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Supervisors may switch HR firm

Board wants more 'proactive' consultant but puts off decision until next week

By BOB FENSKE
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One by one, the representatives of three firms that would like to be Chickasaw County's human resources consultant filed through Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting.

After they made their pitches, county leaders held off on awarding a contract, but they seemed ready to

jettison the Ahlers & Cooney law firm that has had the job for the past six years.

Board members had received bids from the three firms — Hopkins & Huebner, PJ Greufe and Associates and Ahlers & Cooney — during a meeting on June 16. Those bids ranged from \$2,000 a month for Hopkins & Huebner to \$1,800 per month for Ahlers & Cooney to \$1,500 per month

for PJ Greufe and Associates.

Hopkins & Huebner's bid was for 120 hours a year, with each additional hour being charged at a rate of \$200 per hour for shareholder attorneys, \$180 for associate attorneys and \$100 for work done by paralegals.

The firm's representative, Brent Hinders, emphasized that his firm's goal "is to keep you out of litigation" and that his firm emphasizes a "pro-

active" approach when it comes to human resources.

Paul Greufe, whose firm served as the county's HR consultant for much of the 2010s, said his rate did not have a limitation on hours and that he would, as he had done in the past, be in the county at least once a month for department head meetings.

And Ahlers & Cooney attorney Michael Galloway told board members that his firm's rate would remain the same as it has

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Ag secretary touts state's efforts with conservation

Naig touches on variety of issues, including tariffs and immigration reform, at ISU Spring Field Day

By BOB FENSKE
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Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig's appearance at the annual Spring Field Day at the Iowa State University Northeast Iowa Research and Demonstration Farm last week was billed as a chance for him to talk about the state's acceleration of conservation and water quality efforts.

And that it was, but Naig also covered a wide range of other topics — including two hot-button issues, tariffs and immigration reform — that are key to Iowa's agriculture industry.

Naig spent more than an hour inside the

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Travis Fischer/Charles City Press

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig tries his hand at trimming a tree last week during a visit to Pine Ridge Tree Farm, which is located east of Nashua.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

'Hot times,' and we mean that literally, at Lawler's Irish Fest

From the "Galligan Family" float, Steve Boos fires a water gun into the crowd along the Irish Fest Parade route Saturday afternoon when temperatures climbed into the 90s, but the good folks of Lawler still turned out in droves for the small Chickasaw County town's biggest party of the year.

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Someone forgot to turn the furnace down

Temperatures in the 90s, high humidity begin a week of topsy-turvy offerings from Mother Nature

By BOB FENSKE
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The most valuable real estate in all of Lawler Saturday afternoon was in the shade.

Yep, it was that hot out as the Irish Fest Parade made its way down the main drag in the small Chickasaw County town that celebrates its Irish roots every year with a blowout party.

Throw in the fact that the scores of us stuck on the sunny side of the parade route were beginning to be "shot" — by water guns, of course — and it shows you just how steamy last weekend really was.

Temperatures shot into the 90s by day and dropped only to the mid-70s by night, and throw in dew points in the 70s that were downright tropical, and the word that came to mind

throughout the weekend was uncomfortable.

It's why both kids and adults flocked to the pool, beaches and splash pads in the county, and it's why there more than a few boats making their way around Cedar Lake in Nashua both Saturday and Sunday.

The good news is the heat wave was a short

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Nashua to put a cap on county's 'Festival Month' with pair of events

Water Over the Dam Days, Civil War event set for this weekend

By BOB FENSKE

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Nate Sinnwell saw the forecast for last weekend — highs in the mid-90s and humidity galore — and had one thought.

"I'm hoping Mother Nature's getting it all out of the way," the Nashua Park Board president said with a laugh last week, "and then gives us a perfect

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Farmers Market to move indoors

The forecast looks awful for today (Thursday) so New Horizons Chamber made the call earlier this week to make today's Farmers Market an indoor affair.

The market will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the New Hampton Community Center.



Bob Fenske/Tribune
Little Lettie Bellinger talks with her mother, U.S. Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Taylor Bellinger, during Sunday's Quilt of Valor presentation ceremony.

Proud family members watch vets receive 'comforting' award

Local Quilt of Valor chapter presents 15 veterans with quilts

By BOB FENSKE

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If there is a hard-and-fast rule when it comes to Quilt of Valor presentation ceremonies, it is this: Plenty of proud family members will be on hand to see their favorite veterans receive their quilt.

Sunday's ceremony at the Holy Family Parish gymnasium was certainly no exception; after all, there were parents, grandparents, spouses, children and grandchildren on hand to watch 14 veterans

receive an "award" for their service to their country.

But without going out too far on a limb, our guess is the proudest family member may have been one of the youngest in the crowd, for there was little Lettie Bellinger watching her mother, U.S. Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Taylor Bellinger.

"That's my mommy," she said with a healthy dose of enthusiasm that only a 2 1/2-year-old can have.

It was that kind of afternoon inside the gymnasium, and although we've written this before — and will undoubtedly

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SUMMER Fun



Beat the grind, head outdoors

Chickasaw County Conservation Director touts mental health benefits

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There are plenty of reasons to enjoy the great outdoors — be it at a pool, a park, a campground or on the water — during the summer months.

It's a great way, for instance, to beat the heat. It's a chance to spend some time with family and friends. It's a chance to enjoy nature at its finest.

But ask Chickasaw County Conservation Board Director Chad Humpal, and he'll tell you that there's another benefit to getting out of the house and heading outside.

"In my mind, it gets you out of that grind of everyday life," he said, "and it's great for your mental health. Getting away from work, getting away from all the devices, getting off the

couch, we need all those things and we have plenty of opportunities right here in Chickasaw County."

He's not kidding.

There are the pools in New Hampton and Fredericksburg. There are splash pads in New Hampton and Nashua. There's a plethora of city parks. There's the 32 parks and wildlife areas that Humpal's department administers. There are the campgrounds — like the Conservation Board's Split Rock Park and Airport Lake Park, as well as the Nashua Park Board's Cedar View Park Campground. There are the golf courses that dot the area in and around the county.

"For a lot of people, nature invigorates them," Humpal

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One of the most popular newer additions at Airport Lake Park has been the handicap-accessible dock that was purchased a couple of years ago.

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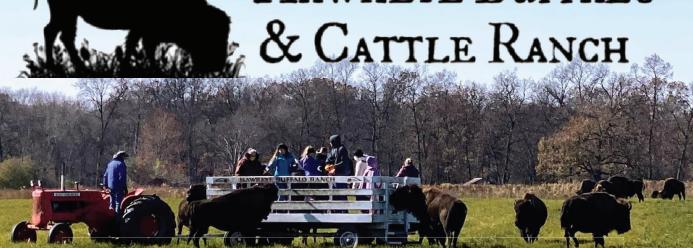
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A group of campers (above) are parked in Cedar View Campground in Nashua this past Sunday, and the day before, kids and adults (below) alike beat the heat with a day at the New Hampton Municipal Pool.

Getting outdoors is 'just good for you'

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said, "and sometimes we forget that. I talk to so many people who say, 'Man, getting outside was the best thing I did for myself.' We've got a lot of cool things in and around our county so my advice is to take advantage of them."

And so far this summer, we seem to be doing just that.

Although the heat last week kept away a few campers, it's been a solid start to the camping season both at the Conservation and the Nashua Park Board campgrounds.

The relatively new handicap accessible dock at Airport Lake Park continues to be wildly popular as is the park's swimming beach. Ditto for the swimming area at Cedar View Park in Nashua, area pools and splash pads.

The campgrounds — along with the pools for that matter — also provide a nice assist to the area's economy.

"We get a lot of people from out of town," Nashua Park Board President Nate Sinnwell said during a recent interview, "and for some of our out-of-town campers, Nashua's like a second home for them. They love our little town, they spend money



here, it's a win-win for everyone."

And here's the best part: Like Humpal said, the outdoors is good for our mental health.

"Obviously in my job, I'm a little biased," he said, "but taking a walk in nature, camping, swimming and all that, it's just good for you."

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Freedoms only Jesus can give

As Independence Day nears, let's focus on freedom our Savior give us

"What's God ever done for me?"

That question was the response I heard from the proprietor of a small café, who curtly delivered it as I offered him a Gospel booklet. Waiting my turn in line to pay for our meal, I tried to strike up a conversation about spiritual things.

"Let me tell you this," the man went on. Getting emotional, the man said to me, "I laid on a battlefield in Vietnam, bleeding. If anything could atone for my sins, it was my own blood as I lay there, nearly dying for a country that didn't care!"

It was hard to decide which was more shocking: The pain this fellow had carried for some many decades, or his apparent indifference to God. We ended up having a fairly cordial conversation, and he seemed genuinely touched as I thanked him for serving as he did.

I wanted him to grasp that God has proven His love; The Father demonstrated His love by sending the Son, Jesus, to set us free (Romans 5:8).

As Independence Day approaches and we thank God for the hard-won freedoms this country enjoys, it is important to point out the freedoms we have through Jesus Christ.

1. Freedom from the guilt that all inherit.

The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 15:22, "In Adam all die." Physical death — and the risk of spiritual death — are universal realities because of the sin we inherit from Adam and Eve. In Christ, we are forgiven, promised a home in heaven, and set free from guilt.

2. Freedom from sinful deeds we personally commit.

Christ's hard-won victory on the Cross gives us these five liberties:

We have all known the right but done the wrong. Sinful actions not only put a wedge between us and God, but they also result in numerous negative repercussions. Christ forgives our sins, and the indwelling Holy Spirit can give us the strength to overcome temptations.

3. Freedom within ourselves over personal struggles.

If we are willing, God's Spirit can even help us overcome sinful habits that may have held us in bondage for years. Whether the issue is gnawing remorse over past bad decisions, feelings of worthlessness, emotional pain from abuse, or just fear about tomorrow — Jesus gives us peace within. The Gospel is our way to peace with God and is also the key to peace with ourselves.

4. Freedom from judgment that is ultimately coming.

Jesus is in the process of restoring a broken world. "Eschatology" is an 85-cent word that refers to what the Bible says about "last things." One day, the entire world and universe will be made brand-new (Revelation 21:5). Just as there is a global, universal eschatology — Jesus gives us a joyous personal eschatology. This fallen world is under judgment, but Jesus has made the believer exempt.

5. Freedom to face eternity — our soul's final destiny.

"It is appointed for people to die once — and after this, judgment." - Hebrews 9:27

We may not want to think about our own mortality, but it is unavoidable. There is a date that we will leave this world, and God knows when that date is. It is very freeing to know that we are ready to face God!

Not long ago, I was asked to visit the friend of a friend who had been arrested and put in jail. As a minister of the Gospel,

requests like this come along more than you might imagine. It is an honor to do such things, and when people find themselves in the deepest of valleys, they are very often quite open to allowing Jesus Christ to become the Lord of their lives.

The facility was very bleak, with rough gray concrete everywhere and seemingly endless hallways of bars and flaking paint. Not surprisingly, an air of gloom and hopelessness permeated the place, and this was reflected on the faces of the inmates.

The particular jail where I visited the inmate in question had a very small courtyard in the middle of the building. There were a few concrete squares in an otherwise dirt courtyard. The dusty courtyard area reminded me of the forlorn places I have been to in developing nations.

Suddenly, I noticed a small flower growing up against the concrete wall in one corner. It was the only bit of vegetation in this otherwise lifeless place. Invisibly, some breeze had carried a seed over the roof and into this small open area within the prison facility. The bleakness of the surroundings made that one little flower all the more vivid.

When you think of the bondage, sufferings, and entanglements that permeate this world, the freedoms that we have through Christ appear all the more precious. Jesus is the flower of beauty in a barren, dusty place.

Jesus absolves the guilty who are imprisoned by sin. The heart longs for freedom — and finds it in Christ.

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Dr. Alex McFarland is a youth, religion, and culture expert, a national talk show host and speaker, educator and author of 20 books who wrote this piece for christianity.com

**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.**

Galatians 5:1



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Is your retirement at risk?

It's important to save for retirement, but only half of Americans have calculated how much money they'll need, according to the 2024 Retirement Confidence Survey by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. Yet without knowing how much you'll need, it's hard to know if you're on track to reach your goals for retirement.

Here are a few considerations to help shape your retirement savings strategy.

Calculate how much you'll need. You may dream of retiring "comfortably," but how do you define "comfortable" in terms of actual money? Take the time to outline how much you spend now, and how much you think you'll spend in retirement. That will help you understand how much you need to save now to afford the retirement lifestyle you want later. A financial advisor can help with resources and knowledge for building and managing your retirement strategy.

Start saving now. It's easy to procrastinate, especially if you are younger and further away from retirement. But the earlier you start, the less you may need to save from each paycheck to build your funds over time. If you're closer to retirement, you can take advantage of catch-up contributions to most 401(k), 403(b), governmental 457 plans and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan. If you're 50 or older, you can save pretax an extra \$7,500 to your retirement account beyond the standard total limit of \$23,500 allowed in 2025. Those 60–63 years old can contribute to these plans an extra \$11,250 above the standard total limit. That's an annual total of \$31,000 for people ages 50 and older; or \$34,750 for those 60–63 years old in pretax retirement plan contributions.

Take the right amount of risk. You may think it's risky to put money away for retirement instead of keeping it handy for discretionary spending. But the biggest risk of all is not reaching your retirement goal. For example, a portfolio that's all in cash



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will have little increasing value over time and won't provide any growth potential even to keep up with inflation. It's as if you're losing money every year. Then again, if your investments are only keeping up with inflation, your money is not growing. Consider growth investments to help build the funds you'll need in retirement. The key is ensuring you have the appropriate amount of risk — not too much, but not too little — to achieve your growth goals.

Save separately for emergencies. To protect your hard-earned retirement savings, build an emergency fund separate from your long-term investments. It can help ensure you have what you need to cover surprises like a large auto repair, unexpected medical bills, temporary loss of income from changing jobs or early retirement caused by health issues. For most people, three to six months' worth of total expenses is an appropriate amount for an emergency fund. And you'll want to keep it in an accessible, low-risk account that holds cash and equivalents. Above all, try to avoid taking money from your long-term retirement investments. Doing so could result in taxes, penalties and reductions to your overall principal investment, all of which could affect your retirement savings.

Retirement should be an exciting time to enjoy what you've worked so hard to earn. Planning for what you'll need and protecting those savings can help ensure a comfortable future.

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Town celebration, re-enactment present Nashua with a 'win-win'

NASHUA: FROM 1

Old Bradford Pioneer Museum.

On the plus side, it doesn't look like it's going to be in the 90s as Nashua brings an end to the county's "Festival Month" that included town celebrations in Alta Vista, Fredericksburg, New Hampton and Lawler.

On the negative side, that pesky four-letter word — r-a-i-n — remains in the forecast at times this weekend, but the Nashua Park Board is certainly ready.

The goal remains the same: Have something for everyone.

"With the little kids it's pretty easy and the beer tent handles most of the adults," Sinnwell said with a laugh, "but the challenge is usually those teenagers, that age group. But with the Color Run and [St. John Lutheran] church putting on the bonfire and everything, the volleyball tournament, we think we feel pretty good about where we're at."

The festival kicks off in the downtown area this evening, when Big Willie's will be sponsoring a street dance after the free-will donation meal that will support Nashua-Plainfield Community Schools' fifth- and sixth-graders who will be traveling to Washington, D.C. next year.

Water Over the Dam Days then moves to Cedar View Park Friday, with the beer tent opening at 3 and "Food Truck Friday" starting at 4.

Saturday's events include the annual parade that begins at 10:30 a.m. and a slew of activities at the park while Sunday's

schedule includes a community breakfast put on by Nashua Area EMS, a community church service and more activities at the park.

Those that love live music will certainly be in heaven as four bands are set to take the Baldwin Bandshell stage during the party. Lonesome Road will play Friday night, Richie Lee & the Fabulous 50s will play from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Chocolate Crackers will play from 3:30 to 6 p.m. and Sushi Roll will wrap up the park activities on Saturday night when it plays from 8 to 11:30 p.m., with a break for the fireworks around 9:45.

Meanwhile, just east of Nashua, Old Bradford will have its annual re-enactment that will include a number of demonstrations and be highlighted by battles that will be fought by the re-enactors at 2 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Sinnwell said the Park Board doesn't necessarily think of the annual Civil War Re-Enactment as competition to Water Over the Dam Days; rather, it sees it as a way to bring even more people to the park.

"I think years ago, the idea was that the more people who came to town, the better," he said of the re-enactment's move to the Water Over the Dam Days weekend, "and I think that's still true. I'm sure they're hoping we have some people take a break from the park and head out there, and we're hoping that people who are out there will come to the park and experience our celebration. It's a win-win, that's how I look at it."

Celebrity' sheep and meat goat showmanship contest for adults set for annual Achievement Show

The Chickasaw County 4-H & FFA Achievement Show will host a Celebrity Sheep & Meat Goat Showmanship Contest on Thursday, July 10.

The event will take place immediately following the Sheep & Meat Goat Show at approximately 6 p.m.

This fun and friendly competition is open to anyone 19 years of age or older who is not currently a 4-H or FFA member. Participants will show a current 4-H or FFA member's animal from the 2025 Achievement Show.

Proper show attire is required: shirt, jeans, and hard-soled boots or shoes. All participants must sign a liability waiver prior to the event.

Each contestant must secure a \$100 sponsorship (payable to Chickasaw County Extension).

The registration deadline for the contest is Thursday, July 10 at 2 p.m. and can be made at the Extension Office or by calling 641-394-2174 or by stopping by the office that is located at 115 N. Broadway Ave. in New Hampton.

Naig put to work at Christmas tree farm

Retired state forester who operates Pine Ridge Tree Farm touts timber's importance to state

BY TRAVIS FISCHER
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Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig came to a Nashua Christmas tree farm to promote Iowa-grown trees on Tuesday.

He did just that, but he was also put to work.

After a quick tree trimming tutorial from Pine Ridge Tree Farm owner Gary Beyer, Naig took his swipes around a couple trees, neatly cutting them into a traditional Christmas shape.

"It was fun to try my hand at it and I don't think I ruined a tree," said Naig.

Beyer, a retired state forester, has operated the tree farm since 1984, growing and selling Christmas trees and wreaths on about six acres of land.

While the Beyers sell several hundred trees and wreaths every year during the weekends they are open after Thanksgiving, contrary to what one might expect June is actually the busy season at the farm.

"People don't realize that most of the work on Christmas trees happens in the summer," said Gary Beyer.

In order to manipulate the pines and firs to grow into their classic Christmas shape, the trees must be trimmed at just the right time of the summer growing season to narrow the spacing of the branches. This must be done every year for seven to 12 years before the tree is ready to go.

"It takes a long time to grow them," said Beyer.

Naig said one of his goals during his visit was to try trimming a tree or two.

"I've got 400 of them, so have at it," said Beyer.

After the tour, Beyer and Naig got down to business, discussing Beyer's perspective on agriculture issues.

A career forester, Beyer emphasized the importance of promoting and protecting Iowa's wooded areas.

"That's the greatest buffer system we have, that timber, to fix some of the problems we have," said Beyer.

Not just a valuable conservation resource, Iowa does have a timber industry that is often overshadowed by other agriculture fields. Naig agreed that more attention could be paid to timber on both fronts.

"We need to think more about how we bring timber into conservation planning," said Naig. "I'm hearing loud and clear from folks that timber has a role to play."

Secretary: Legal immigration important for ag

NAIG: FROM 1

farm's Borlaug Learning Center Wednesday during a two-day swing through Northeast Iowa in which he also visited the Pine Ridge Tree Farm that is located just to the east of Nashua.

The secretary said he visited Pine Ridge on Tuesday to talk about promoting Iowa-grown Christmas trees and learned — or at least re-learned — a valuable lesson.

"I like to remind folks that you think of Christmas trees at Christmas time but that most of the work that gets done on a Christmas tree farm is when you are sweating on a 90-degree day when they're trimming those trees and all that," he said. "I actually had a chance to trim a tree yesterday as well, and it might not have been 90, but I was sweating."

On Wednesday, he spent almost 30 minutes talking about the importance of conservation efforts that Iowa farmers have undertaken — especially over the last 12 years.

He said it's critical for both farmers and the state economy that those efforts continue; after all, Naig pointed out that crop and livestock sales in the state average \$44 billion a year and that adding in the economic activity around those sales pump \$160 billion to the state's economy.

"Our soil, our water are at the core of our agriculture and our agriculture is at the core of our state's economy," Naig said. "We're really encouraged by, excited by, what's happening with implementing Iowa's nutrient reduction strategy."

"What I like about where we are today is ... we've laid the great foundation for it. Now, we get to talk about things like how do we accelerate, how do we scale up, how do we do more, how do we reach more folks as opposed to saying how do we just start having that conversation?"

Naig said that for every \$1 the state puts into conservation, producers are investing \$1.15, proving as he put it, that both the state and its farmers are committed to conservation.

"There's never been more resources focused on conservation work," he said. "There's



Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig offers up his views on issues facing farmers and the ag industry during a presentation at the ISU Spring Field Day last week.

never been more people doing the work of conservation, as in providing technical assistance. There's never been more awareness about the need to do more, how do we do more, what's available to us. There's never been more actual work getting done."

While conservation may have been the main topic of his presentation, he covered plenty of other issues during the question-and-answer period that followed his speech.

And the first question was on the tariffs implemented by the Trump administration that some worry will adversely affect Iowa agriculture.

"What I generally will hear from folks is that, I'm concerned about the impact and the potential impact, but I can see the point, I can see what's trying to be accomplished," Naig said. "I happen to believe that."

He quickly added, though, that tariffs can't be a "strategy in and of themselves" but must be a "tactic" to secure better trade agreements.

"Tariffs as a tactic to achieve another outcome I think has

proven through time to be effective," he said and added that he's been vocal in telling federal officials that results need to be seen soon.

"We don't have a lot of runway here. The profitability in ag is under such pressure, margins are so compressed ... we need quick action, we need short-term gains."

Naig said it's hard to argue that the U.S. has had fair-trade relationships with China and the European Union but he also expressed hope for opening new markets for Iowa agriculture in places like India and Vietnam.

"India can be a real game-changer," he said and added that Vietnam recently signed an agreement to purchase \$2 billion of U.S. ag products, \$800 million of which will come from Iowa.

Naig also said that progress needs to be made on immigration reform.

"I have long thought the whole subject of foreign-born labor or ag worker visas ... that if we could just look at ag in and of itself, you could have

passed a reform [bill] through Congress if you had left it as its own package," he said. "But then it always gets pulled into these other pieces and it can never seem to get enough of a majority to get it through."

The secretary said that he supports President Trump's prioritizing border security, but he said that doesn't mean he's against legal immigration.

"We need Congress to act ... do it in a way that's legal and do it in a way that's above board and visible, but it has to function at a capacity that frankly hasn't in some time."

He pointed out that ag in

many ways has challenges that other industries don't.

"If you miss peach harvest,

you miss detasseling, you miss

the planting window, cows get

milked every single day ... you

don't take a week off, you don't

delay that project for a month."

He said. "You have a problem when it starts to affect the food supply chain and ultimately the price consumers are paying for their food. That's why ag needs to be prioritized in this discussion."

Student Briefs

Allen College graduate

Allen College held its graduation ceremony at the Waterloo Convention Center on Friday, May 9.

Area students, their degrees and honors are as follows:

New Hampton: Kara Crooks, Magna Cum Laude, Bachelor of Health Sciences - Diagnostic Medical Sonography; Brooke Usher, Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Protivin: Jessica Hart, Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Waucoma: Kylie Wurzer, Magna Cum

Laude, Associate of Science Radiography.

Upper Iowa dean's list

Upper Iowa University has announced the dean's list for the spring semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average.

Local students include:

New Hampton: Maisie Drinkwine.

Fort Atkinson: Eryn Sabelka.

Fredericksburg: Colletta Harnisch.

Sumner: Scarlett Bata, Klay Seehase, Tailyn Wagner.

Waucoma: Christian Cutsforth.

U of I dean's list

More than 8,000 students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2025 spring semester.

Among the local students are:

Fort Atkinson: Russell Nieman.

Fredericksburg: Ashlee Davidson, Zoey Rhea.

Ionia: Kelsey Klassen.

Lawler: Jalissa Blazek, Halle Weber.

New Hampton: Grace Denner, Treyce Orr, Natalie Marr.

Sumner: Hillary Trainor, Hayley Vierkant.

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Almanac

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Monday	88	75	.27
Tuesday	79	69	T

Forecast

Thursday: Showers and thunderstorms likely with a high of 83 and a low of 65.

Friday: Mostly sunny but chances of pop-up showers; high 82, low 66.

Saturday: Mostly sunny but chance of pop-up storms; high 89, low 71.

Sunday: Showers and thunderstorms likely in the afternoon; high 86, low 63.

Extended forecast: We should clear off a bit but chances of storms persist into Monday; highs in the 80s, lows will be in the upper 60s.

Meetings**MONDAY**

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

History

• In 1541, Francisco Pizarro, the governor of Peru and conqueror of the Inca civilization, is assassinated in Lima by Spanish rivals.

• In 1917, during World War I, the first 14,000 U.S. infantry troops land in France at the port of Saint-Nazaire.

• In 1945, in the Herbst Theater auditorium in San Francisco, delegates from 50 nations sign the United Nations Charter, establishing the world body as a means of saving "succeeding generations from the scourge of war."

• In 1948, U.S. and British pilots begin delivering food and supplies by airplane to Berlin after the city is isolated by a Soviet Union blockade, thus commencing what becomes known as the Berlin Airlift.

• In 1956, the U.S. Congress approves the Federal-Aid Highway Act, which allocates more than \$30 billion for the construction of some 41,000 miles of interstate highways located throughout the nation.

Birthdays

• Legendary American athlete Babe Didrikson Zaharias, a two-time Olympic track and field gold medalist who went on to star on the LPGA golf tour, was born in 1911.

• American singer Ariana Grande turns 32.

• New York Yankees' Hall of Fame shortstop Derek Jeter turns 51.

• Greg LeMond, the first American to win the Tour de France, turns 64.

• American rock singer-songwriter Chris Isaak turns 69.

Corrections

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

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Gloria Jean Fox, 74

Gloria Jean Fox, age 74 of Nora Springs, passed away on June 21, 2025 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Per Gloria's wishes, graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Calvary Cemetery in New Hampton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to: Family of Gloria Fox, care of Cathy Janssen, PO Box 417, Dumont, IA 50625.

Gloria was born in New Hampton on April 25, 1951, to parents Harold and Norma (Hovey) Peters. She graduated in 1969 from New Hampton High School.

On June 8, 1980, she was united in marriage to Emmitt Fox. They later divorced.

Gloria enjoyed going to car shows, playing cards, reading, and playing bingo.

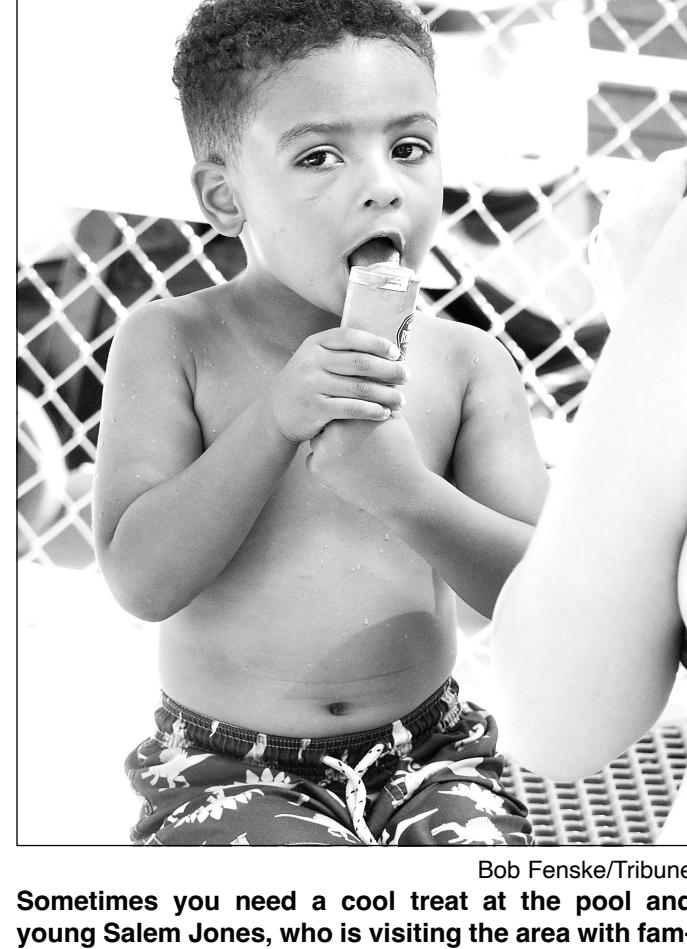
Gloria is survived by her son, Travis Fox of New Hampton; daughters, Teresa (Corey) Campbell of Clear Lake, and Trisha Fox of Mason City; her mother, Norma Peters of New Hampton; her sister, Cathy (Rod) Janssen of Dumont; her

**Gloria Fox**

brother, Harlan (Wendy) Peters of New Hampton; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and her special friend, Kenneth Welsh of Forest City.

She was preceded in death by her father, Harold Peters; her brother, Daniel Peters; a daughter, Tina Fox; a niece, Michelle Kulish; and a nephew, Mick Kulish, Jr.

Schott Funeral Homes in Forest City is assisting the family.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Sometimes you need a cool treat at the pool and young Salem Jones, who is visiting the area with family members from New Mexico, enjoys a snack while spending Saturday afternoon at the New Hampton Municipal Pool.

There is this: We're off the drought report**WEATHER: FROM 1**

one, and maybe the even better news is that — as of Tuesday at least — a forecast that called for the possibility of severe thunderstorms every day through Friday had yet to become a reality.

The fact is we could use a little "drying out."

Through Tuesday, New Hampton had received 6.33 inches of rain, an inch more than it usually receives for the entire month of June and with showers and storms like on Wednesday after this

edition of the Tribune went to press and today (Thursday) is turning downright soggy.

In fact, the most recent U.S. Drought Monitor weekly report that came out last Thursday showed Chickasaw County was completely drought free for the first time in almost a year.

It looks like we're going to stay that way, at least for the near future as showers and thunderstorms are in the forecast — and "likely" on several days — through at least the middle of next week.



The temperature sign in Ionia Sunday afternoon pretty much sums up this last weekend in and around Chickasaw County.

Supervisors waiting for information on Conservation Board volunteer

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors are waiting for more information before they decide on how to proceed with a County Conservation Board volunteer who is receiving a "free campsite" at Airport Lake Park for the season.

During the public comment portion of Monday's meeting Supervisors Isaac Carter said he had been approached by what he called a "concerned citizen" about the fact that the volunteer does not have to pay for campsite from May 1 through Sept. 30.

The contract the volunteer signed states that "the park position is considered to be a volunteer position, whereby the person serving as park volunteer provides certain services as set forth below in exchange for the provision of a permit for a campsite at Airport Lake Park commencing on May 1, 2025 and ending on September 30, 2025. The payment of the normal camping fees by the park volunteer shall be waived for this period."

County Attorney David Laudner said he has been in contact with the county's human resources consultant to see if a 1099 should be issued to the volunteer and will have more information at next Monday's meeting.

— By Bob Fenske

Francis James Reicks, 97

Francis James Reicks, age 97 of Lawler, died Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at New Hampton Nursing & Rehab.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler with the Rev. Nick Radloff celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Little Turkey.

Friends greeted the family from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Little Turkey where there will be a Parish Scripture Service following the visitation. Visitation continues from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Thursday, June 26, 2025, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler.

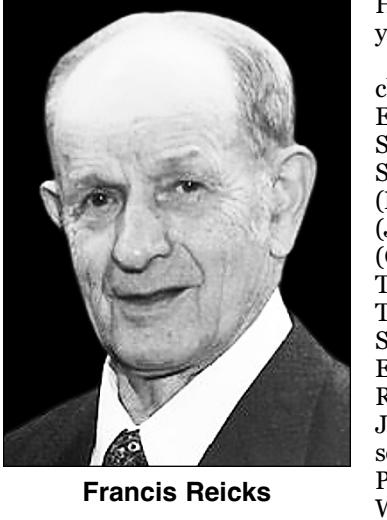
Francis James Reicks was born on March 12, 1928, the seventh of 15 children, to Victor and Mary (Heying) Reicks at their farm home near St. Lucas.

Francis, known to many as Frankie, graduated from St. Luke High School in St. Lucas in 1946.

After high school, Francis enjoyed playing softball and was known for his pitching skills on the country team. He and his brothers were involved in farming and excavating for their father, Victor, as well as area farmers and businessmen. With necessity being the father of invention, they created and developed many tools and machinery to assist in their work.

Francis and his brothers could be found at local dance halls and made many friends there.

Francis met Lucille Gebel at the Lawler Legion Hall and began their lifelong journey

**Francis Reicks**

together. They were married on Sept. 11, 1951, at Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Lawler and remained committed to one another for 70 years. They made their home on a farm west of Little Turkey where they raised their eleven children. Their lives were filled with faith, hard work and commitment to family.

Francis, along with his children, constructed several farm buildings over the years. He passed along his planning and building skills, as well as his work ethic.

As a farmer, he raised grain and livestock including dairy cattle, hogs and chickens. He took pride in his craftsmanship as a woodworker, especially by building Christmas stables for each of his children and grandchildren.

Francis will be remembered as an active member in his parish, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Little Turkey. He served as a parish council member, Eucharistic Minister, faith formation instructor, and was appreciated for his handyman skills put to use around the church.

He also served as a board member of the Lawler and New

brating the Mass.

Inurnment was held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fredericksburg.

Friends greeted the family from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the Mass at the church on Tuesday.

Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home and Crematory was entrusted with arrangements.

Thomas 'Tom' Craig McDermott, 76

Thomas "Tom" Craig McDermott, age 76 of Lansing and formerly of New Hampton, died Thursday, June 19, 2025, at MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center surrounded by his loved ones.

A Memorial Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at Holy Family Parish, New Hampton, with the Rev. Dan Knipper cele-

**AV Library program talks weather**

The Alta Vista Public Library hosted AJ Rickman from the KCRG television station, who presented a weather academy program recently.

The library also served a free supper and gave away flashlights, thanks to a grant from the CPCP: Community Partnerships for Protecting Children for the free supper and flashlights.

This was the kick off to the library's summer reading program.

Photo courtesy of Alta Vista Public Library

Supervisors hold off on making HR consultant decision**SUPERVISORS: FROM 1**

in recent years and that his firm, too, would not have a limitation on the number of hours it works for the county.

After the presentations were made, county leaders, along with its safety coordinator, engineer, attorney and the county assessor, discussed the presentations, and of the five supervisors, only Steve Breitbach stated that he wanted to keep Ahlers & Cooney.

Safety Coordinator Renae Carey said she felt it was important that whichever firm lands the consultant job, the first priority has to be updating the county handbook to clear up HR issues that continue to crop up.

"I think what Renae is saying we need more handbook stuff, we need more proactive stuff — not the 'Hey, it hit the fan so let's call the attorney,'" County Attorney David Laudner said.

"We need more on the front end, making sure we're in compliance and we're servicing our employees, servicing our staff."

Carey agreed, saying that she appreciated Hinders' proactive approach, even if that meant that the firm used more than 10 hours a month in the early going of a potential contract.

"I think for everything we truly need to do, we would be way over for the first few months," Carey said, "but then I think it could work itself out because we would have things more spelled out, more clear and concise."

Meanwhile, County Assessor Ray Armel urged board members to stay away from hiring Greufe and his company.

"He has no confidentiality or professionalism," Armel said. "He would sit in a meeting like this and he would use most any other swear word in our meetings and he would talk about other jurisdictions."

Board Chairman Jake Hackman, though, said he felt the county should consider rehiring Greufe.

"I felt Paul was very good," said Hackman, the lone board member who worked with Greufe in his previous stint with the county. "He was here every month like he said. He had monthly department meetings. I know Ray you voiced your opinion. You guys saw it. He did swear a little bit, [and] that's not professional. But I know he did level out."

Also muddying the waters was the fact that the county doesn't have a set-length contract with Ahlers & Cooney; instead, the county must give the firm 30 days notice if it decides it does not want to use its services.

And county leaders passed on making a decision because they want to know what kind of "outs" they have if they sign a contract with either Hopkins & Huebner or PJ Greufe and Associates.

Instead, they decided to reach out to both firms and see what kind of options they would offer the county if they decided to opt out of a potential contract and will take up the issue again during this coming Monday's meeting.

THE TRIBUNE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT FRIDAY FOR THE FOURTH!

Lawler Historical Society honors Turkey Valley state baseball champs

The Lawler Historical Society welcomed back one of Turkey Valley's legendary teams during its annual showcase of the town's history during Irish Fest this past Saturday.

That team, of course, is the 1985 Trojans' baseball team that claimed the school's first state championship 40 years ago when Turkey Valley beat Cedar Rapids Regis 3-1 to win the Class 3A title.

Tribune Editor Bob Fenske was on hand during a short ceremony that took place at the Starlite Ballroom before the festival's parade and will have a story and photos in next week's Tribune.

Fun Day 5K in St. Lucas set for this Saturday morning

A 5K run/walk held in conjunction with St. Lucas Fun Day will be held on Saturday, June 28, starting at 8:30 a.m.

There will be prizes to the top finishers in each category with trophies to the overall winners in men's and women's divisions.

Registration may be made at

Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Jerico Construction plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit

General Permit No. 2 - Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities

The storm water discharge will be from (description of industrial activity): Construction of concrete manure pit, located in SE 1/4, Section 34, T97N, R17W, Chickasaw County.

Storm water will be discharged from 1 point source(s) and will be discharged into the following streams: Field Waterway to East Fork Wapsipicon River to Wapsipicon River.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 E 9th St, Des Moines IA 50319-0034.

The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8:00am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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CITY OF NEW HAMPTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS INVITATION TO SUBMIT BID

Introduction. The City of New Hampton (City) is seeking sealed bids for the sale of land.

Minimum Bid: \$1,340.00 Plus Cost of Survey and Recording fees

Description of Property. The City of New Hampton is accepting bids for the following:

A portion of land owned by the City of New Hampton and is located south of Parcel #191112451010, 532 West Garfield Street, includes approximately 0.171 acres of land.

Due Date & Time: Sealed bids for the land must be filed before Monday, July 7, 2025 at 4:30 pm at the New Hampton City Hall, 112 E Spring Street, New Hampton, Iowa 50659. Bids will be opened at 7:00 pm at the July 7, 2025 City Council meeting.

For more information, please visit the City's website at <https://www.newhamptonia.com/rfps-rfqs>

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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY JUNE 16, 2025 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, June 16, 2025. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Geerts. Council members present were Humpal, Larsen, Schwickerath, Speltz, Porath and Denner were absent. Also in attendance were City Attorney Todd Prichard, Conrad Rosendahl and Casey Mai.

1. Approve meeting agenda

2. Approve Regular City Council Minutes of June 2, 2025.

3. Approve City Claims of \$337,781.44

4. Fire Department Minutes of May 5th & June 2nd

5. Dept Head Minutes of June 3, 2025

6. Class B Retail Alcohol License: Dollar General 910 E Main #LG0000763

7. Class B Retail Alcohol License: Owner Amendment: Dollar General 910 E Main #LG0000763

8. Library Minutes June 3 & June 9, 2025

9. Park & Rec Minutes June 4, 2025

10. City Clerk office Request to Pay bills as budget allows prior to July 1, 2025

11. July 1st – Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions

12. Street Closure Request: Holy Family Fall Festival August 23-24, 2025

13. Finance Reports

FUND RECEIVED DISBURSED GENERAL \$111,262.44 \$150,011.25 ROAD USE TAX \$43,902.59 \$41,150.17 SPECIAL REV/EMPLOYEE BEN \$18,831.92 \$18,457.21 SELF INSURANCE FUND \$8,922.36 \$22,468.69 LOCAL OPTION TAX \$59,873.23 \$0.00 HOTEL MOTEL TAX \$3 121.78 \$2,595.80 HOTEL / MOTEL TAX CAP RES \$1,534.88 \$0.00 TIF- INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL \$45,090.88 \$185,644.00 DEBT SERVICE \$2,235.17 \$87,167.50 LIBRARY SPECIAL PROJECTS \$760.54 \$553.89 COMM CENTER RENOVATION \$0.00 \$39,600 ROADS CAPITAL PROJECTS \$10,597.18 \$11,05 STORMWATER CAPITAL PROJ \$6,123.12 \$5.53 CAPITAL PROJECTS \$32,266.65 \$27,290.76 WATER UTILITY \$46,130.73 \$39,328.73 SEWER UTILITY \$119,453.24 \$54,691.74 WASTEWATER PROJECT \$0.00 \$480.27 SOLID WASTE \$32,359.65 \$34,755.50 CAPITAL PROJECTS-WATER \$6,817.31 \$5.53 CAPITAL PROJECTS-SEWER \$5,087.33 \$5.53 CUSTOMER DEPOSITS \$1,958.00 \$1,148.00 TOTAL \$556,329.00 \$666,167.15

Mayor Geerts approved the following re-appointments to city boards and commissions:

Name: Board/Commission: Term Ending:

Denise Larkin Planning & Zoning 7/1/2030

Rodney Pearce Planning & Zoning 7/1/2030

Kurt Hemesteth Board of Adjustment 7/1/2030

Suellen Kolbet Board of Adjustment 7/1/2030

Mick Gage Cemetery Board 7/1/2028

Brian Quirk Tree Board 7/1/2028

Denise Straw Tree Board 7/1/2028

Mayor Geerts approved the following appointments to city boards and commissions:

Name: Board/Commission: Term Ending:

David Boss Library Board 7/1/2027

Moved by Larsen, seconded by Schwickerath; that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ayes - Four.

Nays - None. Absent- Porath, Denner. Motion carried.

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING ON SALE OF CITY OWNED REAL ESTATE

Mayor Geerts announced now is the time and place fixed for the public hearing on the proposed sale of real estate described as:

A portion of land owned by the City

the picnic shelter by the ball diamond from 7 to 8:30 a.m., or may be made online at www.runnerstuff.com. Registration will be \$15 without a t-shirt or \$20 with.

Refreshments will be served after the race, call Alan Schmitt at 319-215-7526 or email chschmit@acegroup.cc.

Archery class at Twin Ponds July 10

Have you ever been interested in shooting archery? If so, come out to the Twin Ponds Nature Center for an Introduction to Archery program on Thursday, July 10.

"We will go over the basics of archery before giving you a chance to shoot one of our compound bows," said Chickasaw County Conservation Board naturalist Matt Crayne in a press release. "These bows were designed for people from fourth grade to adult."

The event will be held at 6 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by calling Crayne at 641-394-4714.

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NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION FROM TAX SALE

TO: William O. Beaulieu 208 E. Railroad St. Fredericksburg, IA 50630- Owner (Deceased)

William O. Beaulieu P.O. Box 243, Hazelton, IA 50641- Owner (Deceased)

Person in Possession 208 E. Railroad St. Fredericksburg, IA 50630- Person in Possession

Becky Moreno 501 Barrett St, Mason City, IA 50662- Possible Heir

Irene Beaulieu 28 2nd St SW, Oelwein, IA 50662- Possible Heir

Shirley Schaufenbuel 2628 280th St, Fredericksburg, IA 50630- Possible Heir

Bernice Schanbeck 117 3rd St S, Hazelton, IA 50641- Possible Heir

Iowa Estate Recovery Program, 317 6th Ave, Unit 600, Des Moines, IA 50309- Estate Lien

Chickasaw County Auditor, 8 E Prospect St, New Hampton - IA 50659 - Estate Lien

Chickasaw County Attorney, 5 S. Linn Ave, New Hampton, IA 50659 - Estate Lien

Iowa Attorney General, 1305 E. Walnut St, #102, Des Moines, IA 50319 - Estate Lien

City of Fredericksburg c/o City Clerk, 151 W. Main St., P.O. Box 318, Fredericksburg, IA 50630- City Limits

All of the heirs, spouses, assignees, grantees, legatees, devisees, and successors in interest both known and unknown,

and all unknown claimants claiming to have any recorded or unrecorded right, title, or interest in and to the parcel hereinafter described.

In accordance with Iowa Code Section 447.9 you are hereby notified that on the 19th day of June, 2023, the following described parcel, situated in Chickasaw County, Iowa, to-wit:

The East Fifty-five (55) feet of Lot Nine (9), Block Seventeen (17) Original Plat to the Town of Fredericksburg, Chickasaw County, Iowa a/k/a PARCEL #19151301132 Certificate No: 23-0010

Was sold at tax sale by the Treasurer of Chickasaw County for the then delinquent and unpaid taxes against the parcel, which a Certificate of Purchase was duly issued by the County Treasurer of Chickasaw County, Iowa, to ACC 21 LLC pursuant to said tax sale, which Certificate is now lawfully held and owned by ACC 21 LLC, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed to the said parcel will be made unless redemption from said tax sale is made within ninety (90) days from the completed service of this Notice.

Chris Newhouse, Member SCH Holding LLC, Agent for ACC 21 LLC Chickasaw 23-0010

Dated on May 7, 2025.

Mahjong played weekly at library

Every Friday, a group is scheduled to meet at the New Hampton Public Library for a game of Mahjong.

The group meets at 1 p.m. and according to a press release provided by the library, "This is a fun group who gather just to learn a new game."

For more information, call 641-394-2184.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH WENDT, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR003292 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Elizabeth Wendt, Deceased, who died on or about February 20, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 5, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on June 12th, 2025

Tony Schwickerath, Administrator 1939 165th Street New Hampton, IA 50659

Scott Schwickerath, Administrator 1717 Kenwood Avenue New Hampton, IA 50659

Joseph P. Braun, ICIS#: AT0001120 Attorney for the Administrator ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP 217 North Elm Street PO Box 377 Cresco, IA 52136

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Ozo Kleen, TIF Rebate Payment	747.00	Lori Carey, Reimburse for Air Compre- sor Purchase
Security State Bank TIF Rebate Payment	22,549.00	44.00
Anderson, Kyle Street, Water & Sanitary Superintendent	4,398.00	Hanson Tire Service, Tire
\$ 65,000.00.....	\$ 67,600.00	217.32
Baltes, Megan Economic Dev Assistant	21.42	264.32
\$ 20.60.....	\$ 21.42	SECTION 2. RATES FOR SER- VICE. Section 92.02 of the City Code is repealed, and the following is adopted in lieu thereof:
Douglas, Ken Car Allowance	21.42	WATER SERVICE CHARGES RE- QUIRED. The City shall provide water service to each user at the following monthly rates:
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NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of June 22

1950 (75 years ago)

Two hundred employees at the Oliver Plant in Charles City have been laid off as of June 17, under the curtailment order announced April 25, said G.W. Bird, plant manager.

Approximately 100 additional workers will be laid off next week when the plant closes for the inventory and vacation period. The reduction in the plant's workforce will amount to about 300 on June 24. This is about a 20 percent reduction in employment since the curtailment was announced.

Ionia voters turned down a proposed \$35,000 bond issue to build a new school gym. The vote at the special school election was 72 for the

measure and 114 against.

1975 (50 years ago)

Two young New Hampton men, Mark Anderson and Mike Billings, were among 832 delegates to the annual American Legion Boys State at Camp Dodge near Des Moines. Sponsored at Boys State by the American Legion Fae Stein Post 38 of New Hampton, Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Anderson and Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Billings, both boys will be seniors at New Hampton Community this fall.

E.L. (Bob) Larkin, the second full time instructor hired by Area One Voc-Tech School in Calmar, retired June 13, from his post as welding instructor at the school.

During his eight years with Area

One, Larkin chalked up an admirable record of perfect attendance at classes during the 11 months of each school year, in spite of the fact that he commuted 52 miles each day from New Hampton to Calmar and back. Larkin was honored at a retirement party in Festina.

2000 (25 years ago)

Governor Tom Vilsak is bringing his Listening, Learning, Growing Walking Tour 2000 to our area on June 21 and June 22. Vilsak will spend five days walking from one community to another, a total of 20, meeting with the local residents. He will walk approximately 25 miles each day to promote physical fitness. He will also plant a tree in each town to promote the environment and thank

citizens for their participation.

During a stop at the Carnegie Cultural Center, a brick in his name will be included in the Foundation Walk.

2015 (10 years ago)

Body cameras have become a thing of the future and Chickasaw County Sheriff Todd Miller is ready to take his deputies to the next step by purchasing these body-worn camera. After extensive research Miller has found what he believes the top of the line body cameras in the Vista HD police body camera through the company WatchGuard.

Miller said this will eliminate the "he/said/she/said" problem and will also make the officer perform in a professional manner.

2020 (5 year ago)

There will be a Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show in 2020. And it will be held at the Big Four Fairgrounds in Nashua for the most part. There are plenty of changes, starting with the fact that the Achievement Show will be closed to the public, also not a single animal will be housed on the fairgrounds during the fair.

The show that includes all the non-livestock projects, photography, sewing, and cooking will be held in New Hampton at the Main Event Center.

Blame the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic for the changes, but the organizers will deal with the cards they have been dealt.

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Board Proceedings

The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, June 16, 2025, in the High School FCS Room. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with Directors Matthews, Denner, Shawver, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Superintendent Jurrens, and Board Secretary Roethler present.

Director Denner moved to approve the agenda. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath and Shawver. Nays: none.

Director Denner moved to approve the consent agenda. Approve minutes of May 19, 2025 regular session. Approve the May monthly financial report and the June 2025 bill listing. Approve the following resignations from Judy Lechtenberg (High School Special Ed), Laura Larsen (Elementary Special Ed), Quinten Reicks (Elem. Para), Mike Kuennen (8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach), Jessica Geerts (Strength & Conditioning Coach), Kyra Lewis (Letterettes Sponsor), Cory McDonald (Asst. 8th Grade Football Coach), Carter Markham (9th Football Coach). Approve Carter Henry (Strength & Conditioning Coach), Eric Olson (Asst. Varsity Football Coach), Jordan Rommes (Asst. 7th Grade Football Coach), Coy Weigman (Volunteer Football Coach), David Hoegne (Volunteer Football Coach), Cassie Hackman (Volunteer Volleyball Coach), Jade Eye (Volunteer Volleyball Coach), Kerrigan Holthaus (Volunteer Volleyball Coach) and Kristy Manson (Volunteer X-Country Coach). All new hires are pending obtaining suitable licensure and passing appropriate background checks. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath and Shawver. Nays: none.

Superintendent Jurrens and Community Insurance Owner Joel Rochford presented information on the Storm Protection Fund Participation.

FORM OF RESOLUTION

June 16, 2025

The Board of Directors of the New Hampton Community School District in the County of Chickasaw, State of Iowa, met in open session, in the New Hampton Community School District Board Room, at 6:30 o'clock P.M. on the above date. There were present the following

Board Members: Jay Matthews, Timothy Denner, Adam Schwickerath, Nathaniel Schwickerath and Ryan Shawver. Ab-

sent: N/A

Director Ryan Shawver introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Timothy Denner sec-

onded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Timothy Denner, Adam Schwickerath and Ryan Shawver

NAYS: Nathaniel Schwickerath and Jay Matthews

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STORM PROTECTION FUND, AN IOWA CODE CHAPTER 28E ENTITY AND CHARTER 670 RISK POOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received the renewal information for wind and hail property insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, the deductible under the policy is a percentage of the value insured; and

WHEREAS, the Storm Protection Fund provides a means to manage and contain deductible costs associated with wind and hail insurance coverage.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:

1. The Board of Directors authorizes the District to Join the Storm Protection Fund, and to pay all Contributions as required by the Storm Protection Fund.

Passed and approved this 16th day of

June, 2025. Jay Matthews, President

ATTEST: Christy Roethler, Secretary

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA

SS: COUNTY OF Chickasaw

I, the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the New Hampton Community School District in the County of Chickasaw, State of Iowa, certify that attached is a complete copy of the portion of the corporate records showing proceedings of the Board meeting held on the date indicated in the attachment and remain in full force and effect; that the meeting and all action was publicly held in accordance with a notice of meeting and a tentative agenda which was timely served on each member of the Board and posted on a bulletin board or other prominent place easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the Board (a copy of the agenda is attached) pursuant to the local rules of the Board and the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 21 and upon reasonable advance notice the public and media at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of the meeting as required by law and with members of the public present in attendance; I further certify that the individuals named lawfully possessed their respective offices as indicated, that no Board vacancy existed except as stated and that no controversy or litigation is pending or threatened involving the incorporation, organization, existence or boundaries of the School or the right of the individuals named as

officers.

DATED THIS 16th day of June, 2025
Christy Roethler, Secretary of the

Board of
Directors New Hampton Community

School District
Superintendent Jurrens and Community Insurance Owner Joel Rochford presented information on the Insurance Renewal for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the insurance renewal for a total cost of \$512,055.00. Director Shawver seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath and Shawver. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the supplement for High School Principal Matthew Manson in the amount of \$10,000 for covering the superintendent duties during the 24-25 school year. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath and Shawver. Nays: none.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the placement agreements with Buena Vista University. This allows them to place student teachers and directed observation students with us. Director Shawver seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, Denner, A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath and Shawver. Nays: none.

Three student School board applications were received and interviews will be set up before the regular scheduled meeting in July.

Director N. Schwickerath moved to go into a Closed Session for Superintendent's annual evaluation

a. Per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(l)(i) if a school board may enter closed session

"To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."

Director Shawver seconded the motion. The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Timothy Denner, Adam Schwickerath and Ryan Shawver, Nathaniel Schwickerath and Jay Matthews.

Went into closed session at 7:46pm with each board member stating they were comfortable going into closed session.

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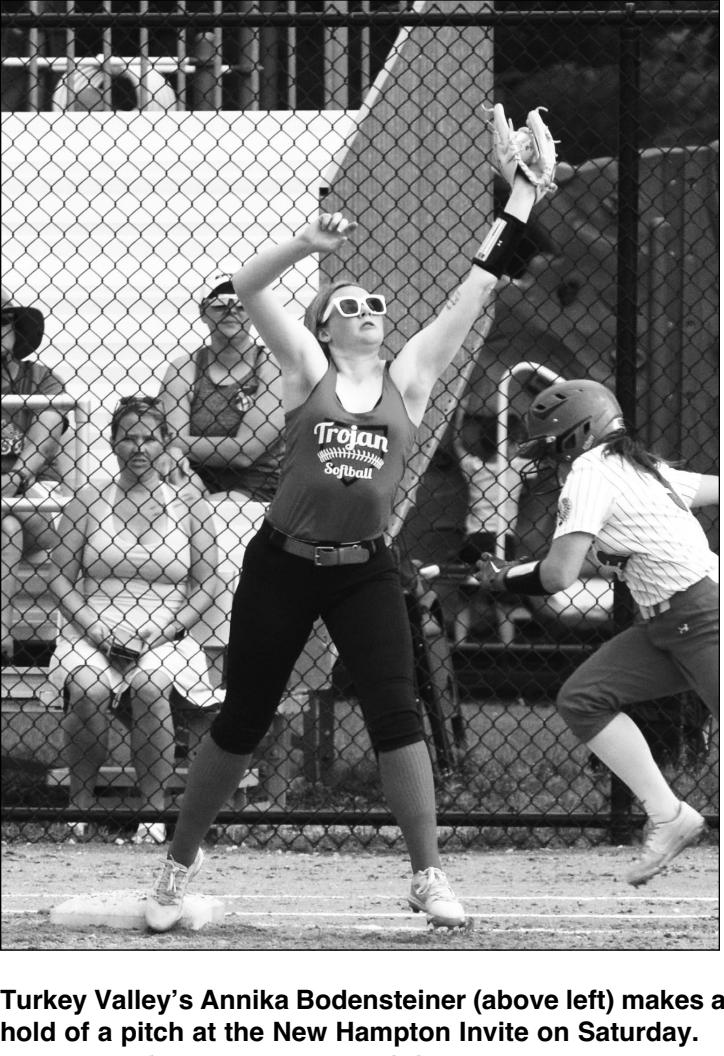
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Turkey Valley's Annika Bodensteiner (above left) makes a stretch at first to make an out and Layni Schuchhardt gets hold of a pitch at the New Hampton Invite on Saturday.

Turkey Valley competitive at NH Invite

Trojans claim victory in nightcap of MFL suspended doubleheader

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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The Turkey Valley Trojans have entered the dog days of summer with just a few weeks left before postseason starts.

Here's Exhibit A if you were wondering how warm an Iowa summer can get. One didn't need to check the mercury to feel how humid and warm it got over the weekend at the New Hampton Invite.

Try throwing on some catching gear or play three consecutive games in the scorch of a Saturday and you'll quickly find out.

Anthony Troyna's Trojans made due — as did the rest of the four-team field — and played some competitive softball despite going 0-3 at the Chickasaws' home tournament.

"It was a "classic" June day in Iowa, as it was a hot one! As we talked about as a team, the conditions are something everyone has to play through and we have to be able to battle through them. For the most part I think our girls did a nice job with that," said Troyna, in his first year as TV head coach after being an assistant for former Trojan head coach Junior Hackman last summer.

TV (8-15, 7-4) started out the day in a clash with the host Chickasaws and led 3-1 headed into the bottom of the fourth inning. New Hampton (10-8) put the game out of a reach with eight runs in the bottom half of that frame, but Troyna was pleased with how his girls

fought in the 9-6 loss.

"This was probably one of our best and one of our most complete games we have played all season," said Troyna.

Turkey Valley collected three doubles against New Hampton and those came via Layni Schuchhardt, Madi McDanel and Jenna Thronsdon.

"Other than that one inning, again, I thought it was a really good and complete game by our girls! We played the exact way we needed to play...we put the ball in play, we played small ball and ran, which put pressure on the other team. Our pitchers did great in the circle and kept hitters off balanced, and defensively we made plays behind our pitchers," said the TV head coach.

TV played Denver for the second time this season in the second game of the tourney. The Cyclones won the rematch by a score of 14-3 after shutting out TV, 10-0, the first time around.

TV senior shortstop Morgan Vsetecka came up with two hits and knocked in a run.

Trojan sophomore hurler Raelen Manderfield pitched four innings and allowed six earned runs.

TV committed five errors in its final game of the weekend against Nashua-Plainfield — which amounted to a 13-5 loss.

Trojan sophomore Kendall Kuennen, who caught in the game versus the Huskies, scored two runs and produced two hits and an RBI.

"Throughout the game we had some defensive miscues which allowed N-P get out to a lead. From there we just didn't

have the "big inning" to get us back into it," said Troyna. "We definitely saw some good things today, but there are also some areas we have to get better in as we head down the home stretch of the season and getting ready for the postseason."

Kee High (19-7, 10-0) swept TV by scores of 8-3 and 8-0 last week Wednesday. The road contest for TV saw the Trojans get no-hit in the nightcap by junior Hawk hurlers Addison Winters (4 IP) and Lillian Kolsrud over the course of the five-inning affair.

Kuennen again found success at the plate in the opener with two hits, including a double and a run scored to go along with an RBI.

Turkey Valley won the completion of a suspended doubleheader with MFL MarMac on Tuesday, June 17 by a score of 8-5. The game was tied 3-3 in the bottom of the third inning with two outs when it was first started back on Wednesday, June 11.

"I could not be prouder of the girls for how they were able to pick up where they left off almost a week ago and start strong in a suspended game! That is not an easy thing to do, but goes to show how ready our girls were and how well we were able to execute," the TV head coach said.

TV's scheduled doubleheader versus Clayton Ridge on Monday was postponed to tonight (Thursday) because of rain.

The state will release the postseason pairings at the end of this week.

**TURKEY VALLEY 7,
MFL MARMAC 5**

TV 003 220 0 - 7
MFL 012 020 0 - 5

Pitching - Raelen Manderfield 5

IP, 4 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 3 K, Annika

Bodensteiner 2 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0

BB, 1 K.

**NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 13,
TURKEY VALLEY 5**

TV 003 20 - 5

NP 172 03 - 13

Pitching - Lukes 1 IP, 1 H, 3 R, 1

ER, 1 BB, K, Bodensteiner 2 1/3 IP, 5

H, 8 R, 7 ER, 0 BB, 1 K, Manderfield

2 1/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

2B - Vsetecka. Runs - Kuennen 2,

Carter 1, Layni Schuchhardt 2, Addison Winters 1, Layni Schuchhardt 1, McDaniel 1, Vsetecka 1, Thronsdon 1, Layni Schuchhardt 1, McDaniel 1, Vsetecka 1, Thronsdon 1.

DENVER 14, TURKEY VALLEY 3

DEN 224 06 - 14

TV 100 20 - 3

Pitching - Manderfield 4 IP, 6 H, 7

R, 6 ER, 5 BB, 0 K, Courtney Ball 2/3

IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K, Lukes

1/3 IP, 3 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 3 BB, 0 K.

Runs - Kuennen 1, Layni Schuchhardt 1, McDaniel 1, Vsetecka 1, Thronsdon 1, Layni Schuchhardt 1, McDaniel 1, Vsetecka 1, Thronsdon 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 6,
NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 7**

TV 200 130 - 6

NH 001 80x - 9

Pitching - Bodensteiner 3 1/3 IP, 3

H, 7 R, 7 ER, 2 BB, 1 K, Manderfield

1 2/3 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

2B - Schuchhardt, McDaniel, Jenna Thronsdon. Runs - McDaniel 1, Vsetecka 1, Layni Schuchhardt 1, McDaniel 1, Vsetecka 1, Thronsdon 1. RBI - Layni Schuchhardt 1, McDaniel 1, Vsetecka 1, Thronsdon 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 15,
NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 7**

TV 000 3(1)1 0 - 15

NFV 101 050 0 - 7

Pitching - Logan Busta 6 IP, 7 H, 7

R 2 ER, 2 BB, 5 K, Cale Langreck 1

IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - Busta, Mitchell Kriener. Runs -

Jayden Rausch 3, Ethan Orvis 3,

J.D. Kruse 2, Busta 2, Jordan Kriener

1, Alex Hanson 1, Langreck 1, Hugo

Busta 1, Nicholas Bernhard 1. Hits -

Hunter Kruse 4, L. Busta 2, Hanson

2, Rausch 1, J. Kriener 1, Langreck

1, M. Kriener 1. RBI - L. Busta 4,

H. Kruse 2, Hanson 2, Langreck 2,

Rausch 1, J. D. Kruse 1, M. Kriener 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 10,
POSTVILLE 4**

TV 403 000 3 - 10

POST 004 000 0 - 4

Pitching - H. Kruse 3 1/3 IP, 3 H, 4

R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 2 K, Langreck 3 2/3 IP,

3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - J.D. Kruse. Runs - Rausch

2, H. Busta 2, L. Busta 1, J. Kriener 1,

Cale Kriener 1, Orvis 1. Hits - J.D. Kruse 2,

L. Busta 2, H. Kruse 1, Langreck 1, H.

Busta 1. RBI - J.D. Kruse 4, L. Busta

1, Langreck 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 4,
SOUTH WINNESHEK 3**

SW 120 000 0 - 3

TV 201 100 x - 4

Pitching - Hanson 6 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3

ER, 5 BB, 3 K, J.D. Kruse 1 IP, 0 H, 0

R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - Langreck. Runs - L. Busta

2, Rausch 1, Bernhard 1. Hits - J.D.

Kruse 1, L. Busta 1, J. Kriener 1, Langreck

1, M. Kriener 1. RBI - L. Busta 4, L.

Busta 1, Langreck 1.

**TURKEY VALLEY 7,
CHARLES CITY 5**

TV 101 012 2 - 7

CC 100 201 1 - 5

Pitching - J.D. Kruse 6 IP, 4 H, 4 R,

1 ER, 4 BB, 5 K, Bernhard 1 IP, 1 H, 1

R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - L. Busta. Runs - Rausch

2, H. Kruse 1, Bernhard 1. Hits - J.D.

Kruse 1, L. Busta 1, J. Kriener 1, Langreck

1, M. Kriener 1. RBI - L. Busta 1, Langreck 1.

**BLAZEK LOOKS TO FINISH COLLEGIATE
RUNNING CAREER ON STRONG NOTE**

Turkey Valley coach says it's been fun to see his team grow

TV BASEBALL: FROM 14

- all on the road mind you
- came against squads that have all of one win combined between them.

But the feather in the cap that was produced for the Upper Iowa Conference squad last week came on Thursday when TV — now 7-13 on the season — took down UIC rival South Winneshiek in Jackson Junction by a score of 4-3.

"We just kind of challenged ourselves. We kind of talked and just said winning's hard. It's a grind and you gotta work for every win you get," said Stepan. "Each game they were able to answer the bell. We won in some different ways."

Prior to a 15-7 rout over North Fayette Valley (1-20, 1-13) on Tuesday of last week, the Trojans played Class 2A New Hampton tough in a 6-4 loss on Friday, June 13. That seemed to set the stage for a big week engineered by Stepan's bunch.

"With a young group, we're just kind of finding our legs," said Stepan. "We can win some games, we can beat the leaders and kind of gut some things out."

Then it was last Wednesday's win on the road against Postville (0-10, 0-9). TV raced out to a 7-0, took the Pirates' best shot as the lead was trimmed to 7-4. The Trojans added three more insurance runs in the final frame to take a 10-4 win back home.

TV junior hurler Alex Hanson stifled South Winn bats the next day in his four-hitter gem over six innings of work. J.D. Kruse closed the door for the save in the seventh.

"We got a great pitching performance out of Alex. That was a nice win. They're a quality team," said Stepan. "They're a little younger this year, but anything you can beat them, it's a good win."

TV capped the productive week with a 7-5 win over Charles City (0-16) on Friday. The Trojans were out hit 5-2, but managed two runs in the top of the seventh courtesy of some smart base running.

Hanson led off the inning with a hit by pitch and with one out, Mitchell Kriener walked. With runners on second and third with two outs, Jayden Rausch hit a grounder to second that got away from the CC infielder.

"It was kind of an in-betweener. The second baseman had to come up and rush it and he turned to throw it to first as fast as he could. He kind of just spiked it into the ground and it got past the first baseman," said Stepan.

That meant both TV runners turned on the burners and headed for home.

"Our guys were pretty aggressive on the bases. Mitchell was wheeling to third hard and I was able to send him through easy to score there," said Stepan, in the midst of his 23rd year as TV head coach.

Kruse pitched six innings to earn

Claiming the Northeast Iowa Team Tourney title

Members of the New Hampton Golf and Country Club's team — (front row, from left) Brad Shatek, Nick Wegner, Adam Geerts, Rich Kriener, (back row) Eric Shatek, Eric Olson, Ryan Anderson and Paul Ewert — pose for a photo after the Northeast Iowa Team Tournament that was held in New Hampton last week. New Hampton finished with a 452 to beat golfers from Decorah's Oneota by nine shots while Cresco and Osage took third with 472s. The Jackson Heights team finished with a 499 to finish eighth in the 11-team tournament.

South Winneshiek won the net title — scratch score minus team handicap — with a 429.1 while New Hampton was second with a 448.9. Jackson Heights, meanwhile, finished sixth in net scores with a 462.2.

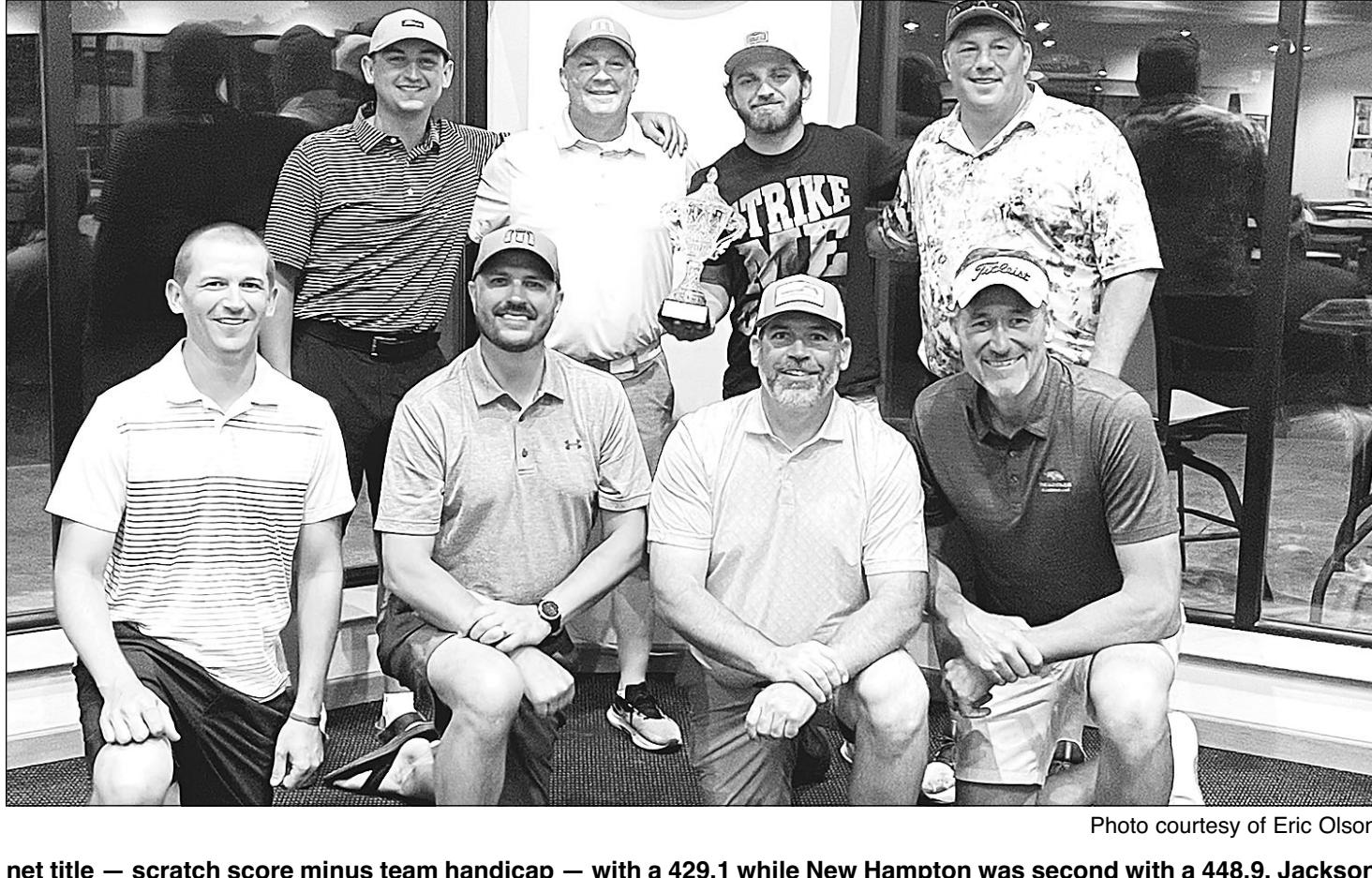


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Pitch count math becomes big deal for the Chickasaws

NH BASEBALL: FROM 14

asking our pitcher to do all year without Eckley and without [Caden] Rochford. ... They've had to step up and raise their level of pitching. That's a great example of that."

On Friday, it was Bundy's turn to deliver.

"The curveball was my best pitch," he said after improving to 5-1 and lowering his earned-run average to 0.80. "They couldn't really hit it. For me, I think my velocity is better this year than last year, but yeah, it's a speed change for sure for me. ... I work on it in bullpens, and ever since I was probably in seventh grade, I kind of started developing it."

"He's getting higher velocity as he gotten older," McDonald said, "and then he has what I would call an almost Clayton Kershaw curveball. It's a backdoor curveball that is almost next to impossible to hit when he's on with it."

The sweep gave New Hampton a 19-4 overall record, and McDonald said that he's especially proud of what his team has accomplished thus far this season without the pitching services of what the Chickasaws would be their top two pitchers.

The veteran coach joked that he's become a mathematician as he and his coaching staff have juggedled pitch counts throughout the season.

"Every single game of baseball this season has been a mathematical equation for us," McDonald said, "and I'm a social studies teacher. ... We were halfway joking in the dugout because it really has turned into a mathematical equation every game where you know add 10, subtract two, carry the one."

And it's not just the pitchers who have had to step up.

McDonald pointed to freshman Kye Rausch as an example of young Chickasaws who have taken on bigger-than-expected roles in 2025.

"Kye comes in as a freshman catcher, and it's not even his primary position," McDonald said. "He's been doing a terrific job helping our varsity staff. But here's the deal, no one flinches that we have a freshman at times behind the dish. We just go out and play good baseball and everybody expects it."

New Hampton began the week with an outside chance of winning a second straight NEIC title, but the Chickasaws are focused more on the postseason than the conference race.

"Honestly, I think we're more set on state championship. I'd rather do that — win a state championship over a conference title any day," said Bundy, who is also having a strong season at the plate, where he is hitting .429. "I would say just my mentality has changed a lot.

"Last year, at least for a while, I was hoping to get a hit. Now, I want to get a hit, help the team out. I know I want to drive in runs, and the more the season's gone on, the more confident I think I've gotten."

As the playoffs near — the Class 2A district tournament starts a week from Saturday — McDonald pointed out a year ago at this time, New Hampton was 20-4.

"Look what that team did, look what this team has had to go through and here we are, now 19-4," he said. "That says something about the quality and character of our boys."

NEW HAMPTON 4, CHARLES CITY 2

New Hampton 002 11 - 4

Charles City 001 01 - 2

Carter Cajthaml 5 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2



John Burbridge/Charles City Press

Charles City junior southpaw Sawyer Hanson delivers a pitch as New Hampton senior Landon Marr leads off second base.

ER, 4 BB, 3 K.	1 BB, 0 K.	Ashley 1. RBIs – Bundy 2, Cajthaml 1, Marr 1.
2B – Cajthaml. Runs – Jaxon Eckley 1, Cajthaml 1, Caden Rochford 1, Colton Ashley 1. Hits – Cajthaml 2, Eckley 1, Jay Pickar 1. RBIs – Eckley 1, Cajthaml 1, Pickar 1.	Hits – Cajthaml 2, Braxton Bundy	NEW HAMPTON 6, CRESTWOOD 0
WAVERLY-SHELL ROCK 3, NEW HAMPTON 0	1, Marr 1.	Crest 000 000 0 - 0
NH 000 000 0 - 0	NEW HAMPTON 3, CRESTWOOD 2	NH 002 031 x - 6
WSR 101 100 0 - 3	Crest 100 001 0 - 2	Bundy 7 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 6 K.
Eckley 4 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 4 K; Landon Marr 1 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 3 K; Carson Laures 1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER,	NH 010 x - 3	Runs – Ashley 2, Eckley 1, Cajthaml 1, Reid Rausch 1, Tate Schwickerath 1. Hits – Bundy 2, Rausch 1, Schwickerath 1. RBIs – Cajthaml 2, Bundy 1, Rochford 1, Eckley 1, Bundy 1.

New Hampton softball looks to overcome 'growing pains'

NH SOFTBALL: FROM 14

Crawford — who is one of the better run producers in Class 3A — collected three RBI via two hits against the Cyclones. Crawford leads the NEIC with 28 runs knocked in and is second in homers with five. Those key offensive stats also ranked her in the top 10 in her class.

Those two hits by Crawford would be all Ackerson would need as her defense backed her up by committing just one error in her complete game.

"They definitely have the ability, it's just a matter of putting it all together," Anderson said about her team's quest to make winning plays out on the diamond.

The beginning of the tournament saw New Hampton (10-8, 3-4) square off against area rival Turkey Valley (8-15), a game that ended in the Chickasaws' favor by a margin of 9-6. New Hampton exploded for eight runs in the fourth inning and utilized junior hurler Chloe Weigel's pitching performance to hold the underdog Trojans at bay.

Weigel allowed three earned runs, struck out eight and also doubled at the plate. She was one of six Chickasaws to garner a base hit.

Then the unexpected happened as three-win Nashua-Plainfield (3-15) came up with

its marquee win of the year with a 7-2 shocker over the Chickasaws.

The Huskies' Callie Jensen — just a freshman — kept New Hampton's bat silent for much of the contest as she allowed just two earned runs in her complete-game performance. While she allowed eight hits, New Hampton could only muster runs in the third and fifth innings.

Despite striking out 11 N-P batters, Crawford surrendered six hits and four earned runs over the course of five innings.

NH junior catcher Maici Weber doubled and knocked in a run.

The Huskies stormed out of the gates versus New Hampton early with four runs plated in the first frame.

"They jumped out on us right away and we didn't respond. Our bats were not great," said Anderson.

Denver, N-P and New Hampton each went 2-1 in the tournament.

The start to last week did not go as planned either as Crestwood bounced New Hampton in the first game of a doubleheader by a score of 10-2 on Tuesday. The second game was suspended in the bottom of the third inning and will be made up in the regular season finale on July 8 against the Cadets at Mikkelsen Park.

The Chickasaws will start with a junior varsity contest against the Cadets, then finish the suspended game, followed by the originally scheduled lone varsity matchup.

Crestwood (13-5) leads the league with a mark of 6-1.

Decorah junior hurler Clara Hjelle locked down New Hampton's bats as she pitched a one-hit shutout over five innings in another NEIC tilt on Thursday. Decorah (12-6, 4-2) won the game, 8-0.

Anderson — in her first year of coaching the Chickasaws after being an assistant the year prior — spoke about her team's recent struggles.

"I would call them growing pains," said Anderson about some of the recent setbacks. "We have a fairly young team. People are playing new positions."

The solution — at least on paper — is a formula that is tried and true, but easier said than done.

"What I told them today at practice was when we keep our focus on the task at hand, we're good and we win. When we aren't focused, we make mistakes and we lose. It's pretty simple," said Anderson.

Anderson said it's important to get New Hampton's offense back on track — which is one of the most important facets of the Chickasaws' game. When NH's

offense is clicking, it can score runs in bunches and is one of the most potent in Class 3A.

"I feel like our bats set the tone for us," said Anderson. "Realistically, we have to get our bats moving right out of the chute. That's our focus this week is starting out fast and focused."

New Hampton will learn its postseason assignment later this week when the state releases regional pairings. In the meantime, the Chickasaws will attempt to finish off the regular season — barring inclement weather that has plagued games in the latter stages of June.

New Hampton was slated to play Charles City (9-10, 3-2) in a key NEIC twinbill on Tuesday. Then it's a single varsity game at home versus Waukon (4-13, 0-7) tonight (Thursday). The Chickasaws' final road games are at the Dunkerton Tournament this Saturday and in West Union against North Fayette Valley on Tuesday, July 1.

The rest of the regular season will be played at home versus Waterloo Columbus, Riceville and Crestwood.

"We have lots of opportunity in front of us," said Anderson.

CRESTWOOD 10, NEW HAMPTON 2

New Hampton 010 10 - 2

Crawford 2 1/3 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.

Runs - Crawford 1, Elsie Kuehner 1. Hits - Weigel 1, Crawford 1, Kayme Hackman 1, Kuehner 1. RBI - Weigel 1, Hackman 1.

DECORAH 8, NEW HAMPTON 0

New Hampton 000 00 - 0

Decorah 401 03 - 8

Pitching - Crawford 5 IP, 9 H, 8 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 5 K.

Hits - Weigel 1.

NEW HAMPTON 9, TURKEY VALLEY 6

Turkey Valley 200 130 - 6

New Hampton 001 80x - 9

Pitching - Weigel 6 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 8 K.

2B - Weigel. Runs - Brynlie

Ackerson 2, Weigel 1, Maici Weber 1, Crawford 1, Kadence Rings 1, Hackman 1, Kuehner 1, Gretta

Kuehner 1. Hits - Cora Schwickerath 1, Weigel 1, Weber 1, Crawford 1, Rings 1, E. Kuehner 1. RBI - Weigel 1, Weber 1, Crawford 1, Rings 1, E. Kuehner 1.

NASHUA-PLAINFIELD 7, NEW HAMPTON 2

NP 400 012 0 - 7

NH 001 010 0 - 2

Pitching - Crawford 5 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 11 K, Kailynn Gebel 2 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

2B - Weber. Runs - Schwickerath 1, Ackerson 1. Hits - Weber 1, Crawford 1, Rings 1, E. Kuehner 1. RBI - Weber 1.

WEDNESDAY

New Hampton baseball vs. Columbus Catholic, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

Turkey Valley baseball vs. Clarksville, varsity at 5:15 p.m., JV at 7 p.m.

New Hampton softball vs. Columbus Catholic, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton baseball vs. Oelwein, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

New Hampton softball vs. Riceville, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

New Hampton baseball 9th doubleheader vs. Waukon, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley softball JV doubleheader vs. South Winneshiek, 10 a.m.

New Hampton baseball at Oelwein, JV at 5 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

New Hampton softball vs. Riceville, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

New Hampton gets top seed for Class 2A district tournament

The road to the Class 2A District 14 title will go through New Hampton as the Chickasaws have earned the tournament's No. 1 seed.

The tournament begins on Saturday, July 5, in Eldora and then move to New Hampton on Tuesday, July 8, when second-seeded West Marshall (14-7) will take on the winner of South Hardin and Iowa Falls-Alden at 5 p.m. and the 19-4 Chickasaws will meet the winner of Osage and Central Springs at approximately 7 p.m.

The winners of those games will play for the district title on Saturday, July 12 at Mikkelsen Park.

The other side of the substate bracket is led by third-ranked Van Meter, which has a 17-5 mark and earned the top seed in District 13. That district's second seed is Roland-Story, which is 14-7.

The substate title game will be played on Tuesday, July 15, at a site to be determined.

ON TAP FOR CHICKASAWS, TROJANS

THURSDAY

New Hampton baseball JV doubleheader vs. Waukon, 10 a.m.

New Hampton softball J JV doubleheader at Osage, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley softball JV doubleheader at West Central, 10 a.m.

Turkey Valley baseball varsity doubleheader at Clayton Ridge, Garnavillo, 4 p.m.

New Hampton softball vs. Waukon, JV at 5:30 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

New Hampton baseball 9th doubleheader vs. Decorah, 10 a.m.

New Hampton softball JV doubleheader at Waukon, 5 p.m.

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A pretty cool looking new facade for art center

Chickasaw Plum Creek Art has finished their newest art project and are very excited about the result. The mural was painted by Dan Hatala on the front of the gallery/gift shop at 115 W. Main St. in Fredericksburg.

Restoration of the face of the building was done by Restoration Services of Waterloo, Alpha Builders, Hackman-Carolan Painting, and Decorah Mobile Glass.

Funding was provided by grants from Blackhawk County Gaming, Chickasaw County Hotel Motel, State of Iowa Cultural Grant, City of Fredericksburg.

Generous private donors include Arlene Dixson, Randy and Mary Jane Leach, Gerald and Marsha Whitnable. Fredericksburg Plumbing and Heating helped by loaning their scissor lift for some of the work.

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Veterans who received Quilts of Valor during a ceremony Sunday at the Holy Family Parish gymnasium included (front row, from left) Milford Hansen, Jonathan Grote, Vern Drewelow, Randy Bergmann, Taylor Bellinger, Mark Beckman, Ben Beckman, (back row) John Tieskotter, Daryl Schumacher, Marsha Platt, Steve Loes, Duane Knox, Rodney Knapp Jr. and Nicholas Klunder.

Local Quilt of Valor chapter celebrating 10-year anniversary

QUILTS: FROM 1

write it again — the local Quilt of Valor chapter, Freedom Strippers, may use the same "script" for its presentation ceremonies yet they are all unique in their own way.

The 14 veterans ranged from those still serving to 94-year-old Milford Hanson. Some served overseas. Some fought in wars. Some did neither, but they all — the point was made by Freedom Strippers volunteer Linda Kapler — all "served."

It was an idea that Father Jim Goerend touched on during the prayer he offered at the beginning of the ceremony.

"We gather to give thanks to those who have served in the armed forces, the men and women who have stepped forward and answered the call of their country to defend the principles we hold dear — life, liberty and freedom," Goerend prayed and he asked that God's "grace be upon these quilts — warming, comforting and embracing."

The local chapter is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its founding this year, and over the past decade, it has awarded more than 700 quilts to area veterans.

"A Quilt of Valor is priceless," Freedom Strippers' volunteer Linda Koenigsfeld said. "It can never be bought. It should never be sold. It is not a birthday gift or a Christmas present; it is an award. Each Quilt of Valor is a lifetime award."

The veterans who were awarded quilts Sunday included:

- Army and Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Ben Beckman.
- Army Air National Guard Spec. Mark



Quilt of Valor volunteers "wrap" 94-year-old U.S. Air Force veteran Milford Hansen, who served during the Korean War era, in his quilt during Sunday's ceremony.

Beckman.

- Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Taylor Bellinger.
- Navy Boiler Tech. 3rd Class Randy Bergmann
- Army National Guard Spec. 4th Class Vern Drewelow.
- Air Force and Air National Guard Capt. Jonathan Grote.
- Air Force Airman 3rd Class Milford

Hansen.

- Army National Guard Sgt. Nicholas Klunder.
- Army Master Sgt. Rodney Knapp Jr.
- Army Cpl. Duane Knox.
- Air Force Sgt. Steve Loes.
- Army Capt. Marsha Platt.
- Army Spec. 5th Class Daryl Schumacher.
- Navy Fire Control Sr. Chief John Tieskotter.



Nicholas Klunder (above) receives his quilt from members of the Freedom Strippers while American Legion Fae Stine Post member Clark Budweg congratulates Ben Beckman near the end of Sunday's ceremony.



'Grief camp' set for Waterloo next month, registration deadline is July 1

On Wednesday, July 16, Cedar Valley Hospice will welcome youth ages 5-12 to its game-themed grief camp. A special opening ceremony will kick off the ninth annual day camp, which aims to help youth who are grieving the death of a friend or loved one.

Youth will be able to share their story of loss with peers

and learn about grief through participating in activities related to the theme.

The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a closing ceremony at 2:30 p.m. The day's activities are free, and all campers will receive lunch and a T-shirt if registered by July 1. Camp will be held at the Hawkeye Community College's

Tama Hall.

There is also a session for adults at 1 p.m. aimed at helping parents and guardians support their youth during a time of loss and/or transition.

Registration is open to any child regardless of their affiliation with Cedar Valley Hospice. RSVP by Tuesday, July 1 by visiting cvhospice.org.

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A youngster (left) gets a little waterball lesson from a Lawler firefighter while a Shriner slaps "five" with a couple of kids along the Irish Fest Parade route on a hot and windy Saturday afternoon.

It's a hot, yet fun, Irish Fest in Lawler!



Country music singer Cory Farley (left) gives Irish Fest a fantastic finale Saturday evening; earlier in the day, a new business, Gruenberg Repair (above), has the perfect way to pitch its grand opening this Friday, i.e., the "air conditioning;" and a bagpiper (right) follows the grand marshal during the parade.



Families (left) enjoy the Kids Activity Area at Croell Park and the parade (above) makes its way down the street Saturday afternoon.

Irish Fest Parade photos by Bob Fenske; others by Kyle Kuchner



The 90-plus-degree heat (left) doesn't stop parade participants from having a blast, Chickasaw County's Madison Kolbet (above) performs on the stage Friday evening and this year's Irish Fest grand marshals, Leslie and John Cuvelier (above) pose for a photo.



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