front row frustrate the Husky hitters near the net with 12 team blocks — helped Ashley Walz's Upper Iowa Conference squad move on to the semifinal round where it took on No. 2 St. Ansgar (25-6) on Monday.

"Our blocking was the biggest thing for the night," said Walz. "We knew coming into the game from the previous tournament that we could block their middle and shut their middle down and force them to be in the tipping game. We worked really hard on tip coverage this week in practice even though it was one day in between."

TV advanced to the quarters with a sweep over Kee High last week Monday.

TV brought the energy out on the hardwood and flourished as the Trojan crowd was loud and boisterous enough on Wednesday to make this postseason matchup akin to a "home game" on the Huskies' hardwood.

"I definitely will give kudos to our fans for traveling. I know it's not too far, but they were having a blast," said Walz. "We couldn't ask for anything better."

Those loud roars from a large Trojan student section and fan base sure did help out on this night in the elimination contest. It almost made it seem like the Trojan student was a "seventh player" out on the court.

"Our energy was there the entire time," said TV sophomore middle Ella Ives.

Ives — who joined the varsity roster midseason — has had a tremendous impact for the Trojans up front. Her size — she's listed at six feet tall — was an issue for the slower moving Husky front row. She came up with four blocks, as did 5-9 senior middle Delaney Busta.

"She's a very coachable kid. She's always willing to learn and wanting to know," said Walz about Ives. "She reads the court really well, especially when she's going up on her block. One thing I always tell her is follow the ball with your block."

This regional clash was a rematch from early October when the Trojans (18-14) tangled with the Huskies (10-15) for the first time this season at the Oelwein Invite. That was a match N-P won 14-21, 21-18 and 15-12.

"We've only improved since then," said Walz.

Indeed the Trojans have as they seemed to be firing on all cylinders as a 6-0 run gave TV a 21-14 lead after an Ives block.

"As a libero it's so fun to see my front row get blocks," said Trojan senior Morgan Vsetecka. "It's the biggest hype thing I think."

Serving - Reicks 8-9, Steinlage 22-22, Schuchhardt 8-10, Elsbernd 10-11, Lukes 14-14, Vsetecka 7-9.

Aces - Lukes 3, Steinlage 2, Schuchhardt 2, Elsbernd 2, Reicks 1, Lukes 1, Vsetecka 1.

Blocks - Ives 2, Busta 2, Steinlage 1.

Assists - Steinlage 28, Vsetecka 4.

Digs - Vsetecka 16, Lukes 11, Reicks 9, Steinlage 9, Elsbernd 8, Schuchhardt 7, Bodensteiner 5, Addison Steinlage 5.

Steinlage's distribution of her passes was also key as she tallied 28 assists and was 16-17 serving. That miss in her service game was only the third service error this fall as she's 352-355 — good for the second-best clip in the entire state, regardless of class.

Steinlage served out the game-two win — which was the most competitive set of the evening — with one of those two aces.

TV trailed 8-4 in the final set but didn't back down and rose to the occasion to erase any thought of the Huskies extending the match past the required three games.

"If we were down, we didn't give up," said Busta, a left-hander that plays much larger than her listed 5-9 frame.

Schuchhardt, along with junior Annika Bodensteiner and senior Kinsey Reicks, were active all night and kept applying the pressure up front. N-P had no answer for the trio's steady play near the net. Schuchhardt led TV with 11 kills, while Bodensteiner and Reicks each tallied six kills apiece.

"Our hitters were just getting up and hitting the ball straight down," said Walz. "It's the same thing we kind of saw on Monday night. We just kind of used that energy on Monday night's games and brought 'em to tonight."

Longtime Trojan coach Tammy Vrzak — who is co-head coach along with Walz — praised her team for the clutch performance in crunch time.

"We definitely played the best game of the season so far. The girls had it all: hitting, blocking, digging, and serving. They were in-sync," said Vrzak.

TURKEY VALLEY 3, KEE HIGH 0

Kee High 16 7 9

Turkey Valley 25 25 25

Kills - Kinsey Reicks 14, Layni Schuchhardt 11, Annika Bodensteiner 8, Delaney Busta 7, Ella Ives 5, Addison Steinlage 5.

Assists - Steinlage 37, Morgan Vsetecka 5, Schuchhardt 2, Alex Elsbernd 1.

Digs - Vsetecka 10, Steinlage 6,

Reicks 3, Ives 3, Jenna Thronson 2, Karsten Lukes 1.

Blocks - Ives 2, Busta 2, Steinlage 1.

1. Serving - Reicks 8-9, Steinlage 22-22, Schuchhardt 8-10, Elsbernd 10-11, Lukes 14-14, Vsetecka 7-9.

Aces - Lukes 3, Steinlage 2, Schuchhardt 2, Elsbernd 2, Reicks 1, Lukes 1, Vsetecka 1.

Blocks - Busta 4, Ives 4, Reicks 1, Steinlage 1, Schuchhardt 1, Bodensteiner 1.

Serving - Reicks 12-13, Steinlage 16-17, Schuchhardt 14-14, Elsbernd 5-6, Lukes 10-10, Vsetecka 13-14.

Aces - Steinlage 2, Schuchhardt 2, Lukes 1, Vsetecka 1.

Assists - Steinlage 28, Vsetecka 4.

Digs - Vsetecka 16, Lukes 11,

Reicks 9, Steinlage 9, Elsbernd 8,

Schuchhardt 7, Bodensteiner 5, Steinlage 4.

Steinlage - Beau Serie 22-122, Reid Rausch 4-1, Kale Venem 2-1, Bryar Usher 1-(3), Jay Pickar 3-(11).

Passing - Rausch 13-17-0 - 207.

Receiving - Adam Ewert 6-148, Serie 3-30, Tate Schwickerath 2-21, Caden Rochford 1-6, Pickar 1-2.

Tackles - Ryan Willadsen 6, Venem 5, Austyn Kleppe 5, Serie 5, Jackson Kellogg 4.5, Tristin Willadsen 1.

Tackles for loss - Venem 1, R. Willadsen 1, Kellogg 1.

Sacks - Venem 1.

Fumble recoveries - Pickar 1-0.

Interceptions - Ewert 1-6

Trojans run well but see season end at qualifier

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The fearsome foursome that run for the Turkey Valley Trojan cross country team put the finishing touches on their fall campaign by competing in last Thursday's state qualifier at North Linn.

While no Trojan advanced to this weekend's state meet at Fort Dodge, it was still a productive year for Turkey Valley coach Sarah Bakula and her small Class 1A squad.

"I thought we ran well. It's not the easiest course. There were a few hills in there," said Bakula about running for the

first time on the North Linn High School course, which is located by the unincorporated community of Troy Mills.

The course at North Linn was run in a loop three times.

"At least one corner was fairly tight. They're kind of running sideways on a hill for a part of it," the TV coach added.

The Trojans' top finisher was sophomore Bella Stika, who placed 15th overall in a time of 21:47.2.

"Obviously, Bella's been dealing with some injuries here and there. She still wasn't 100 percent," said Bakula.

Bakula thought Stika's performance was about what she

expected, considering she's been running with hip flexor and hamstring issues.

"They go hand in hand," said Bakula.

Trojan sophomore Hazel Nieman crossed the finish line in 20th place with a clip of 22:03, which was just off her career personal best of 21:56. That all-time fastest clip for Nieman was achieved the week prior at the UIC meet in Elkader.

"Hazel finished where she's been running the last few weeks," said Bakula.

Madalyn Vsetecka, a freshman, produced a career-best run of 24:59.1, which resulted

in a 46th-place showing out of 77 runners on the girls side.

Bakula said each of her three girls runners has made strides out on the course in 2024.

"They got in the weight room this year," said Bakula. "They actually ran summer miles this year so they also had that base a little bit. They're working on building that."

TV's lone boys runner — sophomore Avery Franzen — finished in 89th place out of 100 entrants with a time of 22:34.7.

"He kind of missed the beginning of the season," said Bakula. "It was still great to have him back out. He handled it really well."



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Chickasaw seniors finish careers at 1A state qualifying meet

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The state qualifier last winter in wrestling was visibly distraught and emotional as it sank in that her senior teammates — all five of them — would not be donning the Chickasaw uniform anymore after this end-of-the-road run.

That thought also made Glaser feel fortunate and proud to be a part of those seniors' running career.

"I'm really lucky to have a team that supports me as much as they do," said Glaser. "I couldn't be there without them because if you don't have anybody to push you at practice then it's hard to do well."

Glaser will make a return trip to Fort Dodge this Saturday at the state meet when the 2A girls race kicks off at 2 p.m. She placed 58th a year ago.

But the here and now was all that mattered to Glaser on Thursday as she let the inevitable sink in that there's always a stopping point, even when you give it your all like her fellow Chickasaws did.

"I am really going to miss these girls and guys that are graduating. I have just gotten really close with some of them and they've really helped me just show what a true leader is — just pushing those limits and finding what works for you," said Glaser.

As far as how the race went for Glaser, while she was satisfied about the result — she didn't exactly feel the best before the start of the race.

"I was really tired. I was just really stiff," said Glaser. "I just tried to go as hard as I could the last stretch."

New Hampton sported five seniors this fall that ran at the qualifier. Those were Calyb Zeien, Xander Meyerhoff, Zoey Dreckman, Lauren Nuss and Natalie Nobsisch.

"Wow. What a legacy they've left. It may be not the times that they've always wanted or the places they've wanted, but just the motivation, the leadership, the drive, the grit — everything," said New Hampton coach Jamie Ohrt.

Nobsisch was the last finisher on the girls side for the Chickasaws as she finished 82nd in 26:34. It was still a good career for Nobsisch as she placed 35th at state as a freshman and was a key member of the eighth-place team at state in 2022 as a sophomore.

"She always tried to keep things light and positive. I appreciate that about her," said Ohrt. "She always added a new dynamic of fun."

New Hampton sophomore Connor Stumme was the Chickasaws' top finisher on the boys side with an 18:51 showing, good for 33rd place.

Zeien ran to a 44th-place finish in 19:28 and junior Colin Shatek was 52nd (19:49). Right behind Shatek was Meyerhoff in 53rd place with a time of 19:57.

Meyerhoff toughed it out as he reaggravated an existing knee condition about a mile into the race.

"He has had knee issues for awhile, but he didn't want to miss any meet of his senior year. Not only is he stubborn, he's probably one of the most dedicated runners I've ever had the privilege of coaching," said Ohrt.

Easton Monteith, a junior, wound up in 64th place in 20:24. Kamdyn Trower, a



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton cross country runners Lauren Nuss and Colin Shatek compete at the 2A state qualifying meet held in Oelwein last week.

freshman, was 75th overall in 21:35.

Nuss ran the course to a tune of 23:00 to cross the tape in 36th place. Nuss was the team manager last year, but decided to go out for the squad midway through her junior year.

"She's the best damn golfer/runner I've ever met," said Ohrt.

Juanita Cardona, a junior, ran a 23:42, which was 50th. Dreckman came up with a 23:45 (53rd) and junior Ella Knutson was 66th overall in 24:29. Freshman Addison Neville ran a 24:39 for the Chickasaws, which resulted in a 68th-place showing.

"That's the bittersweet part is when they don't qualify, knowing that this is their last race with me in their high school career," said Ohrt about her seniors. "That's hard. I even cried before today just thinking about it."

The New Hampton girls placed ninth overall with 207 points and the Chickasaw boys were 10th in the final team standings with a tally of 241 points.

The first three teams in the standings qualify for state along with the first 15 individual placewinners in Class 2A, 3A and 4A. A new rule implemented in 2023 allows for a minimum of five individual state qualifiers that can advance on to state from each state qualifying meet if the current top 15 in Classes 2A, 3A, and 4A are taken by team state qualifiers.

Glaser will wear bib No. 913 at state. She is second on the inside starting box next to Oelwein's Ashlynn Sauser and Eva Fleshner of Woodward-Granger.

Glaser explained what she wants to do different this time around at state.

"Stay calm. I was kind of freaking out on the start line a little bit," said Glaser. "I'm

excited for Fort Dodge but it's also going to be my end of the road," said Glaser about her last race this season.

GIRLS TEAM SCORES

Sumner-Fredericksburg 58, Crestwood 76, Forest City 76, Jesup 130, Aplington-Parkersburg 173, Vinton-Shellsburg 177, MFL MarMac 187, North Fayette Valley 190, New Hampton 207, Dike-New Hartford 226, Oelwein 304, Postville 347, Eagle Grove 391.

INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS

Mackenzie Wilson, (J) 19:50.2, Olivia Primrose (VS) 20:24.7, Laney Peter (CR) 20:36.1, Rylee Shonka (SF) 20:44.3, Claire Weaver (FC) 20:45.3, Sophie Glaser (NH) 20:48.1, Muren Sharp (FC) 20:52.4, Ashlynn Sauser (O) 20:55.4, Kendall Suckow (SF) 21:05.5, Quinlyn Schultz (AP) 21:08.4, Annie Murray (NFV) 21:10.4, Carmen Sharp (FC) 21:12.1, Jaylee Vobr (CR) 21:14.14, Jaci Snyder (SF) 21:22.7, Ella Pitz (SF) 21:23.2.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

6. Glaser 20:48.1, 36. Lauren Nuss 23:00.6, 50. Juanita Cardona 23:42.8, 53. Zoey Dreckman 23:45.9, 66. Ella Knutson 24:29.1, 68. Addison Neville 24:39.1, 82. Natalie Nobsisch 26:34.1.

BOYS TEAM RESULTS

Oelwein 39, Forest City 59, Jesup 81, Vinton-Shellsburg 92, Crestwood 199, Dike-New Hartford 200, Eagle Grove 218, Summer-Fredericksburg 224, South Hardin 233, New Hampton 241, North Fayette Valley 252, Aplington-Parkersburg 321, Postville 344.

INDIVIDUAL STATE QUALIFIERS

Conall Sauser (O) 16:40.8, Nathan Ahern (CR) 16:48.5, Alex Torres (VS) 16:55.8, Karsten Nuehring (J) 17:15.9, Keshawn Williams (O) 17:19.8, Jacob Schellhorn (MFL) 17:23.1, Nathan Pint (J) 17:26.8, Silas Gann (FC) 17:31.7, Zachary Dickinson (VS) 17:39.2, Gabe Driscoll (O) 17:39.2, Caleb Schunk (O) 17:49.7, Holden Reynolds (FC) 17:50.8, Daunta Berg (FC) 17:54.3, Keagan Albertson (FC) 17:57.1, Landon Dowd (O) 17:57.4.

NEW HAMPTON RESULTS

33. Connor Stumme 18:51.3, 44. Calyb Zeien 19:28, 52. Colin Shatek 19:49.2, 53. Xander Meyerhoff 19:57.8, 64. Easton Monteith 20:24.7, 75. Kamdyn Trower 21:35.8.

COFFEE CUP BOWLING



New Hampton senior Jackie Pickar gets ready to deliver a serve in the Chickasaws' match with West Delaware last week.

New Hampton coach lauds her senior class

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match — especially on a team's home court.

was a big turning point for us."

New Hampton senior Braelyn Rosonke led all players with 19 kills.

New Hampton freshman Aleigha Cahoy also made plays after play up near the net and ended up with 14 kills. NH junior setter Maici Weber — despite playing with a broken thumb — dished out 36 assists for the Chickasaws.

"We knew that we could play with them," said Geerts. "We knew that we had the tools. It was just a matter of putting them together and using them every chance we could get."

Chickasaw senior libero Taylor Ries, who along with Rosonke were the only returning starters on a squad that was ranked all of last year and reached the regional final in Class 3A, led the Chickasaws on the back row with 21 digs.

"Taylor and Braelyn — holy cow. You're our only two varsity experienced players coming back and you're gonna take this team to the next level. They led the charge," said Geerts.

Geerts commended her entire senior class, who helped any way they could to enable the Chickasaws to finish strong in a season that saw several highlights — including New Hampton claiming the NEIC Tournament title for the third consecutive season.

"We just had great leadership. Some of them didn't play much. They had to embrace that role — no one likes that. Volleyball's the hardest sport. You can't just throw 'em in for a minute," said Geerts, whose team finished the season 18-16. "The fact that they stuck with us, cheered on the bench. That's great."

WEST DELAWARE 3, NEW HAMPTON 1

New Hampton 12 25 15 21
West Delaware 25 21 25 25

Kills - Braelyn Rosonke 19, Aleigha Cahoy 14, Sydney Laures 3, Chloe Weigel 2, Ella Wassenaar 2.

Assists - Maici Weber 36, Wassenaar 2, Rosonke 1.

Digs - Taylor Ries 21, Weber 11,

Jackie Pickar 7, Cahoy 7, Camryn Smith 6, Weigel 5, Rosonke 4,

Wassenaar 3.

Blocks - Rosonke 3, Weigel 1, Weber 1.

Serving - Ries 12-12, Wassenaar 8-11, Cahoy 8-11, Weber 17-17,

Rosonke 14-15, Pickar 8-9. Aces - Ries 1, Rosonke 1, Pickar 1.

COFFEE CUP BOWLING

STANDINGS	W	L	SPLITS CONVERTED
Mid-Tech Services	20	8	Linda Lechtenberg 5-7, Rita Geerts 6-10, 6-10, Diane Nehr 6-7-10.
Hugeback-Johnson	15	13	
Vern Laures Auto	14.5	13.5	
Rochford Insurance	12.5	15.5	
Geerts Plumbing	11	17	
Dak's Tap	11	17	

OCT. 23 RESULTS

WEEK 7

Hugeback-Johnson 4,

Geerts Plumbing 0

Dak's Tap 3, Vern Laures

Auto 1

Mid-Tech 3, Rochford Insurance 1

LEADERS

High individual games:

Diane Nehr 220, 184, Karen Schmitt 200.

High individual series:

Nehl 585, Rita Geerts 471, Linda Lechtenberg 463.

High team games:



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New Hampton's Sophie Glaser sprints to the finish line at the Class 2A state qualifying meet in Oelwein last week.

Chickasaws' Glaser earns repeat trip to 2A state meet

New Hampton sophomore runs to sixth-place finish at qualifier

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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As the medal ceremony commenced underneath a dark sky with rain drizzling down onto the greens of the Hickory Grove Golf Course in Oelwein – a rainbow appeared along the eastern horizon at New Hampton's state cross country qualifier late Thursday afternoon.

It was a fitting end to a season for all but one Chickasaw on this bittersweet fall evening.

There's only so many pots of gold at the end of that col-

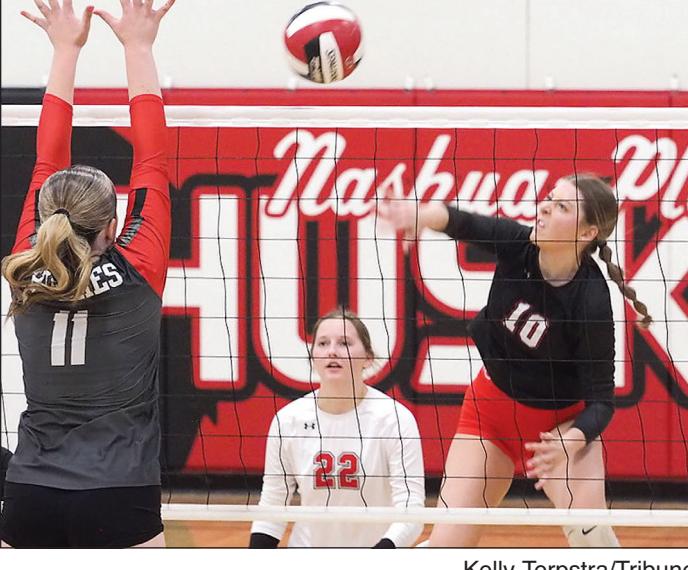
orful prism of reds, yellows and blues.

"We have a lot of seniors and this is their last run. It's sad," said New Hampton sophomore Sophie Glaser.

Glaser was the lone qualifier to state for the Chickasaws as she ran the relatively flat 5K course at Oelwein to a clip of 20:48, which saw her cross the finish line in sixth place.

If there's one runner in Class 2A – or in the entire state for that matter – that acutely personifies what it means to be a team-player, it's Glaser.

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Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
Turkey Valley's Kinsey Reicks delivers a kill for the Trojans in a Class 1A region quarterfinal match against Nashua-Plainfield last week.

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Trojans' playoff run ends with loss to Saints

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley Trojans have a lot to be proud about this fall after demonstrating winning volleyball out on the hardwood.

The tough part was watching it end on Monday night against No. 2 St. Ansgar.

The Trojans – who reached the semifinal round of Class 1A for the first time since 2020 – bowed out in style versus those favored Saints.

St. Ansgar was pushed to the limit in the final set, but ended up sweeping TV by scores of 25-19, 25-11 and 25-23.

The second-rated Saints (26-6) took on unranked North Iowa (27-5) in the Class 1A, Region 3 final in Mason City on Wednesday.

"We had a great attitude coming in and we really wanted an upset. Obviously something doesn't always go our way," said Trojan co-head coach Ashley Walz. "We had great power and movement in that first and third set."

Turkey Valley (18-15) – the last Upper Iowa Conference squad standing in the third round of regional play – was looking to advance to within one match of state. TV hadn't

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Chickasaws end season on high note

New Hampton seniors 'embrace' final game and go out with a 35-8 win over North Butler

BY BOB FENSKE
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In the fourth quarter of Friday's football game, Logan Thiele looked around the huddle at his fellow New Hampton seniors and realized this was it.

"It was kind of weird. We were in a timeout in the fourth quarter and I just said, 'We've only got a few more minutes left so let's make the most of it.' That was a little hard to take in," Thiele said before pausing for a moment. "But going out like that, that was awesome."

And those seniors went out as winners as they, as Bryar Usher put it, "embraced" the chance to pick up a ninth game.

chance to play one last football game and rolled to a 35-8 victory over North Butler.

The Chickasaws saw their playoff hopes evaporate with a loss to Waukon on Oct. 18, but the Iowa High School Athletic Association gives teams that don't make the postseason the opportunity to schedule a ninth game on the fly, if you will, and North Butler, a Class A team that went 5-3 in the regular season, agreed to come to New Hampton.

"I think we all wanted to play," Usher said. "We embraced the chance to pick up a ninth game.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune
New Hampton's Logan Thiele tackles North Butler's Pryor Wiederkehr for a loss during Friday's game.



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune
New Hampton's Braelyn Rosonke (above) and Chloe Weigel (below) put down kills during the Chickasaws' Class 3A regional semifinal match against West Delaware last Thursday evening.

New Hampton goes down fighting

Chickasaws give No. 3 West Delaware classic battle before falling in four in regional semifinal

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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outlasting the Chickasaws in four sets – 25-12, 21-25, 25-15 and 25-21.

New Hampton's season came to a close but a squad that returned just two key players with substantial varsity experience this fall played at a championship level towards the tail end of the season – but that's why the best teams move on to the latter stages of the post-season.

Simply put, it's hard to keep a great team down for sustained periods during an elimination

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Let's kick off the Christmas season

Saturday's Holiday Open House kicks off a bevy of New Horizons-Chamber holiday events

By BOB FENSKE
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Liz Zweibohmer laughed when asked about putting the final touches on jump-starting the Christmas shopping season; after all, as she talked at the New Horizons-Chamber office last week, Halloween was still six days away.

But the chamber director will make no apologies for her organization's first big event of the holiday season — this Saturday's Holiday Open House that will kick off the Chamber's Holiday Punch Card Program, numerous Christmas sales, three different "markets" and a host of other events.

"I know some people will say, 'But it's only Nov. 2,' and my answer to that is that Christmas starts earlier and earlier every year," Zweibohmer said. "There are stores where Christmas trees have been up since September, so why shouldn't we have our chance here to show all we can offer?

"Seriously, people Christmas shop all year, so I don't think we're early at all."

The day-long event begins at 9 a.m. with holiday open house-



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Saturday's Holiday Open House is the first of a number of Christmas-themed events that New Horizons-Chamber will sponsor and one of those will be the return of Live Windows that will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5.

es at various businesses in the city, and those who spend some money on Saturday will be rewarded with "double punches" on their holiday cards.

Saturday's Holiday Open House kicks off a busy season for the chamber as it will sponsor Small Business Saturday on Nov. 30, Live Windows on Thursday, Dec. 5, and a new event called Holiday Hustle for Him — i.e., for the guys who shop late — that will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12.

Throw in another new event, the Festival of Trees, that

will help raise money for 10 non-profit organizations in the area and all the other holiday happenings — ranging from the Little Light of Mine that will light up the park beginning Thanksgiving weekend to Santa Saturday at the Carnegie Cultural Center on Dec. 7 and Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 14 — and it's going to be a busy couple of months.

And it all starts Saturday with the Holiday Open House. The daylong event includes a plethora of home-based and craft businesses that will

show off their wares at the Fall and Winter Craft and Vendor Show that will be held at the Chickasaw Event Center, the Maker's Market that will be in the St. Joe's Parish Center and the Merry Market that will be held at the Full River Outpost Gathering Space and New Hampton Municipal Utilities.

"It's a great way to bring a lot of people into the city," Zweibohmer said, "and a lot of our stores say they see people who have come for the different markets. It's a win-win for everyone."

Salvation Army to kick off Red Kettle campaign Nov. 20

The Chickasaw County unit of the Salvation Army will kick off its 2024 Red Kettle Campaign on Wednesday, Nov. 20, and that means Kris Markham is making her annual plea for bell ringers.

"I do say it every year, but we don't collect any money when there aren't bell ringers," she said. "We've been blessed with great support over the years, and we're hoping that continues."

As in past years, the kettle will be at New Hampton's Fareway store, and those that would like to sign up will have a new option this year.

Markham said in coming days, an online sign-up will be available to people who are willing to take a shift that can be as short as an hour.

She said those that want to sign up before the online portal is open can call her at 641-229-0113.

Money raised during the campaign is used to help county residents through emergency situations and for a variety of Salvation Army programs in Chickasaw County.

"We'd love to have businesses or groups take a day," she said, "but honestly, every hour that's covered is a huge help for us."



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