

CORN & SOYBEAN

ON THE FARM: SOME GOOD, SOME NOT

HARVEST MAY BE DONE BUT THERE'S STILL WORK
TO DO FOR THOSE WHO GROW CORN AND SOYBEANS

By **BOB FENSKE**
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Bob Sobolik has been around farming long enough to know that there's a lot of truth to the "don't-count-your-chickens-until-they-hatch" proverb. If the Five Star Cooperative Agronomy Department employee ever doubts it, he can look back on the 2024 growing season as a perfect example that the old saying has a lot of merit to it.

"You know, in June and July we were hoping for 180 bushel corn," he said, "and we came in — at least the people I work with — above 200."

That was the good news when it came to 2024. But as surprising as the corn yields were, it was countered by the disappointment when it came to soybeans.

Heading into August,

Sobolik said area farmers were positively bullish when it came to their soybean fields.

Instead, yields on average were in the low to mid 50 bushels an acre. Not horrible, but not the bin buster that growers thought this summer they might reap.

They, in short, ran out of gas, although Sobolik was more precise.

"They ran out of water," he said. "They were coming along perfectly, but soybeans are made in August and that's when it stopped raining."

A wet spring didn't help because that meant the roots of soybean plants were "shallow."

"It's farming," Sobolik said, "but I think disappointing is the right word when it comes to the beans. You go back to July and everything was shaping up so well with soybeans. You can't change it, but when



Bob Fenske/Tribune

In almost perfect harvest weather conditions, a farmer harvests a cornfield in Chickasaw County last month.

you saw all the pods, you're thinking, 'Man, this is going to be a great year.' We just couldn't quite get them to the finish line."

Still, all in all, it was a solid

year for the men and women who grow crops in and around Chickasaw County.

"Considering where we started with all the moisture we had in the spring, it wasn't bad,"

ISU Extension Agronomist Terry Basol said. "I know the guys wanted more from their beans, but all in all, this was a pretty challenging year to be a farmer."

It sure was; after all, we went from thinking we might need Noah to build us an ark to a fall that was, pardon the

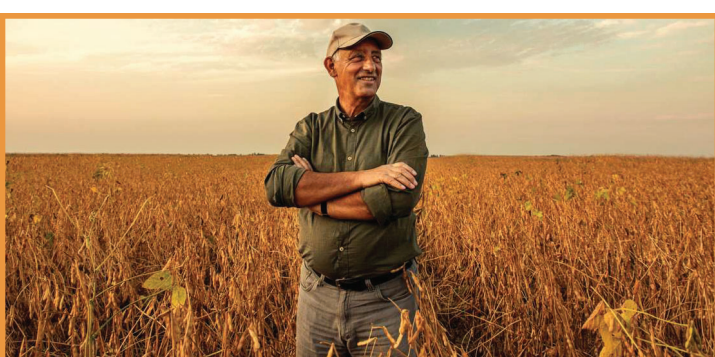
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A little primer on Iowa corn

HOW MUCH CORN DOES IOWA PRODUCE?

Iowa farmers produced around 2.4 billion bushels of corn for grain and harvested 12.9 million acres according to the U.S. Department of Agricultural Statistics Service.

IS ALL THE CORN GROWN IN IOWA SWEET CORN?

Only one percent of corn planted in the United States is sweet corn. 99 percent of corn grown in Iowa is “Field Corn.” When Iowa’s corn farmers deliver corn from the field, it’s “field corn.” Not the delicious sweet corn you might enjoy on the cob or in a can.

Field corn is the classic big ears of yellow dented corn you see dried and harvested in the fall. It’s called “dent corn” because of the distinctive dent that forms on the kernel as the corn dries.

While a small portion of “Field Corn” is processed for use as corn cereal, corn starch, corn oil, corn syrup and nearly 4,000 other products for human consumption, it is primarily used for livestock feed, ethanol production and manufactured goods. It’s considered a grain.

Sweet corn is what people purchase fresh, frozen or canned for eating. It’s consumed as a vegetable.

Unlike “field corn,” which is harvested when the kernels are dry and fully mature, sweet corn is picked when immature.

WHAT STATE PRODUCES THE MOST CORN?

Iowa has been the king of corn for almost two decades. In an average year, Iowa produces more corn than most COUNTRIES!

Seriously, Iowa grows about three times as much corn as a country like Mexico. And Mexico is huge! Just goes to show Iowa grows a substantial amount of corn. We like to say, you might think Iowa just grows corn, but the truth is corn grows Iowa!

Corn has been the top crop in Iowa for more than 150 years running! And that’s not because Iowa farmers just can’t think of anything better to grow. It’s because Iowa is the best place on the planet to grow corn.

Iowa has a growing season that is long enough and warm enough to suit corn production.

Iowa usually receives enough rain to support healthy corn production.

Iowa has deep, rich soils that suit corn’s needs.

Iowa also produces lots of livestock whose waste includes nutrients that are key to fertilizing fields for better corn production.

A wide variety of corn hybrids are available that do especially well in Iowa’s environment.

HOW MANY FARMS ARE IN IOWA?

Iowa has approximately 86,900 farms. More than 97 percent of those farms are owned by farm families.

WHAT ELSE DOES IOWA GROW AND RAISE?

Iowa ranks number one in producing corn, hogs, eggs, ethanol and Dry Distillers Grain Solubles (DDGS) which serve as a premium source of protein for livestock.

It also ranks among the top three in soybeans and fourth in beef cattle.

SOURCE: Iowa Corn Growers Association



Graphic courtesy of Iowa Farm Bureau

While not every single farm in Iowa grows corn and soybeans, the vast majority do, and anyone who doubts the importance of agriculture to the state’s economy only need to look at this graphic.

Corn, soybeans go into numerous products

CORN & SOYBEANS: FROM 2

cliche, bone dry.

The drought that plagued Iowa in 2023 dissipated and then returned with a vengeance and by the time most farmers were completing the harvest, much of Northeast Iowa was dealing with severe drought.

There were positives, if you will, for sure.

Drying costs were at a minimum, and for those who had brought in their corn before the rain spigot was turned on again in late October, they were non-existent.

And the harvest weather was almost perfect.

“It almost went too fast,” Sobolik said with a laugh. “We certainly didn’t have to wait for those windows, that’s for sure. The whole month of October was a harvest window.”

Still, there’s plenty of work to be done. As Sobolik put it, his cooperative’s grain department is returning “to normal”

while the folks in agronomy are going to be busy for a while.

Fall anhydrous needs to be applied; so, too, does fall fertilizer.

Farmers, too, have plenty of post-harvest work to complete, but many of them made a conscious decision to hold off on fall tillage.

“They wanted to wait for the rain,” Sobolik said, “and I don’t blame them because it was dry out there. The ground was rock hard in a lot of places.”

Most of the corn and soybeans harvested in Northeast Iowa remained close to home.

Sobolik estimated that 95 percent — “heck, it’s probably close to 100 percent” — either goes to making ethanol or to feed plants and that most soybeans are taken to bean processing plants in Shell Rock and Mason City.

The Five Star employee, though, said it continues to amaze him just how many products contain corn or soybeans.

“It’s fascinating to look at a list and see all the products,” Sobolik said. “When you’re talking about hand sanitizer, for example, who would think that? You never know what they’re going to come up with next.”

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It's a record year for conservation

To The Tribune

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, working with Iowa's 100 Soil and Water Conservation Districts and farmers and landowners, shattered a record for conservation and water quality practice adoption within Iowa during the last fiscal year.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig said, "For the third year in a row, we have set a record for conservation adoption in Iowa. I want to thank everyone who has said 'yes' to adding proven water quality practices on their land during the past year."

Public and private partners are joining with farmers and landowners to add these practices, helping the pace of implementation to continue to accelerate, Naig said.

"We have come a long way, and still have far to go, but Iowans continue to demonstrate that they are committed to conservation and water quality," he said. "Whether you live on a farm or in the city, we can all play a role in protecting our natural resources and I encourage all Iowans to add even more practices in the year ahead."

During the last fiscal year, which ended on June 30, state cost-share leveraged \$56.42 million in practice implementation, an increase of nearly \$3.8 million over the previous record year. For every dollar the state contributed, farmers and landowners matched that with \$1.15 in investment, according to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land



Stewardship (IDALS).

A decade ago, state cost-share leveraged \$34.12 million in conservation practice adoption, proving that the pace of implementation continues to accelerate, IDALS said.

These totals do not include other conservation and water quality funding paid by farmers and landowners, other government entities and other private partners. They also do not factor in other programs at IDALS, including the department's wetlands program, batch and build projects that install saturated buffers and bioreactors, Abandoned Mine Land reclamation projects and others.

During the fiscal year \$26.26 million in total cost-share was paid, which leveraged the total spending of \$56.42 million in practice implementation.

In the previous fiscal year, which was also a record, \$21.86 million and \$52.67 million were the respective totals. This is an increase of nearly \$3.8 million leveraged over the previous record year.

In addition to the record number of cost share dollars spent, the department also processed more than 6,700 cost-share claims per year in each of the past two years.

Of the department-wide investment total, more than \$16.38 million was paid through the Water Quality Initiative. This is up from \$12.59 million last year, an increase of approximately \$3.8 million.

IDALS said that 4,855 practices were funded this past year through WQI, a number that has grown significantly from approximately 1,000 practices a decade ago.

Iowa was the first state to appropriate state cost-share funds for conservation practices back in 1973 through the Iowa Financial Incentive Program commonly known as "cost share." Still going strong after 50 years, the IFIP program continues to see strong demand across all 100 Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the state.

More than 90 percent of the IFIP funding is used for permanent structural practices, such as terraces and basins, grassed waterways, grade stabilization structures and more.

IFIP provided financial assistance for 865 practices with cost share of \$6.58 million.

To keep the momentum building, Naig encouraged farmers and landowners to utilize department cost-share funds to add more proven practices this year.

Iowa Soybean Association here to help state's farmers

The Iowa Soybean Association (ISA) is driven to deliver increased soybean demand through market development and new uses, farmer-focused research and results, timely information and know-how and policy initiatives enabling farmers and the industry to flourish.

Founded in 1964 by farmers to serve farmers, ISA is governed by a board of 22 farmers to advocate on behalf of the state's nearly 37,000 soybean producers, including 15,000 ISA farmer members and industry stakeholders.

ISA invests checkoff dollars to deliver programs and services that meet the needs of Iowa soybean farmers. From soybean research to transportation, market development to communications, ISA is home to a suite of programs that provide information and assistance to help farmers be more competitive.

Soybeans & Iowa

The soybean is a species of legume that originated in Southeast Asia and was first domesticated by Chinese farmers. Its popularity among U.S. farmers took root in the late 1800s.

By the early 1900s, acres planted to soybeans increased dramatically after George Washington Carver (a graduate of Iowa State University) discovered that soybeans are a valuable source of protein and oil and beneficial to soil quality when planted in rotation with other crops.

Quick Facts

- Today, more than 30 states have a soybean production industry with Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Indiana and Nebraska among the nation's top producers.
- Iowa soybean farmers produced 573 million bushels in 2023, or nearly 14% of the U.S. total.
- Iowa farmers rank second nationally in soybean production.
- The value of Iowa's soybean crop routinely exceeds \$4.5 billion.
- A 60-pound bushel of soybeans yields about 48 pounds of protein-rich soybean meal and 11 pounds of oil.

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Good for Your Engine

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When corn goes to an ethanol processing plant, it doesn't come out just as fuel. Ethanol plants use every part of the corn kernel. The starch becomes ethanol fuel, and the protein becomes distillers grains to feed livestock. The distillers grains are an excellent source of livestock feed rich in protein, fat, minerals and vitamins that animals need.

Winter forecast is anything but clear

BY JEFF HUTTON

Iowa Soybeans Association

Will there be snow-covered fields this winter to help replenish some of the needed moisture Iowa farmers are asking for? Or will mild temperatures and a lack of precipitation mean drought conditions will continue into early 2025?

If you ask the meteorologists, the prognosticators or just about anyone with an opinion, the answers are vague at best when it comes to predicting Iowa's winter forecast.

According to the latest three-month (Dec. 2024 through Feb. 2025) forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service (NWS), a slowly-developing La Nina is favored to influence conditions for the upcoming winter.

Come December, NOAA predicts wetter-than-average conditions for the entire northern tier of the continental United States, including the Great

Lakes region. Meanwhile, drier-than-average conditions are expected from the Four Corners region of the Southwest to the Southeast, Gulf Coast and lower mid-Atlantic states.

Stuck in the middle is Iowa where the forecast calls for equal chances of below-normal, normal or above-normal precipitation and temperatures.

La Nina conditions are expected to develop in the next several weeks which typically lead to a more northerly storm track during the winter months. And while the forecast is not clear as to Iowa's winter weather fate, NOAA forecasters do expect drought conditions to persist and worsen across the central and southern Plains.

"Unfortunately, after a brief period in the spring of 2024 with minimal drought conditions across the country, more than a quarter of the land mass in the continental United States is currently in at least a moderate drought," says Brad Pugh, operational drought lead with NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.



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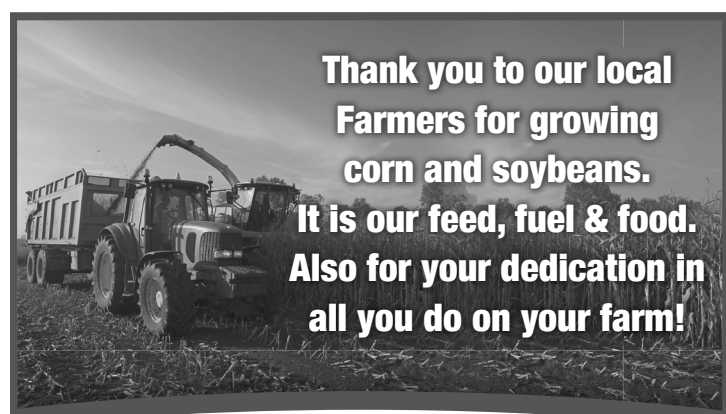
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Friday	58	32	--
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Sunday	55	38	--
Monday	45	26	--
Tuesday	48	31	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a high of 48 and a low of 35.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a high of 53 and a low of 37.

Saturday: Mostly sunny but breezy with a high of 55 and a low of 42.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 53 and a low of 31.

Extended forecast: Rain returns to the forecast as we kick off the work week with highs on Monday and Tuesday near 50 and lows dropping into the 30s.

Meetings

MONDAY

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

History

- In 1851, Herman Melville's classic book, "Moby Dick," is published.
- In 1914, leaders of the Ottoman Empire, which has allied itself with Germany and Austria-Hungary, declare World War I a "holy war."
- In 1951, President Harry Truman asks Congress for U.S. military and economic aid for the communist nation of Yugoslavia.
- In 1969, Apollo 12, the second manned mission to the surface of the moon, is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, with astronauts Charles Conrad Jr., Richard F. Gordon, and Alan L. Bean aboard.
- In 1970, a chartered jet carrying most of the Marshall University football team clips a stand of trees and crashes into a hillside just two miles from the Tri-State Airport in Kenova, West Virginia, killing everyone onboard.

Birthdays

- French impressionist painter Claude Monet was born in 1840.
- Joseph McCarthy, the Wisconsin senator who claimed Communists had infiltrated the U.S. government in the 1940s and 1950s, was born in 1909.
- American film actor Josh Duhamel turns 52.
- Former MLB pitcher Curt Schilling turns 58.
- Patrick Warburton, who played Puddy on TV's "Seinfeld," turns 60.
- Great Britain's King Charles III turns 76.

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Myrna Lou Boggess, 76

Myrna Lou Boggess, age 76 of Elmore, Minnesota, died Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, at Elmore Assisted Living & Memory Care in Elmore.

No formal funeral services will be held.

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

Myrna Lou Boggess, a beacon of warmth and generosity, passed away peacefully on Oct. 28, 2024, in Elmore, Minnesota, at the age of 76. Born on November 14, 1947, in Elma, the daughter of Lawrence and Eleanor (Bally) Boggess, Myrna's life was characterized by her infectious enthusiasm, her dedication to her community, and the love she so freely gave to her family and the many lives she touched.

Myrna's early education took place in Alta Vista, where she completed her elementary and middle school years before graduating from New Hampton High School in 1966.

From there, she embarked on a distinguished career with the State of Iowa Social Services, where her compassion and leadership earned her a supervisory role. Myrna devoted 36 years of service to the state, advocating for those in need and effecting positive change in countless lives.

Myrna settled in the Mason City area, where she lived for over three decades. Her home was a haven not just for her family and friends but also for the many stray cats and dogs she rescued over the years. Myrna's love for animals was just one aspect of her nurturing spirit.

An avid reader, Myrna found joy and solace in the pages of mystery novels. She cherished the suspense and intrigue of each story, often sharing her latest read with those around her.

Her hands were rarely idle, as she was also an accomplished knitter and crocheter. The beautiful pieces she created were not just crafts but tokens



Myrna Boggess

of her love, which she generously gifted to family and friends.

Myrna's philanthropy extended far beyond her immediate circle. She was known for her charitable heart, supporting many worthy organizations throughout her life. Her contributions made a significant impact, and her legacy of giving continues to inspire those who knew her.

Her presence radiated happiness and an eagerness to savor every moment. Myrna's "happy-go-lucky" nature was contagious, and she had an uncanny ability to find joy in the simplest of pleasures.

She brought light and laughter to every gathering, and her absence will be deeply felt by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Myrna is survived by her loving siblings, James Boggess of Britt, William Boggess and his wife Annie of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Marilyn Boggess of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Nancy Hamson of Iowa Falls, Kathy Boggess of Rapid City, South Dakota; and Patty Boggess of Albert Lea, Minnesota; along with many loving nieces and nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Each of them carries forward the memory of her vibrant spirit and the unconditional love she bestowed upon them.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Grace McGregor, 92

Grace McGregor, age 92 of Nashua, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, at Cedar Vale Assisted Living in Nashua.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at The United Methodist Church in Nashua with the Rev. Sarah Namukose officiating.

Interment will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua.

Visitation continues an hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Barbara Joan Bigelow, 88

Barbara Joan Bigelow, age 88 of Nashua, died Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at Denver Sunset Home.

Funeral service will be held 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with certified funeral celebrant Andy Hugeback presiding.

Interment will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nashua.

Friends may greet the family from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Leonard J. Fencl, 88

Leonard J. Fencl, age 88 of Protivin, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, at the Aase Hagen Home in Decorah.

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

Property Transfers

June H. Marth and Kenneth D. Marth Atty in Fact to Joe Niedert, Joseph Niedert and Mary Niedert; NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 6 NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 6.

Kathleen M. Shekleton TR, Kathy Shekleton TR and Kathleen M. Shekleton REV TR to Nathan Underwood and Tara Underwood; NE NW 16-95-12 PARCEL G SE SW 09-95-12.

Laurel White Heller, Laurel White Heller and Cole Martinson POA to Kristopher Hovey; S66' W132' L5 SE SW 07-95-12.

Sostak Farms LLC and Lisa Schildroth, Manager to Bryce Elliott; PARCEL 2024-40 SW 24-95-12.

Thomas L. Urness to Janet Wendland; S74' FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 12 Block: 12.

Brian Goodenbour and Tiffany Goodenbour to Mashek Properties LLC; NEW HAMPTON FAIRVIEW ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 6.

Sarges Distillery LLC to Venue Ventures LLC; PARCEL L NE 18-94-11 PARCEL M NE 18-94-11 PARCEL N NE 18-94-11.

Thomas L. Mowbray and Mary KM Mowbray to Lamb Properties LLC and Andy Lusk; NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 3 N1/2 NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 3 NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 5 Block: 3 S1/2 NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 3.

Kaytie Bailey to Terry Bailey and Cynthia Bailey; BEG AT SW COR SW 23-94-14.

Thelma M. Allen EST and Karen Montgomery EX to Andrew T. Duff and Paula Duff; W1/2 OF W1/2 SE 32-95-12.

Thelma M. Allen EST and Karen Montgomery EX to Kathleen M. Shekleton TR and Kathleen M. Shekleton REV TR; E1/2 OF W1/2 SE 32-95-12.

Muriel Meyer and Muriel A. Meyer to Jodi R. Meyer, Staci L. Ban and Muriel Meyer LE; PARCEL HH SE SW 07-95-12.

Mary A. Powers and Ralph Powers to Randy E. Shatek and Lori A. Shatek; SW NW 22-97-11.

Neoma J. Balk and Neoma Balk to Gerald E. Balk; PARCEL 2024-8 SE NE 03-96-11.

Neoma J. Balk and Neoma Balk to Leo A. Balk; PARCEL 2024-9 SE NE 03-96-11 PARCEL 2024-9 NE SE 03-96-11.

Jackie Wilken, Jackie R. Wilden and Sherry L. Wilken to Iowa Property Holdings LLC; PARCEL 2024-50 NE 09-94-14.



A meal after the Veterans Day program

The Chickasaw Event Center put on a freewill donation lunch Monday following the annual Veterans Day program, and more than 170 people were served by volunteers at the event.

Bob Fenske/Tribune



In the end, GOP dominates 2024 election

ELECTION : FROM 1

uncontested in District 1.

Of the 10 elected county offices, eight are in the hands of Republicans.

Voter turnout in the county was solid, albeit not spectacular as 6,277 votes, meaning 75.6 percent of registered voters cast ballots. That was down slightly from the 2020 election, when 77.1 percent of voters either cast absentee ballots or went to the polls.

Deputy Commissioner of Elections Gina Fangman said all results remained unofficial on Tuesday because the Board of Supervisors didn't canvass the election results until Wednesday afternoon after this edition of the Tribune went to press.

More than 3,300 ballots were either mailed out or cast in person at the Auditor's Office.

Trump, meanwhile, "flipped" six states to best Vice President Kamala Harris and will become just the second president in U.S. to serve two non-consecutive terms. The first was Democrat Grover Cleveland, who won the 1884 and 1892 presidential elections.

Trump won in Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Arizona and Nevada — all states he lost to President Biden in 2020 — and finished with 312 electoral votes while Harris had 226.

Republicans also picked up three U.S. Senate seats and will have a 52-49 advantage — Maine Sen. Angus King is an independent but caucuses with the Democrats — in the upper chamber and although 12 House races are still "too close to call," Republicans likely will retain control of that chamber.

All four Iowa U.S. Congressional Districts will remain in the hands of Republicans and the GOP widened its majority in the Iowa House from 64-36 to 67-33 and also maintained it's so-called "super majority" — i.e., having at least two-thirds of the seats — in the Iowa Senate, where they hold a 35-15 advantage over Democrats.

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For the second time it has been on the ballot, Floyd County voters denied its leaders the ability to collect a special property tax to support emergency medical services (EMS).

The issue again not only failed to get the 60% majority needed to pass, but it also failed to receive even a simple majority of voters, losing by a count of 3,209 "yes" votes to 3,921 "no" votes, losing 45% to 55%.

In no precinct in the county did the "yes" vote reach the needed 60% mark, although it did

Briefs

Upcoming events at the Carnegie

There's something for everyone at the Carnegie Cultural Center in the next two months as the facility has released a listing of upcoming events.

For details contact the Carnegie at 641-394-2354 or email info@carnegieculturalcenter.org.

- Nov. 17: Sunday story
- Nov. 21: Legos
- Nov. 24: Jewelry making class
- Nov. 30: Gingerbread house creations
- Dec. 5: Downtown Live Windows
- Dec. 7: Santa Saturday
- Dec. 8: Cookie exchange
- Dec. 14: Crockpot cooking class
- Dec. 15: Sunday story
- Dec. 19: Legos

Trinity to once again host Thanksgiving meal

The place to be on Thanksgiving Day will again be Trinity Lutheran Church's Fellowship

ELECTION NUMBERS

Here are the unofficial Chickasaw County results from the Nov. 5 election, with winners in bold (the Board of Supervisors canvassed the election on Wednesday after this edition of the Tribune went to press):

Chickasaw County

PRESIDENT

Kamala Harris (D)..... 1,918
Donald Trump (R) 4,232

U.S. REP 2

Sarah Corkery (D)..... 1,681
Ashley Hinson (R)..... 4,216

STATE REP 58

Gail Allison (D)..... 2,088
Charley Thomson (R) 3,730

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 1

Steve Breitbach (D) 893
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 3

Joan E. Knoll (D) 535
Jacob Hackman (R) 651

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 4

Issac Carter 1,083
COUNTY AUDITOR

Sheila Shekleton (R)..... 5,363
COUNTY SHERIFF

Ryan Shawver (R) 5,409
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION

COUNCIL

Tony Schwickerath 3,813
Matt Carlton 2,404

Kim Kuehner 3,102
William Maurer..... 2,252

Ben Freidhof 2,545

Iowa

PRESIDENT

Kamala Harris (D)..... 705,290
Donald Trump (R) 924,143

U.S. REP 2

Sarah Corkery (D) 168,623
Ashley Hinson (R)..... 231,292

STATE REP 58

Gail Allison (D)..... 5,776
Charley Thomson (R) 10,043

pass the 50% mark in all three Charles City precincts, with the highest "yes" vote tally at 54.7% in the Charles City 1 precinct, which is the city limits south of the Cedar River.

In 2022 the margin had been closer, with 48.2% "yes" and 51.8% "no" votes, but still nowhere near the number needed to pass.

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. 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 Pini-con 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.

Lettermen canned food drive starts snext week

The tradition of helping the food insecure kicks off this year at the upcoming Meet the Team night, Nov. 22, at New Hampton High School.

On that night, Chickasaw fans are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the high school that will go to the Chickasaw County Food Pantry.

How Can You Plan For Incapacity?

We all hope to enjoy long, healthy lives, retaining the ability to think clearly and make our own decisions. But life doesn't always work out that way — which is why you need to prepare for a potential incapacity that could affect your independence and possibly create financial problems for your family.

So, in thinking about incapacity planning, you may want to consider the following arrangements:

• *Health care power of attorney* — When you establish a health care power of attorney, you name someone, such as a spouse or adult child, to make medical decisions on your behalf, should you become incapable of making them on your own due to disability or illness. These decisions include choosing doctors, treatments and care facilities.

• *Financial power of attorney* — With a financial power of attorney, you designate someone to assume a variety of duties for you in case you become incapacitated. These tasks include investing, selling property, paying bills and debts, collecting Social Security benefits and adding or changing insurance policies.

When establishing a health care or financial power of attorney, you may need to decide whether it's "durable" or "springing." A durable power of attorney typically takes effect immediately after you sign it, have it notarized and witnessed. So, the person you've chosen to have power of attorney — sometimes called an "agent" — can act on your behalf whenever you choose. On the other hand, you could select a power of attorney that "springs" into effect only when you become incapacitated — hence, the "springing" designation.

One issue affecting a springing power of attorney involves the speed with which it can be enacted. Generally, it won't go into effect until a licensed physician declares in writing that the person granting the power



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of attorney is indeed incapacitated. This could cause a problem if your chosen agent needs to act quickly on your behalf. It's because of this potential delay that a durable power of attorney is often favored over a springing power of attorney. However, everyone's circumstances are different, so if you have a choice between a durable or springing power of attorney, you may want to consult with an estate-planning professional for guidance.

Apart from the health care and financial powers of attorney, you may also want to consider one other incapacity-related legal document — a living will. When you establish a living will, you describe the steps you would or wouldn't want taken to keep you alive, along with other medical decisions, including pain management and organ donation. Obviously, the decision to create a living will is highly personal, involving your feelings about self-sufficiency and the circumstances that define the quality of life you wish to have. But the mere fact of having a living will can relieve your loved ones of having to make potentially agonizing decisions.

Planning for an incapacity may not be the most pleasant task — but it's an important one. Of course, you may never become incapacitated at all, but by making the proper arrangements, you can make things easier for yourself and your family — just in case.

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Edward Jones, Member SIPC



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

Taking the stage this weekend!

The cast and crew who are putting on "Chickenheart," New Hampton High School's fall play, this weekend take a break from a rehearsal Tuesday night to pose for a picture.

"Chickenheart," a play written by Craig Sodaro, is a medieval melodrama about a lamented betrothal, a runaway bride, a greedy tax collector, a timid tailor and a group of eccentric nuns. A treacherous game show and an epic sword fight highlight the melodrama.

The play, which is directed by Maggie Konecne, will be performed at 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday at the New Hampton Elementary School Auditorium, with doors opening at 6 p.m. each evening. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.



Photo courtesy of Anita Quirk

New Hampton Mayor Steve Geerts, accompanied by several fifth-graders from New Hampton Middle School, gets ready to sign a proclamation declaring Nov. 18-22 as American Education Week. Students pictured are (from left) Aaron Vestel, Noah Britt, Jamayla Ortiz, Charly Ortiz, Raelynn Bucknell, Hunter Kellogg, Aubrey Paxon, Kourtney Hackman, and Dawson Cannon.

Let's celebrate schools during American Education Week

American Education Week is always held the week before Thanksgiving. This year's commemoration is November 18-22, 2024.

It was first celebrated in 1921 when members of the National Education Association met for their convention in Des Moines and passed a resolution celebrating public educators and schools across the country.

The first observance was co-sponsored by the NEA and American Legion. Today, more than a dozen organizations have joined, each playing a crucial role in coordinating the week.

These include the US Department of Education, the National PTA, and the American Federation of Teachers.

All agree that the week is meant to inform the community of the accomplishments and needs of our public schools, secure cooperation and support from the public, and honor the individuals making a difference by ensuring that every child receives a quality public education.

At New Hampton Community Schools we are celebrating by recognizing the following groups each day.

• On Monday, we thank our school board members for all their hard work.

• On Tuesday, we recognize our administrators for their

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leadership.

• On Wednesday, we thank all of our support staff.

• On Thursday, we recognize our teachers.

• And we wrap up the week on Friday when we thank our substitute teachers and celebrate our students.

Let's use this week to highlight and celebrate Iowa's excellent public schools, the education professionals who serve them, and the communities that support them.

Our public schools, which are open to all students, regardless of race, religion, identity, beliefs, and abilities, embody the core values of inclusivity and equality. Iowa's

public schools serve all communities. Let's celebrate and support them. They support all of us!

Kristie Brincks and Miranda Eichenberger, New Hampton Education Association co-presidents

Supervisors say they are willing to consider coordinator raise at beginning of fiscal year

SUPERVISORS: FROM 1

Carey was named the county's safety coordinator, a position created by the Board of Supervisors because its insurance carrier mandated it, on April 24, and during Monday's meeting, board members lauded the work she has done in the position after she went over the progress of the program, reviewed assessments and discussed various safety trainings she has organized.

"I think we discussed that to get this started, it was going to take a lot more work," Supervisor Steve Breitbach said, "but I think it's going to take a lot more work so I think some [kind of] pay raise is warranted."

But Breitbach also joined his fellow supervisors at the meeting — Matt Kuhn was unable to attend — in questioning if the raise should be granted when the fiscal year begins on July 1.

"The next person that walks in here and I've been doing more and I want a pay raise," Supervisor Travis Suckow said when asked his opinion, but Carey said that "if they took on a whole other job, I think you would [consider it]."

While Hackman said he would consider a raise at some point for the safety coordinator position, he wanted a smaller amount than Carey was requesting and also wanted a raise to only be granted at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Board Chairman Scott Cerwinski said he appreciated the work that Carey has put into the position but agreed with his fellow board members.

"I think it's great, the work you're doing," he said. "I'm not opposed to doing an increase in pay for the position, but like Jake kind of said before, I don't like doing pay increases mid-year. It's going to create a line out our door next Monday and every Monday to follow if we keep changing someone's pay rate every week."

"I would be more than happy to look at a raise or an increase in pay at the beginning of next fiscal year, but right now, I don't think I can support it."

A half hour later, though, board members had little choice when it came to acknowledging

a pay increase for one of Auditor Sheila Shekleton's deputies.

Under state law, the Board of Supervisors control the pay of clerks but elected officials can pay a percentage of their salaries to their deputies.

Shekleton told board members that was going to raise Deputy Commissioner of Elections and Real Estate Gina Fangman from 65 percent to 70 percent of the auditor's salary — raising her hourly pay from \$26.51 to \$28.55.

Shekleton said when she took office in 2022, she cut the percentage from 70 percent to 65 percent.

"The conservative person in me was saying go lower and see about it," Shekleton said, "but after this election and everything and after checking my budget, I think the election deputy should be back up to 70 percent."

Although Shekleton said the pay raise won't require a budget amendment, Hackman spoke out against the increase.

"I talked to the county attorney about this and we can not stop you from doing this," Hackman said. "I go back to the comments I heard this morning about people coming through the door asking for a pay raise in the middle of the fiscal year. I don't like those adjustments, I never have."

"So the only power that I have and this board has is to eliminate that deputy position and make her a clerk again. Don't know what the appetite is across the board on that issue."

Board members discussed the issue, and Shekleton asked the board to take a short recess to consider if she would go forward with the increase.

Five minutes later, when the board reconvened, the auditor said "I think I'm going to go forward with this."

I would like to thank everyone that supported me during this 2024 election time. I look forward to serving Chickasaw County as the District 3, Board of Supervisors, representative for another 4 years. Also, thank you to all the poll workers and courthouse staff as well; your time was truly appreciated. Congratulations to all other newly elected officials. Together we will continue to make Chickasaw County the great place that we all call home.

Sincerely,
Jacob Hackman

Paid for by Hackman for County Supervisor



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Service times: 6 p.m.
Wednesday; 9 a.m., Sunday.

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641-394-2105
Father Jim Goerend
Mass times: 4 p.m.,
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Sunday.

NEW HAMPTON
METHODIST

201 N. Locust Ave.
Pastor Paula Hemann
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sunday.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN

611 W. Court St.
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 4 p.m.
Saturday Divine Service

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harvestcares.com
641-394-4380
Pastor: Josh Jacobs
Service time: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday.

PRAIRIE LAKES

234 S. Linn Ave.
prairielakeschurch.org
641-456-6880
Pastor Cory Orr
Service times: 9 a.m.,
Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF
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4 E. Court St.
Service time: 10:30
a.m.

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Hampton
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Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or
10:30 a.m. Sunday Divine
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ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC

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CATHOLIC

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p.m.

ALTA VISTA

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC

Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday, 6
p.m.

ELMA

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION CATHOLIC

Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass: Sunday, Nov. 24,
7:15 a.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Pastor Bruce Miller
107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m.
Sunday.

ELMA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Pastor Paula Hemann
207 Plum Street Elma
Service time: 10:30
a.m. Sunday.

NORTH WASHINGTON

IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION

Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, Nov. 23,
6 p.m.

Grow in wisdom

Jesus is the ‘permanent’ that we are searching for in our lives

Wisdom.

There are a lot of people in the world who think they’re wise and they like to share their wisdom with anyone who’ll listen.

Nowadays someone might do a TED talk to pass on their wisdom and there have been over 3,500 TED talks over the years.

There’s one person who I wish had done a TED talk and that would be Yogi Berra. No, I’m not talking about the cartoon bear from Jellystone Park, I’m talking about the great baseball player. Who could dispute the kernels of wisdom Yogi would utter, such as “when you come to a fork in the road, take it” or “no one goes there nowadays, it’s too crowded.”

OK, I hear ya thinking

“what on earth is this all about?”

To tell you the truth, I had no idea what I was going to write about for this article. I read the scripture reading for this coming weekend and nothing, I mean nothing came to mind.

And then I reread the passage from Daniel (12:1-3) and the last paragraph finally provided a spark. Actually, I think it was the Holy Spirit that whacked me on the back of the head.

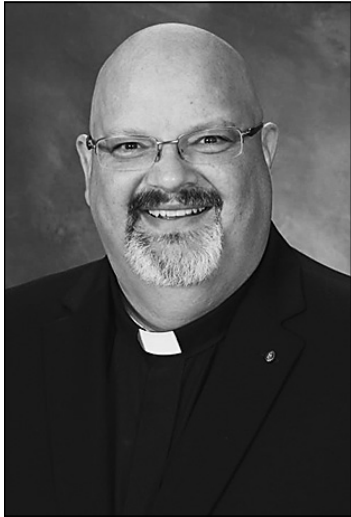
The prophet Daniel writes, “But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.”

Daniel is writing to a people who have undergone terrible persecution by pagan rulers. His

message to them is one of hope and consolation and a firm assurance that, in the end, God will triumph over all evil, and God’s faithful will ultimately experience deliverance.

Daniel says the wise will shine brightly, so how do we gain wisdom — by reading more books or watching more TED talks? No, not really.

I came across this quote from Father William O’Malley, “Wisdom doesn’t come from suffering. Wisdom comes from suffering reflected on, accepted, assimilated. But if we are so busy doing and experiencing that we have no time for quiet reflection, then life becomes not a connected whole but a pile of beads without a string. We have to take time to withdraw from the transitory in order to discov-



Father Jim Goerend is the priest for the Good Shepherd Cluster, which includes Catholic parishes in New Hampton, Ionia and North Washington

er the permanent.”

Yogi Berra, great as he had been, was transitory. Jesus is the permanent that most people are searching for.

Take time to reflect, to grow in wisdom and to shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament.

Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse.
Romans 12:14
DailyVerses.net

Save me, LORD,
from lying lips and from
deceitful tongues.
Psalms 120:2
DailyVerses.net

Church Services

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LITTLE BROWN CHURCH

littlebrownchurch.org
Pastor Drew McHolm
Service times: Sing-A-Long Service, 10:15 a.m., and worship service at 10:30 a.m., Sunday.

REPUBLIC CHURCH

1794 280th St., Ionia
Pastor Sarah Namukose
Service time: 10:30 a.m. Sundays.

UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

314 Brasher Street
Pastor Sarah Namukose
Service time: 9 a.m. Sundays.

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300 Merrill St.
Pastor Todd Burrichter
Service time: 9 a.m. Sundays.

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310 Main Street
Pastor Darin Cerwinski
Service time: 6:30 p.m. Friday.

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Father Tom Heathershaw
Service time: 6:30 p.m. Saturdays.

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Grant workshop is set for this evening in New Hampton

The Chickasaw County Community Foundation (CCCF) will host a public grant workshop tonight (Thursday) to discuss CCCF's 2025 grant cycle. Individuals, especially those interested in applying for a 2025 grant, are encouraged to attend the workshop and should register to attend at <https://www.cfnea.org/news/events/chickasaw-grant-workshop25>.

The hour-long presentation will take place at the New Hampton Economic Development Office, 112 E. Spring, beginning at 6 p.m.

The workshop will discuss the 2025 grant guidelines, budget template and application and will provide grant writing tips. There will also be available time for Q&A.

The 2025 CCCF grant application opens Nov. 15, with a deadline to submit applications by 5 p.m. on Jan. 15. The online grant application will be available on CCCF's website at www.chickasawccf.org. Grants may be awarded to projects in the areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, health and human service.

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and government entities. Tax-exempt organizations classified as other than 501(c)(3) are also eligible, if and only if, the project is deemed charitable; please contact Shanda Hansen at 319-243-1357 or shansen@cfnea.org to discuss the project's eligibility prior to submitting a proposal. Grants selections are made in an effort to create a better quality of life for people in Chickasaw County. A local governing committee reviews the applications from charitable organizations serving their community.

More information about the Chickasaw County Community Foundation can be found at www.chickasawccf.org.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

MercyOne New Hampton Medical Center Director of Nursing Ali Nicolaisen has no regrets about making the move back “home.”

Director of nursing appreciates ‘welcome’

NICOLAISEN: FROM 1

certified nursing assistant (CNA) and that career start plays into what kind of director of nursing she wants to be at MercyOne.

Nicolaisen oversees a staff of about 40 nurses and CNAs and she believes it's important to treat them all with the same respect.

“CNAs do a lot of the grunt work, and honestly, I've been to places where they haven't been treated all that well,” she said. “I'm not saying it happens here, but I'm saying I think being a CNA is a reminder that we all have our jobs here and that they're all important. Medical care is about working together as a team and that's the kind of director I want to be.”

After becoming a nurse, she spent most of her career at the University of Iowa Hospital, where she worked as med-surg nurse, a nurse in the surgical neuro ICU, a manager at a clinic and then an assistant manager on a floor back at the hospital.

As excited as she was to return home and work at MercyOne, she will admit that the butterflies at times were there as her first day at New Hampton's hospital approached.

She need not have worried.

“Oh my gosh, I think the biggest thing I can say is how welcoming everyone was and still is,” she said. “We have a great staff of nurses here, and they just kind of blew me away with the reception they gave me.”

Asked about her goals in her new position, Nicolaisen's answer was quick.

“This is an excellent staff, and I'm not just saying that because I'm the director,” she said. “There are some very talented nurses in this hospital, and I hope I can help them to continue to grow.”

“The work they do here is so important, and just like our town is lucky to have a hospital like ours, our hospital is lucky to have so many dedicated nurses and CNAs.”

Her family — husband Ethan is a web designer who works from home and son Charlie, born this past summer, is growing, healthy and learning how to roll over — is adjusting quite well to a city that obviously has less hustle and bustle than Iowa City.

“Oh, I miss sushi and Door Dash,” she said, “but really, that's about it. The welcome I've received at the hospital, knowing we're in a great place for our son, that tells me I made the right decision when I said yes to the job.”

Sister will miss people at MercyOne, in community

SISTER VICKY: FROM 1

think God is leading me to where His grace will keep me.”

Still, Arndorfer has mixed feelings about leaving her home, which is also her workplace.

Since taking over as MercyOne's chaplain in October 2012, she has lived in her little two-room apartment that is located just off the hospital's quaint but welcoming chapel.

Her little abode, however, does not have a kitchen so she has taken her meals in the hospital cafeteria.

“I'm going to need to get some pots and pans,” the sister said with a laugh, “and I'm going to miss the cafeteria. Don't get me wrong, I like to cook, but they have been such a blessing to me.”

And she has been a blessing to the hospital where she took what she called her “pre-retirement” job a dozen years ago.

As MercyOne CEO Aaron Flugum put it in announcing Arndorfer's retirement, she has “provided unwavering compassion, empathy and support to colleagues, patients and visitors.

“Her presence brought comfort and hope to those navigating difficult times, and her kindness made a lasting difference in their lives.”

It's not just the hospital that will miss the sister, either.

Arndorfer was an active member of the New Hampton Rotary Club, the Catholic Daughters of Americas, the New Hampton Library Book Club, various Bible study groups and the Coffee Cup Bowling League.

She also was a frequent winner at the weekly Knights of Columbus Bingo Club and often volunteered to prepare the meal.

“You see I can cook,” she said, again laughing, “and yes, I did win at bingo from time to time but I don't think I won as much as people think I did.”

It's been a long journey for the native of little Wesley, a small town in north-central Iowa.

She graduated from Algona Garrigan High School and attended college at Mount Mercy for two years before taking her vows and joining the Sisters of Mercy in 1966.

“Just a few years ago,” she said. “I felt that's where God wanted me, and I hope I have served Him the way he has wanted me to.”

She taught music for years, but in the mid-1980s, she began working at homes for the developmentally disabled. After serving on the Sisters of Mercy leadership team for a spell, she worked in Clinton at another home for the developmentally disabled before answering MercyOne's call in 2012.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Sister Vicky Arndorfer has spent countless hours in MercyOne New Hampton's chapel and throughout the hospital over the past 12 years.

“It's a calling I've really loved,” she said, “even if it's challenging at times. I'm here to help comfort the sick, help families through trying times and, yes, help people go through grief. Every one of God's children is different — no two patients are alike and the same is true for families. You learn who you need to be for the people that you're working with at the time.”

She said that when she is called to the emergency department, for example, she always prays as she makes the walk through the hospital.

“I ask God to give the words that I need in this situation,” she said. “That's really all I can do — trust in Him to help His people.”

Make no mistake about it, she will miss MercyOne. It's been her workplace — and her home — for a dozen years. She, however, is ready for the next chapter — retirement. Or at least she hopes she is.

“I will miss the people so much,” she said, “and that's the hard part about saying goodbye. At the same time, I'm 78. Maybe I need to slow down just a little bit, and I've trusted in God all these years and I trust that his grace will keep me when I move to Marion.”

School districts seeking input from residents

SURVEY: FROM 1

Board President Jay Matthews said. “This is a big decision, not just for our school but also for our communities. The more information we have, the better.”

The survey is also available in Spanish, which can be accessed by going online to <https://tinyurl.com/SpanishNHTVSurvey>.

The survey was discussed at length during a Nov. 5 joint meeting involving members of the school boards from New Hampton and Turkey Valley — the two districts that have shared the superintendent's position for the past eight years.

Current Superintendent Jay Jurens announced in September that he will retire at the end of the 2024-25 school year, and both boards met later in the month and agreed to hire a search firm to help them find

Jurens' replacement.

At an Oct. 28 meeting, the board made the decision to hire Grundmeyer Leader Services after hearing pitches from six firms. Eight days later, the two boards met again to begin the process they and the search firm will use to hire Jurens' replacement.

They agreed on a plan in which applications for the position will be accepted through Jan. 5, board members will come up with a list and interview the “semifinalists” on Jan. 20 and have the finalists interviewed in person on Feb. 6.

On that date, in addition to interviewing with board members, finalists will also meet with a group of stakeholders — teachers, students, parents and community members — and at the end of the survey, there is an option for residents to let school officials know that they are interested in serving on the



These QR Codes — the one on the left is in English; the one on the right is in Spanish — will call up a superintendent search stakeholder survey being conducted by the New Hampton and Turkey Valley school districts.

stakeholder interview committee.

During their Nov. 5 meeting, though, members from both boards and Grundmeyer officials stressed that the boards will ultimately make the decision when it comes to who serves on the interview committee.



Residents can now apply for energy assistance

As temperatures go down during fall and winter, furnaces and heaters work harder and use more energy to help keep us warm and comfortable.

MidAmerican Energy reminds customers who struggle with wintertime heating bills that there may be financial help available.

State agencies that administer home heating assistance through the federally funded Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, are accepting applications for energy assistance.

To be eligible for LIHEAP in Iowa, the total household income for an applicant must be at

or below 200% of 2023 federal poverty guidelines. For example, a single-person household is eligible with an annual gross income at or below \$30,120. A family of four is eligible with an annual gross income at or below \$62,400.

The program accepts applications through April 30, 2025.

Eligible customers who need help with energy bills should apply for LIHEAP at a local community action outreach office.

The Iowa Department of Health and Human Services has additional information about the program. Eligibility requirements information is also available by dialing 211.

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Celebrating turning 20!

A girl slides down an inflatable (above) and 2022 NHHS grad Caitlyn Rochford (right) paints Mila Hugeback’s face at the Chickasaw Wellness Complex’s 20th Anniversary party on Sunday.



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A girl (above) gets a plate of chips at the CWC’s 20th Anniversary celebration on Sunday that featured a free-will donation meal of pulled pork, dessert and a drink.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS O. STRAW, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003252 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Thomas O. Straw, Deceased, who died on or about on August 22, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on October 31, 2024, the last will and testament of Thomas O. Straw, deceased, bearing date of October 24, 2005, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the 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.

Dated on October 31, 2024.

Colleen Straw, Proponent

Attorney for estate: Tori A. Beyer, ICIS#: AT0015570 12 E. Main Street New Hampton, IA 50659 tori@dillonlawpc.com

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Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in a joint work session with Turkey Valley on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in the High School FCS Room. President Matthews called the work session to order at 6:00 pm with Directors A. Schwickerath, Ayers, N. Schwickerath and Board Secretary Roethler present.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the agenda. Director Ayers seconded it. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Grundmeyer Leader Services Superintendent Search Work Session.

Director Ayers moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Ayers, A. Schwickerath and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.

Attest: November 5, 2024 Jay Matthews, President Christy Roethler, Board Secretary

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FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT of MEMBER FAIRS

INCORPORATED NAME OF FAIR & CITY		Big Four Fair Association			
ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE	11,500	CARNIVAL (name if applies)	Next Generation Shows		
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Financial Report for Fiscal Year		(Start Date)	October 1, 2023	(End Date)	September 30, 2024

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES	
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RECEIPTS	
FAIR INCOME	156,136.55
NON-FAIR INCOME +	88,415.15
COUNTY FUNDING +	6000.00
GRANTS (Community & Private Grants, & Others) +	82,529.00
STATE FUNDING +	10,076.55
MONEY BORROWED +	
TOTAL RECEIPTS =	343,157.25
EXPENSES	
FAIR EXPENSES	107,348.43
NON-FAIR EXPENSES +	105,227.71
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS +	98,431.10
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES +	6,554.90
PAYMENTS TO DEBTS +	31,250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES =	348,812.14
SIMPLE CASH RECONCILIATION	
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (FIRST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)	70,528.60
PLUS TOTAL RECEIPTS +	343,157.25
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES -	348,812.14
ENDING CASH BALANCE (LAST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR) =	64,873.71
LESS TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS (BALANCE OF LOANS PAYABLE) -	85,000.00
NET ENDING CASH STANDING (AS OF LAST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)	64,873.71

PREMIUMS PAID AFFIDAVIT

NAME of FAIR: Big Four Fair Association

We, the undersigned President, Secretary and Treasurer of the above stated Fair, being duly sworn on oath depose and say the said Association/Society, being duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa held a Fair known as the Big Four Fair Association on these days of August 29, 30, 31 Sept. 1, 2, 2024

In or near the city of Nashua Ia. and said Fair consists of a true exhibition of livestock, together with agricultural products and farm implements as contemplated by law (either Section 174.1 or 174.10).

We further depose and say that the following is a statement of the actual amount paid in cash premiums by the Association/Society for the current year, this statement corresponds with the published offer of premiums, and that no deductions have been made for entry fees, stall or pen rent. We further depose and say that no part of the below statement was paid for speed events or to secure games or amusements. We further depose and say that state appropriated funds received were used for infrastructure purposes only.

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LIVESTOCK		LIVESTOCK	
Beef	N/A	Beef	\$2486.00
Dairy	N/A	Dairy	
Dog	N/A	Sheep	
Goats	N/A	Swine	
Horse	N/A	Other Livestock	Horses buy \$1576.00
Poultry	N/A	NON-LIVESTOCK	
Rabbit	N/A	Arts & Crafts, Textiles & Related	\$839.25
Sheep	N/A	Culinary & Related	\$300.00
Swine	N/A	Flowers/Plants	\$388.75
Other Livestock	N/A	Other Non-Livestock	\$436.00
Static Exhibits (Building Projects)	N/A	TOTAL	\$1964.00
TOTAL	N/A		

NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS AND EXHIBITS

AREA	4-H & FFA	OPEN CLASS
Livestock Exhibitors	N/A	102
Livestock Exhibits	N/A	221
Non-Livestock Exhibitors	N/A	58
Non-Livestock Exhibits	N/A	873

Report Verified by following Officers of the Association/Society

President (print name): Jim Beaman	(Signature): J Beaman
Secretary (print name): Nancy Hillesheim	(Signature): Nancy Hillesheim
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Complete all areas and send (first class mail only) original signed report by November 15 to:

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CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 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, November 4, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Geerts at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Larsen, Porath Speltz, Denner, Humpal. Fisher was absent. Also in attendance were Conrad Rosendahl, Casey Mai, Tammy Robinson, Bob Fenske, Chris & Sara Onken, Steve Troyer with Strand Associates and several NHHS students.

1. Approve meeting agenda
2. Approve City Council Minutes of October 21, 2024.
3. Approve City Claims of \$91,151.62
4. Airport Minutes of 10-14-2024
5. Library Minutes of 10-1-2024
6. ABD License: Class C Retail – Dak’s Tap 10-27-2024
7. ABD License: Class B Retail – Kwik Star #895 12-29-24
8. ABD License: Class B Retail Native Wine – Pocketful of Posies 11-1-2024

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

The Mayor announced that on October 21, 2024, the City Council had given its initial consideration and had adopted an ordinance entitled “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.” It was moved by Council Member Porath and seconded by Council Member Larsen that the aforementioned ordinance be given its second consideration and that it be adopted.

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

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

Strand Associates engineer, Steve Troyer, was in attendance to explain the necessary agreements for the continued development of the WWTP and facilities. This amendment extends the term of the existing engineering agreement from 2 to 10 years. Moved by Porath, seconded by Humpal That RESOLUTION NO. 6682 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT NO 1 TO AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC., be approved. Ayes -Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.

The On-Call Engineering agreement allows for Strand Associates, Inc. to continue the calculation of the M&O shared costs. These M&O calculations

determine the share of expense that the industries utilize based on their flows.

Moved by Larsen, seconded by Speltz; That RESOLUTION NO. 6683 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TASK ORDER NO. 24-01 FOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC. be approved. Ayes -Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.

The last agreement needing approval is for the engineering services for the pre-construction modifications for the WWTP. Moved by Porath, seconded by Humpal; That RESOLUTION NO. 6684 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TASK ORDER NO. 24-02 FOR WASTE-WATER TREATMENT’S PLANT MODIFICATIONS WITH STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC., be approved. Ayes -Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Denner, Humpal. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.

At the October 21st, 2024 council meeting Joel Knutson requested the council consider installing stop signs on East Prospect at the intersection of North Water Ave. His concern, now that the Chickasaw County EMS is established at their N Water location, that additional traffic controls might be necessary. Moved by Humpal, seconded by Larsen; That That RESOLUTION # 6685 A RESOLUTION APPROVING INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS AT THE EAST AND WEST BOUND TRAFFIC LANES AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH WATER AVENUE AND EAST PROSPECT, be approved. Ayes -Larsen, Porath, Speltz, Humpal. Nays - Denner, Absent – Fisher. Resolution approved.

In the Union Agreement, which was in effect July 1, 2024, the police department changed their work schedule to include 10 and 12 hours work days. As a result of this change, police officers are requesting a change to their earned vacation hours based on a 10 or 12 hour work day vs an 8 hour work day. The council also discussed a discrepancy in the union agreement regarding the length of probation for newly hired employees; and there is a discrepancy how the starting wage for a newly hired peace officer is determined. Union steward Chris Onken spoke on behalf of the union and agreed that there needs to be a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) prepared to make these clarifications. Moved by Speltz, seconded by Larsen; To direct City Attorney Todd Prichard to prepare a MOU clarifying three items: 1. Earned vacation hours, not days 2. Probation clarification for newly hired employees and 3. Determination of a base pay for newly hired peace officers. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Motion carried.

Moved by Denner, seconded by Speltz That RESOLUTION NO. 6686 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FROM TAX INCREMENT REVENUE, be approved. Gage Investments LLC \$3,250

MDK No. 3	\$11,300
MDK No. 4	\$30,500
New Hampton Tran.....	\$16,500
New Hampton Tran.....	\$30,500
Midwest Floors	\$4,300
DTS Realty.....	\$4,800
Dungey’s Furniture	\$27,300
Hugeback Funeral Homes LLC	\$13,650
JKN Properties	\$9,700
4 The Cross Rentals	\$1,270
Big Squeeze	\$700
Five Star Cooperative	\$100,000
Ozo Kleen	\$775
MM Real Estate Holdings.....	\$12,400
Security State Bank.....	\$20,650
BTR Investments LLC.....	\$1,000
South Lake Condo Assoc.....	\$25,000
TIF Projects	\$175,000
Total	\$488,595

City Attorney Todd Prichard updated the council on the recent grievance and arbitration hearing. The grievant will receive the rate of pay at the time of the transfer plus back pay to the date of transfer.

Council member Humpal attended and appreciated the Library’s 125th Anniversary event.

Council member Porath encouraged everyone to vote in the November 5th General Election.

Moved by Porath, seconded by Speltz; that the meeting adjourn at 7:45 pm. Ayes – Five. Nays – None. Absent – Fisher. Motion carried.

ATTEST: KAREN CLEMES, City Clerk
STEVE GEERTS, Mayor
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024
7:00 P.M.

CITY - WRITTEN SINCE
OCTOBER 21, 2024

UMB Bank, Bond Interest Pmts (Pool Proj, Street Const)	14,193.00
Lexipol, Annual Policy Manual & Training Bulletins (PD)	5,021.10
New Hampton Pastoral Association, Faith & Blue Event Donations (PD)	175.00
USPS, Postage for Utility Bills (WA SR)	231.78
John Deere Financial, Tools, Supplies (Fire Police Sewer Water Street)	703.36
Total Written	20,324.24
CITY - TO BE WRITTEN	
20/20 FX, Adapter & Troubleshooting (Clerk)	62.50
Blazek Corporation, Fix Water Main Break on N Linn Ave & Milwaukee (Water) Clarifier Repair/ Manhole Structure Seal (Sewer)	5,610.00
Boy’s Concrete & Rentals, Replace Curb at 16 N Maple & 102 N Linn (St)	3,116.00
Calhoun-Burns Associates, Bridge Replacement Project E Hamilton	1,112.25
Chickasaw County Auditor, Share of Hotel/ Motel Tax Revenue 1,472.36	
City Laundering Co, Uniforms (SR ST) Mats, Air Dispenser (SR)	388.63
Culligan Water, DI Equipment Rental, Filter (Sewer)	100.76
Douglas, Ken, October Mileage – Read-	

ing Meters (100 x \$.655) (WA),	65.50
Eurofins, Testing Fees October (Sewer)	4,306.17
Hawkins, Cylinders, LPC-4, Chlorine (Water)	5,646.88
Heartland Asphalt, Cold Mix- Winter Blend (Street)	2,389.86
IA Municipal Solutions LLC, Monthly Wastewater Operator Services (SR)	4,333.00
Iowa Department of Public Safety, Quarterly Terminal Billing July - Sept 2024 (PD)	300.00
Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup, Compost Pickup, Fuel Surcharge	1,964.60
Jendro Sanitation, October Recycling & Garbage	33,413.25
L & R Manufacturing, Snowblower Supplies (Street)	24.44
Lexi Holthaus, Cleaning Service 10/4-11/1 (50 hrs @ \$25)	1,250.00
MTS Inc, Window Washing Community Center Bldg	20.00
New Hampton Tribune, Minutes & Claims, Financial Reports (Clerk) Job Posting Ad (Street) TIF Public Hearing Notice	1,003.98
Prichard, Todd, Regular Salary 3,318.00 Radar Road Tec, 5 Radar Certifications (Police)	200.00
Riley’s Inc, Copy Fee (Clerk Econ Police)	145.00
Streicher’s, Uniform Allowance (Police)	142.03
Summit Fire Protection, Fire Alarm Battery Replacement (Custodial)	108.00
T and K Tractor Repair, Crankcase Vent (Fire)	174.13
Verizon , Data Charges (Police)	160.04
Total to be Written	70,827.38
Plus City Written	20,324.24
TOTAL TO BE APPROVED	\$91,151.62
PAYROLL - WRITTEN SINCE OCTOBER 21, 2024	
AFLAC, Supplemental Insurance 368.40	
EFTPS, FICA Tax, Federal Tax	11,349.34
Employee Benefit Systems, Administration Fees	240.00
Empower Retirement, Deferred Comp ..	475.00
Globe Life Liberty National, Supplemental Insurance	16.40
Iowa Dept of Revenue, State W/H Tax	3,239.69
City of New Hampton, Self Funding Fees	7,945.62
Treasurer, State of Iowa, IPERS	16,737.47
Wellmark, Health Insurance ..	26,338.13
CEMETERY - TO BE WRITTEN	66,510.05
Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup .48.61	

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NOTICE
The Lawler City Council met in regular session on November 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Mark Mueterthies presided. Council members present: Scheidel, King, Wilson and Roberson
Council members absent: Croell
Others present: Jay Uhlhenke, Nick LaRosa-Fehr Graham, Ishiah Corbon-INRCOG and Travis Suckow

Motion made by King to approve the agenda with the addition of barking dog complaints and window leak in library.

Second by Roberson

All Ayes. Motion passed.

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

Second by King.

All Ayes. Motion passed.

VESTIS, RUGS 276.73

JENDRO, GARBAGE CONTRACT 3,371.90

STANTON ELECTRIC, NEW SERVICE 1,896.27

UPS 134.55

TEST AMERICA, DRINKING WATER 310.05

EFTPS, FED/FICA TAX 1,807.83

IPERS, IPERS 1,352.19

MENERGY, ELECTRICITY 49,540.53

HAWKINS, AZONE 496.01

TEAM LAB, MEGA BUGS..... 2,000.00

HEARTLAND ASPHALT, UPM COLD MIX - BLAZEK..... 1,116.70

NEW HAMPTON TRIBUNE, OCTOBER 2024 MINUTES..... 105.47

QUILL CORPORATION, annual membership..... 69.99

UNITES STATES POSTAL, 12 MONTH BOX DUE84

ANDERSON 271

IWD, 3RD QTR UNEMPLOYMENT..... 12.7

IOWA RURAL WATER, DUES JAN 2025-DEC 2025 305

QUALITY PUMP, WELL HOUSE 5,039.20

TERRY DURIN CO 423

MARC, WEED SPRAY WW..... 1,973.00

HAWKEYE INTERCONNECT..... 46.28

DSG, SIGN POST 883.28

FEHR GRAHAM, Box Culverts..... 21,795.75

IOWA DEPT OF REVENUE, SALES TAX SEPT 2024 1,428.60

OMNISITE, 1 YR WIRELESS SERVICE 59.59

BACON CONCRETE, PAYMENT #6..... 179,424.41

LAWLER LIONS CLUB, WELCOME SIGN..... 5,000.00

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, AUGUST 2024 LOAN PAYMENT. 50,000.00

WORKWISE COMPLIANCE..... 249.95

DEPOSIT REFUNDS, REFUND DATE 10/08/2024 75

PAYROLL CHECKS 139,083.94

TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS 6,624.55

CLAIMS TOTAL 336,173.53

REVENUE

GENERAL FUND 10,732.82

..... 59,949.80

SANITATION FUND 3,371.90

..... 3,024.47

ROAD USE TAX FUND..... 1,943.52

..... 5,023.37

DEBT SERVICE FUND..... 50,000.00

..... 20,067.32

CAP PRO STORM DRAINAGE FUND..... 201,220.16

WATER FUND 8,011.20

..... 9,910.12

SEWER FUND 6,519.28

..... 9,656.78

ELECTRIC FUND..... 54,299.65

DEPOSITS - ELECTRIC FUND..... 75

..... (106.02)

LIBRARY

IPERS, IPERS..... 305.5

PENWORTHY COMPANY LLC, BOOKS..... 201.75

INGRAM, BOOKS..... 269.27

HAWKEYE INTERCONNECT..... 31.4

VISA 77.36

JANE LYNCH 27.47

PAYROLL CHECKS

TOTAL PAYROLL CHECKS 1,523.79

CLAIMS TOTAL 2,436.54

GENERAL FUND 2,436.54

Nick LaRosa with Fehr Graham gave the council an update on the box culvert improvements. The project will be finished by November 28, 2024. The change link fences are to be constructed this week. Bacon Concrete will be seeding grass for the residents along the creek. Mayor Mueterthies requested an itemized invoice from Fehr Graham.

Nick also stated Lucas Elsbernd with Fehr Graham will go over the plans for the new well construction with Jay.

Motion made by Scheidel to approve Bacon Concrete pay estimate #6. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: Scheidel, Roberson, Wilson and King

Nays: None

Absent: Croell

Motion passed.

Mayor Mueterthies informed the council the court date on January 23, 2025 at 10:30am for the nuisance at 201 N Benz St. The property owners are working on selling the property.

Suzette will send letters to owners of barking dog with copy of ordinance.

Motion made by Scheidel to open the Public Hearing at 7:15pm. Seconded by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Croell

Local Residents attending: None

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for the CDBG Application to address the construction of a new well. 2 people were in attendance. How the Need for the proposed activities was identified: This Project was identified as a result of a needs assessment, DNR requirements, and engineering reports and was discussed at numerous Lawler City Council meetings. The project was also addressed in an independent engineering report (facility plan) which was completed in August 2024. Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Needs were identified through a local income survey, conducted in September 2024. Said LMI percentage was determined to be 56.51 percent of persons in the community. Nature of Proposed Activities: As identified in the engineer’s facility plan, the proposed project would construct a third well for the City of Lawler. The well would be drilled to the Jordan aquifer, which is in the Cambrian-Ordovician aquifer. This is deeper than the current Ordovician aquifer the existing wells draw from and is expected to produce better water quality, an estimated 1280 feet deep and cased to an estimated depth of 830 feet. The location of the new well is near the current Well #2. The existing wellhouse and treatment system for well #2 will be used to treat water from the new well, but without the polyphosphate/orthophosphate mix. Funding sources: CDBG CDBG (Administration) State

Revolving Loan Fund Total Est. Cost of the Project Estimated Budget \$ 276,750 \$ 28,000 \$ 270,250 \$ 575,000 · Total requested amount of CDBG federal funds: \$304,750. · Estimated portion of federal funds that will benefit persons of low and moderate income: \$1,846.97/ LMI person (165 total LMI persons). · The City has applied for \$410,000 in SRF (State Revolving Loan Fund) loan for this project which will be used as local match. · This project allows for new and expanded service to the low- and moderate-income families in the region, including senior citizens and persons with fixed incomes. · Construction would begin in April 2026. Project is estimated to be completed by September 2027. No one is expected to be displaced by the CDBG activities. If there were anyone being displaced the city would follow the HUD Relocation and Displacement Policy. · Project application will be submitted on or before January 1, 2025. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT Community Name: City of Lawler, Iowa COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF LOW- AND MODERATEINCOME PERSONS 1. Flood Improvements: In response to significant flooding challenges, the City has implemented and continues to pursue infrastructure enhancements to mitigate flood risks, particularly focusing on high-risk homes, many of which belong to low- and moderate-income households. This ongoing project is expected to reach completion in the near future, offering increased protection and resilience for vulnerable areas. (High) 2. ADA Compliance: With many older facilities not meeting ADA standards, the City has taken steps to update restrooms and pedestrian crossings to make city-owned facilities more accessible and accommodating for individuals with disabilities. (Medium) 3. Food Pantry Support: The City is committed to addressing food insecurity by actively supporting the local food pantry with regular donations and essential resources. This support enables the pantry to maintain a steady supply of nutritious food and basic necessities for low-income individuals and families in need throughout the community. These efforts ensure that vulnerable residents have consistent access to healthy food options, strengthening overall community well-being and resilience. (High) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING NEEDS OF NON-LMI RESIDENTS 1. Housing Development: The City actively promotes housing development projects within the community to meet residents’ housing needs, ensuring a variety of options are available to support a growing and diverse population. (High) 2. Library Renovations: The City has recently invested in a series of updates to the library, enhancing accessibility and expanding services to better serve community members. (Medium) 3. Bridge and Street Improvements: The City is actively working on replacing a vital bridge and enhancing street conditions to improve accessibility and ease of use for all residents. (High) PLANNED OR POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS HOUSING AND COMMUNITY NEEDS (SAMPLE) 1. Well Improvements: The City is committed to enhancing its water infrastructure by building an additional well to improve water quality and secure a reliable supply of safe drinking water for residents. This project

involves infrastructure updates to prevent contamination and increase capacity. By prioritizing these improvements, the City aims to ensure long-term access to clean, safe water for current and future generations, reflecting a dedication to public health and environmental stewardship. (High) 2. Railroad Crossing Improvements: The City is actively working to enhance railroad crossings that are currently in poor condition and pose safety risks, aiming to make these areas safer and more reliable for residents and travelers. (Medium) Date and location of assessment: November 4, 2024, Lawler City Council Chambers

Motion by Scheidel to close public hearing for the proposed financial activity for the construction of water well at 7:29pm. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, Roberson and Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Croell

Motion made by Scheidel to accept Resolution #2024-11042024-1 Approving a community development block grant application. Second by King.

Ayes: Scheidel, King, Wilson and Roberson

Nays: None

Absent: Croell

Motion passed.

Motion made by King to accept Resolution #2024-11042024-2 authorizing the mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with the INRCOG for the administration of the Community development contract with the Iowa Economic Development Authority. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: King, Roberson, Wilson and Scheidel

Nays: None

Absent: Croell

Motion passed.

Motion made by Roberson to accept Resolution #2024-11042024-3 granting the Iowa Economic Development Authority certain financial assurances in conjunction with the Community Development Block Grant Application. Second by Scheidel.

Ayes: Roberson, Scheidel, Wilson and King

Nays: None

Absent: Croell

Motion Passed.

Motion made by Scheidel to accept Resolution #2024-11042024-4 to fix a date for a public hearing proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in the principal amount not to exceed \$60,000. The Public Hearing will by December 2, 2024 at 7:15pm. Second by Roberson.

Ayes: Scheidel, Roberson, Wilson and King

Nays: None

Absent: Croell

Motion passed.

Next meeting will be December 2, 2024 at 7:00pm

Motion made by King to adjourn at 7:41pm. Second by Scheidel.

Ayes: King, Wilson, Scheidel and Roberson

Nays: None

Motion passed.

Suzette Byrne, City Clerk

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CASE NO. ESPR003249
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OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of LINDA E. PALMER, Deceased, who died on or about October 5, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on October 23, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of LINDA E. PALMER, Deceased, bearing the date of May 28, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that DAWN RODEMAKER has been 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 25, 2024
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Osage, IA 50461

Beth A Becker, ICIS#: 28626
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Two New Hampton sophomores — Dylan Maloy (left), who is making a tackle for loss against Crestwood, and Jackson Kellogg (right), who is blocking an Osage defender — were named to the all-district first team.

Chickasaws show plenty of growth in 2024

NH FOOTBALL: FROM 15

Usher and tight end Peyton Erlandson were honorable mention selections.

And 18 Chickasaws were also named to the district all-academic teams.

First-team selections were honored for having at least a 3.5 grade-point average and included Cargin Robinson, Schwickerath, Serie, Rausch, Ewert, Caden Rochford, Bryce Flugum, Cade Carpenter, Kuehner, Usher, Nolan Swehla, Jacob McDonald, Maloy, Kellogg, Chase Humpal and Caleb Utley.

All-academic second-team pickups had to have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.49, and the Chickasaws on that team were Kale Venem and Ryan Willadsen.

Add it all up and New Hampton raked in plenty of postseason honors.

“These kids, this group, were incredibly fun to coach,” Pemble said. “I said it over and over and over, but they were so coachable, they came to practice every day ready to work and intent on improving, and at the end of the day, that’s what they did.”

New Hampton’s all-district selections were led by two seniors — Serie and Ewert.

Start with Serie, who had a monster season despite switching positions on offense.

New Hampton’s leading receiver in 2023, he made a seamless transition to running back and joined a long list of Chickasaws with 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

Serie ran for 1,120 yards on 208 carries and scored 13 touchdowns, and he was the second-leading rusher in district games, finishing with 619 yards to miss out on the district rushing title by just two yards to Crestwood’s Aiden Skoda.

He also shined on defense, racking up 43.5 stops to finish third on the team’s tackle chart. Serie also led the Chickasaws with two fumble recoveries.

Ewert, meanwhile, tied Schwickerath for the team lead in receptions with 42 and averaged 16.6 yards a catch. He led New Hampton with seven touchdown catches and added another on an interception return in the Chickasaws’ season-finale win over North Butler. And the senior also had two punt returns for touchdowns called back in a game against Oelwein.

“Two very explosive guys,” Pemble said when asked about the senior first-teamers. “Adam could really stretch the field, and Beau really settled in nicely at running back. He’s got good

speed, and he showed a lot of toughness. There were very few plays this year where one guy was able to take him down.”

Kuehner, meanwhile, had a breakout junior year in which he finished second on the team with 47 tackles, including 5.5 for losses and 4.5 quarterback sacks.

Meanwhile, Kellogg and Maloy made the leap from freshman football to the varsity and shined on both sides of the ball. Kellogg led the Chickasaws with 51.5 tackles, including 6.5 for losses, and was a solid blocker throughout the season. Ditto for Maloy, who was really coming into his own before missing the final two games of the season with an illness. He finished the season with 16 tackles.

New Hampton’s two second-team selections connected often this past season. Rausch completed 105 of 175 passes for 1,065 yards and 11 touchdowns while rushing for 51 yards and two scores. Schwickerath was a solid possession receiver as he caught 42 passes for 235 yards and two scores while also 18 tackles in the defensive secondary.

Usher, too, had a strong season, especially on defense as the senior was fourth on the team in tackles with 40 stops that included a team-high 10 for losses. His fellow honorable mention selection, Erlandson, had a fine season until suffering a knee injury in a game against Waukon. In addition to giving the Chickasaws’ a solid blocking tight end, he also caught six passes for 64 yards.

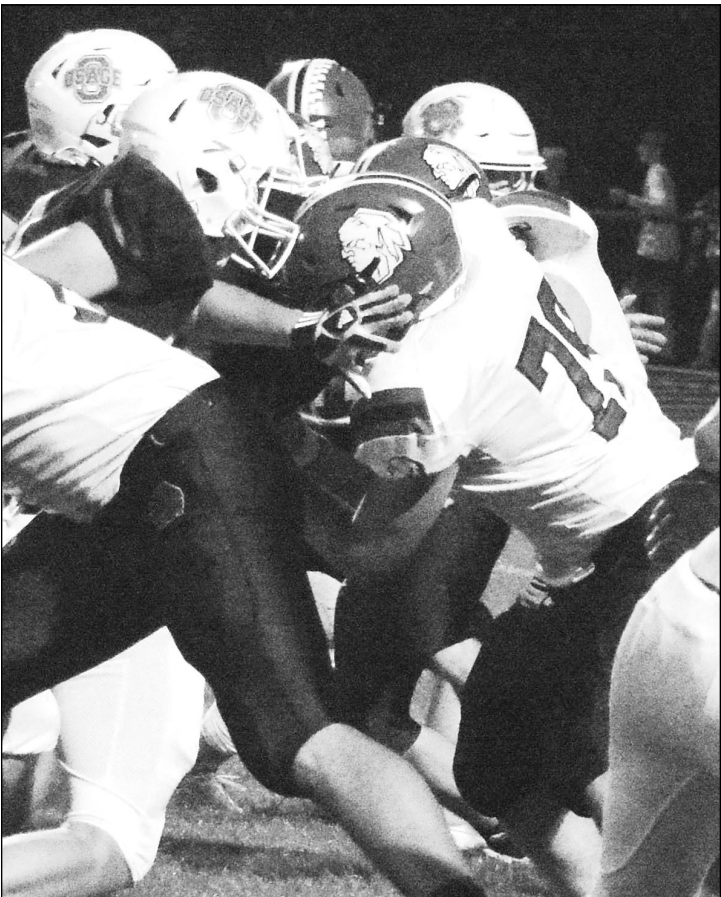
New Hampton opened the season with four straight losses — three of which came to playoff teams — but found its footing during the second half of the season.

After beating Oelwein, the Chickasaws fell to North Fayette Valley and then gave Crestwood, which advanced to the state playoffs “round of 16,” a battle before falling 28-27.

Following a loss to Waukon, New Hampton closed the season with a 35-8 victory over North Butler.

The bad news is that five of New Hampton’s all-district players have played their final down of high school football, but with Kuehner, Maloy, Kellogg and Erlandson — plus a host of underclassmen who saw plenty of action in 2024 — New Hampton has a strong nucleus returning next fall.

“The growth these guys made, it was huge,” Pemble said. “Everyone wants to win more than two games, but the effort they gave us — in practice, on game nights — can’t be beat.”



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CLASS 2A, DISTRICT 3 FOOTBALL

OFFENSIVE MVP SKILL POSITIONS		
Cael Reichter	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
OFFENSIVE LINE MVP		
Layne Kleppe	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
DEFENSIVE LINE MVP		
Ledger Nehls	Osage	Sr.
DEFENSIVE BACK MVP		
Lincoln Aeschliman	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
QUARTERBACKS		
Decklyn Harris	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Quinn Street	Osage	Jr.
RUNNING BACKS		
Kyler White	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Brock Voyna	Crestwood	Sr.
Beau Serie	New Hampton	Sr.
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Gavyn Grover	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Noah Benson	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Alex Machin	Osage	Jr.
Beau Taylor	Osage	Sr.
Preston McCabe	Crestwood	Sr.
Will Ludwig	Crestwood	Sr.
Jackson Kellogg	New Hampton	So.
WIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS		
Tate Germann	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Madden Uhlenhopp	Osage	Sr.
Sevryn Dodd	Osage	Jr.
Carson Hager	Waukon	Sr.
Adam Ewert	New Hampton	Sr.
KICKER		
Lincoln Aeschliman	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
OFFENSE UTILITY		
Aidan Skoda	Crestwood	Sr.
RETURN SPECIALIST		
Adam Ewert	New Hampton	Sr.
DEFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Gavin Schroyer	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Gavin Muller	Osage	So.
Caiden Simiele	Crestwood	Sr.
McKyan Egan	Waukon	So.
Dylan Maloy	New Hampton	So.
Andrew Kitchen	Oelwein	Sr.
LINEBACKERS		
Ryan Griffith	North Fayette Valley	So.
Logan Boehm	North Fayette Valley	Sr.
Bradyn Blair	Osage	Sr.
Tyler Gibson	Crestwood	Jr.
Graine Curtin	Waukon	Sr.
Emmett Kuehner	New Hampton	Jr.
DEFENSIVE BACKS		
Jaxson Lundgren	North Fayette Valley	Jr.
Brock Trees	Osage	Jr.
Isaac Houdek	Osage	Sr.
Dashel Donlan	Crestwood	Sr.
Jaxon Brinkman	Waukon	Sr.
DEFENSE UTILITY		
Jake Krebsbach	Osage	Sr.
PUNTER		
Alex Loden	Crestwood	So.
SECOND TEAM SELECTIONS		
Crestwood: Sean Hart, sr. and Brayden Thompson, sr.		
New Hampton: Reid Rausch, sr. and Tate Schwickerath, sr.		
North Fayette Valley: Kyler Bertram, jr. and Damian Harnisch, sr.		
Oelwein: Hayden Rummell, sr. and Maddox Pattison, jr.		
Osage: Sage Christensen, jr. and Sawyer Brandau, jr.		
Waukon: Judah Johnson, sr. and McKinley Rostvold, sr.		
HONORABLE MENTION		
Crestwood: Gage Moser, sr. and Danny Miller, sr.		
New Hampton: Bryar Usher, sr. and Peyton Erlandson, so.		
North Fayette Valley: Kenny Kerr, sr and Mason Heins, so.		
Oelwein: Ethan Anderson, sr. and Parker Kuennen, so.		
Osage: Hunter Brown, jr. and Brycen Voaklander, sr.		
Waukon: Connor Stillwell, jr. and Tristyn Crawford, so.		

Half a dozen Trojans named to academic all-district team

TV FOOTBALL: FROM 15

that’s crucial — especially when you have injuries like we did this year and have to move people around,” said Scott.

Kruse hauled in 23 passes for 474 yards and that statline was accentuated by an impressive 20.6 yards-per-catch average. Kruse registered 976 all-purpose yards.

Kruse was also the real deal in the secondary at what Scott refers to as an “invert” defensive position, similar to a strong safety. Kruse was one of the district’s best enforcers on the defensive side of the ball with a team-leading 61.5 tackles. Forty-seven of those tackles were of the solo variety, which was third-best in his district.

“He plays hard and he works hard in practice and he works hard in the weight room,” said Scott. “He does all the things you want him to do.”

Cracking the second team for TV was Kriener, sophomore Kaden Schmidt and junior Logan Busta.

Busta was a repeat selection on the all-district team as he made the honorable-mention list a year ago.

Busta — Scott’s second-year starting quarterback and solid cornerback in the secondary — produced many highlights this year for the Trojan faithful.

He passed for 677 yards to go along with eight touchdowns versus four interceptions. It was his ability to improvise out of the pocket that made him doubly dangerous for defenses to stop. Busta rushed for 484 yards and scored seven times on the ground.

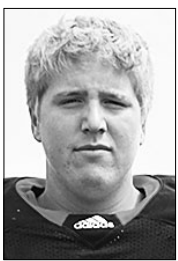
“He’s actually dangerous when he takes off running,” said Scott. “He does a good job of getting yards when he does take off.”

Busta tallied 22 tackles and picked off one pass this season.

To say he’s just coming into his own out on the gridiron might be an accurate assessment of his talent as he’s getting more comfortable in Scott’s system each and every day.

“He’s still young, too. He’s growing,” said Scott. “He’s got a couple years underneath his belt now.”

One star for TV that definitely showcased his talent was



Hunter Kruse

Schmidt. In his first year in a starring varsity role, he led the Trojans in rushing with 611 yards. He averaged a stellar 8.5 yards per crack and found the end zone 11 times. He also caught six balls for 96 yards.

“He sees the field well and he does a good job of seeing his blockers and cutting behind them — using the guys in front of him that are doing their jobs,” said Scott.

Schmidt recorded 34.5 tackles (24 solo) at his linebacker position.

For Kriener — who played alongside his twin brother Mitchell for much of the season prior to the latter Kriener getting hurt — was a force to be reckoned with on both sides of the ball. Kriener was a starting guard on the o-line and played defensive end, as well as linebacker.

Kriener came up with 57.5 tackles, 40 of them solo.

In the Bosco game, which the No. 4 Dons won handily, 62-0, Kriener exemplified what he’s all about. Scott explained some more about Kriener’s engine that rarely shuts down or takes a break from grinding its way out on the gridiron.

“He made a play in the Bosco game. He ran the kid down, punched the ball out and caused a fumble. One of their kids picked it up and he got up and tackled that kid, too,” said Scott. “That’s the kind of hustle he has.”

It’s Kriener’s style of play that has everyone involved with TV football excited for what’s in store in 2025.

“He’s an effort guy. He’s not faster than a lot of guys, but he doesn’t quit. He keeps coming and keeps coming,” said Scott.

Hunter Kruse, a junior starting center and nose guard, made it back-to-back honorable mention selections for the Trojans. He cracked the squad last year as a sophomore and racked up 34.5 tackles (20 solo). His three tackles for loss led the Trojans.

“He’s a hard worker, too. He’s very intelligent, which is a big thing,” said Scott. “A lot of years he probably would have been first or second team, but we played some pretty good teams this year in our district.”

TV played to a mark of 3-5 this year and 3-3 in district play.

Also receiving academic all-district were Jordan Kriener, Mitchell Kriener, Hunter Kruse, sophomores Tucker Tlusty and Cale Langreck, as well as junior Traejin Keel.

ALL-EIGHT MAN, DISTRICT 3 FOOTBALL

FIRST TEAM		
OFFENSIVE LINEMEN		
Kaiser Bovy	Don Bosco	Jr.
Kyler Sallis	Don Bosco	Soph.
Karsen Strong	Kee High	Sr.
Calvin LaMarche	Waterloo Christian	Jr.
QUARTERBACK		
Dalton Mudderman	Kee High	Sr.
Jack Adams	Riceville	Sr.
RUNNING BACKS		
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LINEBACKERS		
Kyler Knaack	Don Bosco	Sr.
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Reagan Richardson	Riceville	Soph.
DEFENSIVE BACKS		
Chance Christensen	Riceville	Jr.
Caleb McCombs	Waterloo Christian	Sr.
J.D. Kruse	Turkey Valley	Jr.
Ben Belew	Don Bosco	Sr.
UTILITY DEFENSE		
David Schmitz	Kee High	Sr.
PUNTER		
Drake Puls	West Central	Jr.
SECOND TEAM		
Lyndon Dohman	Riceville	Sr.
Aidan Ebert	Riceville	Sr.
Trace Baethke	Riceville	Jr.
Payton Regenold	Don Bosco	Sr.
Cinnik Yoder	Don Bosco	Sr.
Milton Cushion	West Central	Soph.
Jarod Reams	Kee High	Sr.
Jordan Cota	Kee High	Sr.
Zach Meyer	Kee High	Jr.
Kaden Schmidt	Turkey Valley	Soph.
Logan Busta	Turkey Valley	Jr.
Jordan Kriener	Turkey Valley	Soph.
Owen Hammersland	Central Elkader	Soph.
Garrett Burns	Central Elkader	Jr.
Mason Loan	Central Elkader	Fr.
Maddux Eglseder	Central Elkader	Sr.
Jack Scherf	Central Elkader	Sr.
David Comer	Waterloo Christian	Soph.
Toby Nelson	Waterloo Christian	Sr.
Ty Welkert	Waterloo Christian	Jr.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

TUESDAY, NOV. 19
New Hampton/Turkey Valley girls varsity wrestling vs. Alburnett, Central Elkader and North Butler, at Central, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 22
New Hampton Meet the Team night, 3:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 23
NHTV girls varsity wrestling at Independence tourney, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 25
New Hampton girls basketball vs. Riceville, JV at 6:15, varsity at 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 26
New Hampton girls and boys bowling at Oelwein, 4 p.m.

New Hampton girls basketball vs. Wapsie Valley, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley JV/V girls basketball vs. Postville, 6:15 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 2
New Hampton boys basketball at Newman Catholic, JV at 6:15 p.m., varsity at 7:45 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 3
New Hampton/Turkey Valley JV/V boys wrestling vs. Central Elkader, Clear Lake and South Winn at South Winn, 5:30 p.m.

Turkey Valley girls and boys basketball at MFL MarMac, JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 6:15 p.m.

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Dak's Tap	13	23

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

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High team series: Hugeback-Johnson 1,299, Mid-Tech Services 1,253, Geerts Plumbing 1,234.

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Kristy Kirkus 54.
MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)
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Rita Geerts 9-10.
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Week 6 Nov. 6	W	L	GB
Dak's Tap I	37	17	0
Kenny's Tavern II	30	24	7
Hide A Way	29	25	8
NH Country Club	27	27	10
The Office	26	28	11
Kenny's Tavern I	25	29	12
Bowlaway Lanes	24	30	13
Dak's Tap II	18	36	19
RESULTS			
Hide A Way 5, Kenny's Tavern I 4			
Dak's Tap I 6, Kenny's Tavern II 3			
NH Country Club 5, Bowlaway Lanes 4			
The Office 5, Dak's Tap II 4			
THREE-GAME WINNERS			
Hide A Way - Brenda Tenge & Sheri Hillegas			
NH Country Club - Leslie Noehl & Cathy Knutson			
The Office - Punky McNeal & Liz Peters			



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New Hampton High School student Israel Ortiz (left) performs with his fellow brass band members, American Legion Commander Brian Quirk (center) presents opening remarks and New Hampton Methodist Church Pastor Paula Hemann delivers the benediction during Monday's Veterans Day program.

Pastor reminds crowd what veterans have given their country

VETERANS DAY: FROM 1

all over the world where Americans serve their country day in and day out.
“Those famous singers and actors and athletes aren't the real stars in America,” Elenz said. “The real stars are the veterans. ... If you look at the stars at the heavenly body at night, our veterans are all around you — plentiful, some bright and shiny, some not as clear, but nevertheless, they are here. For that, we should be grateful for our stars, the ones who are here on earth — our neighbors, our relatives and our friends.”
And he closed with a plea for the rest of us to be grateful to our veterans.
“Give them a heartfelt thank you for their service and recognize that they protected us and kept us safe.”
And his call was echoed by New Hampton Methodist Church Pastor Paula Hemann, who delivered the invocation and benediction at Monday's ceremony.
“It's the soldier, not the poet, who gives us the freedom of speech,” she said. “It's the soldier, not the rally organizer, who allows us to speak out on critical issues.”



After area veterans (above) fire off the salute, New Hampton High School Band member Hayden Hackman (below) plays “Taps” at the conclusion of Monday's program.

“And it's the soldier who fights our battles so we live in peace and freedom in the United States of America.”
As always, the Veterans Day program was put on by the members of the American Legion Fae Stine Post 38, and the post's commander, Brian

Quirk, expressed his appreciation for those who turned out on a raw holiday morning.

“It does mean a lot to us veterans,” he said, “that our service hasn't gone unnoticed, and we appreciate all of you who came out today. Your presence does not go unnoticed by us.”



Fae Stine Post 38 to host supper Sunday
On Sunday, Nov. 17 New Hampton American Legion Fae Stine Post 38 will hold a Iowa pork chop dine-in or carry-out meal from 4 to 7 p.m. at New Hampton's Pub at the Pinicon.
Tickets are \$20 for the grilled Iowa chop, salad bar, garlic mashed potatoes, green bean casserole and dinner roll. All proceeds benefit local veterans and tickets may be purchased from any Legion Post 38 member or at the Pub at the Pinicon.
The supper is one of the main fundraisers for the Legion post, and proceeds will go to organizations like Retrieving Freedom, Honor Flight, Quilt of Valor and the Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Office.

Winter leads Wartburg back to the top of the American Rivers Conference
Wartburg is heading back to the NCAA Division III football playoffs after clinching at least a share of the American Rivers Conference championship with a 24-14 win over the University of Dubuque on Saturday.
Coached by 2000 New Hampton High School graduate Chris Winter, the Knights' stretched their conference winning streak to 25.
Wartburg will close out the regular season this Saturday when the Knights play host to Loras College. A win would give Wartburg the conference title outright, but even if the Knights fall, they will get the American Rivers bid to the playoffs because they beat Coe, which has one loss in league play, 14-7 on Oct. 26.



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New Hampton senior Adam Ewert (left) picks up a big gain on a punt return against Oelwein while classmate Beau Serie (right) runs to the hole during a game against Clear Lake this past season.

Nine Chickasaws earn all-district honors

Serie, Ewert, Kuehner, Maloy and Kellogg garner first-team honors; New Hampton also has 18 on all-academic teams

BY BOB FENSKE
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All in all, New Hampton football coach Chad Pemble had no qualms when it came to his team's inclusion on the all-Class 2A, District 3 football teams.

"You know, it's probably the best we could do, and the kids we got on definitely deserved it," Pemble said. "You always hope for more, but as nice as the honors are, the thing I'll remember most about this team is just how far they came in one season."

The Chickasaws finished the season 2-7 overall and 1-4 in district play, but it would be hard to argue that any District 3 squad made as big of strides as New Hampton did in 2024.

Five Chickasaws were rewarded with first-team all-district honors, and they included running back Beau Serie, wide



Kellogg



Maloy



Rausch



Schwickerath



Erlandson



Usher

receiver Adam Ewert, linebacker Emmett Kuehner, offensive lineman Jackson Kellogg and defensive lineman Dylan Maloy.



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New Hampton's Emmett Kuehner makes a tackle during the Chickasaws' win over Oelwein

Quarterback Reid Rausch and wide receiver Tate Schwickerath were second-team picks while linebacker Bryar

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Five Trojans land on all-district teams

District 3 coaches place Kruse on first team; Busta, Schmidt, Kriener are second-teamers

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Mark Scott regaled a memorable play this fall in a game versus Don Bosco where one of his standout Trojan football players tracked down a ball carrier, forced the turnover and then proceeded to make another tackle as the opposition fell on the pigskin to retain possession.

That desire to never back down – regardless of the circumstance – perhaps best personified the kind of season it was for the Turkey Valley football squad.

Because in 2024, the ball didn't exactly bounce the Trojans' way, but that didn't stop Scott's playmakers from having an impact, win or lose.

That player Scott was referring to is sophomore t w o - w a y starter Jordan Kriener – who was recently selected to his second all-district squad in as many years on the varsity level.

Watch out for Kriener and the rest of his teammates, because if TV can avoid the injury bug – the year 2025 could definitely be a landmark season for the Trojans, who sported no seniors on their roster this fall.

TV was awarded with five spots on the 8-Man, All-District 3 squad – one on the first team, three on the second squad and an honorable-mention pick as well.



Busta



Kriener



Schmidt



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Turkey Valley's J.D. Kruse returns a punt for a touchdown in the Trojans' win over Waterloo Christian.

The Trojans played in one of the tougher districts in 8-Man, as evident by those ranked Dons comprising seven of the 22 first-team slots.

TV managed one first team selection in junior J.D. Kruse, who was an honorable-mention selection last year.

Kruse lit up the scoreboard this fall with eight receiving touchdowns to go along with three interceptions on defense. The electrifying wideout also brought back three touchdowns on special teams – two in the punt return game and one via a kickoff.

"He can play multiple positions, obviously, and in 8-Man

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NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Nov. 10 1949 (75 years ago)
• Formal Opening at J.G. Schueth, Hardware, Housewares, Gifts: Electric Lantern, \$2.69; Shotgun Cleaning Rods, \$1.19; Football, Official Size and Weight, \$2.59; Home Shop Skel-Drill, \$18.95; Bicycle Basket, 98 cents; Layer Cake Pan, 10 cents; Clothes Basket, \$1.69; Portable Heater, \$8.45.
• New Hampton residents have quit dreaming of going south for the winter since Saturday. Everyone is quite content to stay right here in Iowa where the summer-like weather belies the calendar. Seldom have there been five such ideal November days as have just passed.
The warm weather came on the heels of a cold wave which saw the mercury drop to 8 degrees early Thursday morning. The thermometer

reached 67 on Sunday, 73 on Monday and 67 on Tuesday. Dry weather continues to be the rule with little rainfall recorded in this part of Iowa the past four months.
1974 (50 years ago)
• New Hampton's newly organized independent baseball team will sponsor a chili supper as its first fund-raising project. Following the supper there will be a short program featuring Don Denkinger of Waterloo, an American League umpire and a special World Series film is also planned.
Independent baseball was a strong part of the New Hampton sports scene for many summers, until it ended three years ago. Previous "Merchant" teams competed on amateur and semi-pro levels, playing competition from Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as Iowa. The new organization will follow basically the

same "battle plan."
• Over 250 area residents turned out for the annual dinner meeting of the New Hampton Chamber of Commerce, which saw New Hampton Attorney Richard P. TeKippe, 34, elected president of the Chamber for 1975.
TeKippe is the senior member of the TeKippe and Sheehy law firm with offices in New Hampton and Fredericksburg. The new president has practiced law in the area since 1970.
1999 (25 years ago)
• The New Hampton varsity football team cruised into the Class 3A State Playoff Quarterfinals with a 42-7 victory over Crestwood in the first round game at home. Quarterback Derek Sauser had completions to four different receivers. Matt Shatek had one reception for 27 yards, Scott

Kramer had one for 16 yards, Chris Winter had one for three yards and Blake Flansche had three receptions for 95 yards. Jason Reicks had 167 yards on 18 rushes.
The New Hampton defense held the Cadets to just 40 offensive plays and 194 total yards. P.J. Fogarty, Todd Willadsen and Tyler Kalishek teamed up for an eight-yard quarterback sack, and both Fogarty and Gabe Smutz tagged the Cadets with tackles for loss.
2014 (10 years ago)
• Mark Dungey confirmed that the family business has signed contracts to rent the former Soy Basics Candle Outlet store that is located just off Main Street on the edge on New Hampton Industrial Park. Dungey's store on New Hampton's east side was destroyed by an early morning fire on Oct. 28, and almost immediately,

Mark and Trace Dungey vowed to rebuild the store that has been home to the family business since 1963.
2019 (5 years ago)
• New Hampton has elected a new mayor. Bobby Schwickerath, a 32-year-old president of New Horizons-Chamber and the Dungey's Furniture and Flooring warehouse manager and salesman made his first election a successful one. And he did it by a relatively large margin. Schwickerath received 566 votes or 59.9 percent, he will be sworn in at the start of 2020.
• New Hampton Park and Recreation Director Rick Kramer knows it won't be the biggest rink in the world, but the setting is beautiful. "We're going a little Norman Rockwell," he said of the department's recent purchase of an EZ-ICE park that will be set up at Mikkelson Park.



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