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City PD scrambling for officers

Police chief tells council that department may be down to two officers in August

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New Hampton Police Chief Conrad Rosendahl told the City Council on Monday night that his department is dealing with a “desperate time” when it comes to staffing after the recent resignation of an officer.

The chief said that the resignation of officer Darby Stone last month

means that there is a chance that New Hampton will have just two full-time officers for a stretch in August and that the city needs to explore options that would help attract certified officers to join the force.

“It’s not just us, it’s a tough time right now for law enforcement,” Rosendahl said. “People are leaving the field, and the days of having 14 people apply for a position, those days are gone.”

Stone, who was hired by the police department late last summer, turned in his resignation on June 13 and his last day with the department was Saturday, June 28.

“I would like to thank you for the opportunity to have worked in the position for the past 10 months,” Stone wrote in his resignation letter. “I have learned a great deal during my time here and have enjoyed working with

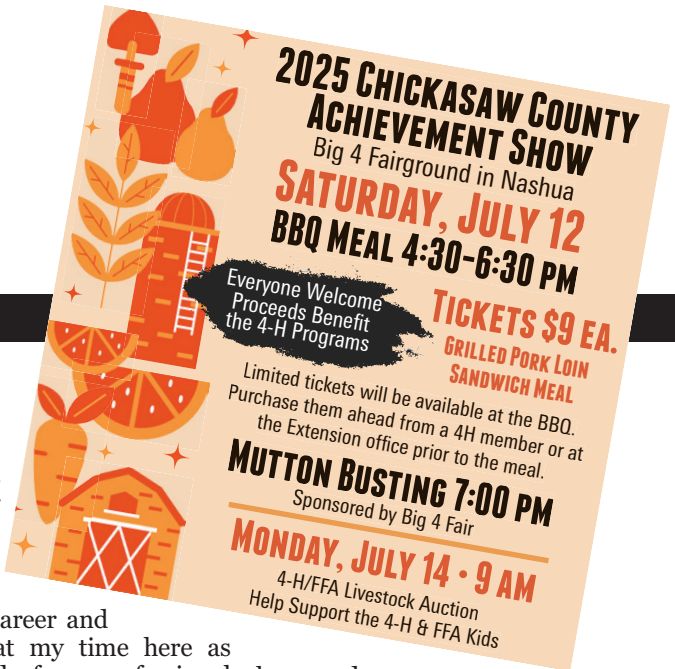
my colleagues. I will take what I have learned with me in my career and will look back at my time here as a valuable period of my professional life.”

But his resignation has left the department short-handed, and Rosendahl told council members that it’s not just a matter of the five-mem-

ber department being an officer down.

New Hampton currently has one officer attending the Iowa Law

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THERE'S A NEW 'SUPER' ON BOARD

AFTER CHAOTIC SEVERAL MONTHS, SMITH DIVES INTO NEW ROLE AS DISTRICTS' TOP ADMINISTRATOR

By Bob Fenske
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To put it mildly, it's been a hectic few months for Erik Smith and his family.

There was a house to sell and another house to buy. There was making sure that all the proverbial T's were crossed and the I's were dotted for the members of the AGWSR High School Class of 2025. There was finishing out the year as the superintendent of AGWSR while preparing for the move to take over the top administration post at both New Hampton and Turkey Valley.

“You do the best you can,” New Hampton’s and Turkey Valley’s new shared superintendent said during an interview last week. “Obviously, you still have the obligation to the district that you’re currently under contract with. You’re having those conversations with board, right, of how you’re going to work with the transition and you do what you can.”

Smith, who was hired in February to take over for the retiring Jay Jurens, was able to get to a couple of New Hampton School Board meetings but he struck out — with good reason — when it came to doing the same at Turkey Valley.

“The Turkey Valley board meetings are on the same night as AGWSR. That’s a little tough. Obviously I wasn’t to get up here for that, but yeah, just having those conversations and with the board presidents, having those conversations and meetings when you can with your admin team at both districts, you just try to do as much as you can.”

So when July 1 rolled around, Smith could be

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Erik Smith poses for a photo in his office at New Hampton Community Schools last week after taking over as superintendent of schools for both New Hampton and Turkey Valley.

Supervisors to stay with the status quo on human resources

After weeks of discussion, board members unanimously vote to keep Ahlers & Cooney

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Chickasaw County will stay the course when it comes to its human resources consultant, and the decision came rather abruptly during Monday morning’s meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

After spending three weeks discussing the pros and cons of the three request for proposals (RFPs) the county received, board members needed less than four minutes on Monday to stick with Ahlers & Cooney.

The unanimous 5-0 vote came a week after board members deadlocked three times on the issue. During that June 30 meeting, supervisors voted 2-2 on different motions to hire the three firms — Ahlers & Cooney, PJ Greufe and Associates and Hopkins & Huebner — to consult the county on HR issues.

“I did get a phone call from the current one, just wanted an update of if they’ve done something wrong, if they could do more, if they could do better,” Board Chairman Jake Hackman said Monday. “I gave her my 2 cents — that we may potentially be lacking in the handbook.”

The three first firms’ bids were opened during a June 16 meeting, supervisors discussed them a week later and then last week, without Supervisor Issac Carter in attendance, deadlocked on all three motions.

Ahlers & Cooney and Hopkins & Huebner are both law firms while PJ Greufe and Associates, whose owner and operator, Paul Greufe, served as the county’s HR consultant for much of the 2010s, advertises itself as a business consulting firm, specializing in human resources.

Greufe came under fire, especially from County Assessor Ray Armel, for confidentiality issues and a lack of professionalism during the June 23 meeting, but Supervisor Travis Suckow, who made the motion to hire Greufe during the June 30 meeting, said Monday his mind remained unchanged.

“I guess I’m in the same boat where we were last week,” Suckow said. “I think we just need an HR guy right now.”

Carter, though, expressed doubts.

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County's ending fund balance is more healthy than expected

Supervisors learn departments spent less money than they took in during fiscal year that ended on July 1

By Bob Fenske
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors learned the county’s fund balance at the end of the fiscal year that closed on June 30 were much healthier than county leaders expected during a long and painful budget process earlier this year.

Auditor Sheila Shekleton emphasized that the figures she used during Monday’s morning meeting were off what she called a “working document” and that she would have firmer numbers in a week or two.

Still, the working document provided plenty of good news for the county as an ending fund balance that was projected to be \$1.6 million was actually \$2,939,926.63.

Shekleton told supervisors that the increased fund balance came from a variety of sources.

She pointed out that the county departments returned \$926,945 from their 2024-25 budgets to the county. That, she said, represents \$576,000 more than supervisors projected as they put together the 2025-26

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Kicking off the Achievement Show in Nashua

Clover Kid Scarlett Schwickerath talks with a judge about her project during the Static Show Tuesday that kicked off the 2025 Chickasaw County 4-H and FFA Achievement Show at the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua.

The six-day fair kicks into high gear today (Thursday), with the fair queen coronation set for Saturday and the annual breakfast and livestock auction set for Monday morning.

Laurie Tiemessen/Tribune

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Good news for EMS

Chickasaw County EMS will be able to generate more revenue with GEMT funding

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Cardiac girls

New Hampton rallies in last at-bat to claim two thrilling non-conference softball wins

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Playoffs start

New Hampton, Turkey Valley baseball teams play district openers

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Police chief asks, gets change to on-call pay

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Enforcement Academy and in August, another officer will begin training as a K-9 handler.

Throw in the fact that several months ago, Rosendahl approved an officer's request for vacation time in August to attend a wedding and that would leave New Hampton with just Rosendahl and Police Sgt. Paul Scally as full-time officers available for work.

Rosendahl did say that he has been utilizing the services of one part-time officer and has the potential to hire a former sheriff's deputy from southern Iowa who is moving to the New Hampton area as another part-time officer.

But he also conceded "we are in a desperate time right now until we can get another officer hired and our guy back from the academy," which he said would be in late August.

He brought up several ideas to recruit officers who are already certified to the department, pointing out that the city would save on training expenses and also have an officer ready to begin full-time patrolling immediately.

Rosendahl also asked the council to approve a change in the department's on-call pay to help his budget and requested that the chief's position be included in the changes.

In 2024, the City Council approved paying \$15 per hour to officers who agreed to be "on call" but Rosendahl said he would like to see the city offer an officer an hour's pay for every eight hours on call.

"That \$15 per hour, personally, I think that is ridiculously high," he said. "I think an hour of pay for every eight hours of call time is more than sufficient. It comes out to just under five bucks an hour because if the

officer does get called out, more than likely it's going to be time and half because it's going to be overtime, plus it's a minimum two hours call out."

He added that the \$15 per hour on-call rate is "a lot of money and it comes out of my budget."

Councilman Joe Denner agreed, saying "that does make sense what you're talking about because the overtime would rack up really high."

The police chief fielded several questions from council members about if the city would need a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the union that represents police officers about the change to on-call pay, Rosendahl said that there was nothing in the union contract that dealt with on-call pay and pointed out the city didn't need a MOU when it approved adding on-call pay in 2024.

Council members eventually voted to unanimously approve the change to the on-call resolution.

During an interview following the meeting, Rosendahl said Stone's resignation came at the worst possible time.

Stone was set to be the department's K-9 handler and he and Ozkar, the dog the department recently purchased, were set to begin training on Aug. 4. As of now, Officer Cory Frank is slated to become the K-9 handler.

"I've been here a year now," Rosendahl said, "and I'm starting to think being full-staffed is the worst time. We get there and then we lose somebody. We've been full-staffed twice, for very short times, since I got here. Like I told the council, it's not just a New Hampton problem, it's happening everywhere. Officers are hard to find. It's a tough job and right now not enough people want to do it."

Archery class set for Twin Ponds this evening

The Chickasaw County Conservation Board will hold an archery program this evening (Thursday) at the Twin Ponds Nature Center.

The event will begin at 6 p.m., and those who plan on attending tonight should call 641-394-4714.

Naturalist Matt Crayne said the program will feature an introduction to archery and a chance for participants to shoot.



Photo courtesy of Kayla Flick

A nice addition to New Hampton park

Choose2Include volunteers (from left) Kim Hackman, Kayla Brown and Brittany Phillips pose for a photo with an adaptive swing that the organization recently purchased and installed at Sheakley Park in New Hampton.

Briefs

Water quality issues to be discussed Saturday in West Union

The public is invited to attend a meeting in Fayette County hosted by an organization focused on water quality issues, the Driftless Water Defenders (DWD). This free event will be held on Saturday, July 12 at 1 p.m., at the West Union Community Library at 210 N Vine St, West Union.

DWD is an Iowa non-profit, 501(c)(3) membership corporation, which advocates, educates and litigates to defend Iowa citizens' natural and fundamental right to access clean water for their homes, businesses and recreational needs.

DWD is headed by its president, clean water advocate Chris Jones, author of the recently-published book, The Swine Republic: Struggles with the Truth about Agriculture and Water Quality. His book has been selected as the State of Iowa's "Great Reads from Great Places" book and was featured in the 2024 National Book Festival hosted by the Library of Congress's Center for the Book, in Washington, D.C.

At the meeting, Jones and other speakers will describe and answer questions about the deteriorating condition of lakes, aquifers, streams and rivers in Iowa's Driftless Area—some of which are becoming unsafe for drinking, fishing and swimming.

High nitrate pollution levels have been linked by research scientists to various cancers and are directly harmful to wildlife. Iowa currently has the fastest rising cancer rate of any U.S. state, and the second highest cancer rate in the country. Nitrate pollution also feeds algae

blooms, which kill fish and can poison humans with cyanotoxins.

"The Driftless region has traditionally had some of the best-quality water in Iowa, but it is getting significantly worse and needs to be protected," said Jones. "This meeting hosted by DWD will introduce local residents to Driftless water pollution issues and describe ways that citizens can act to protect their water."

Lourdes' Steeple Days to mark 150 years of church's founding

The last weekend of July the community of Lourdes will celebrate two events. Steeple Days, the annual celebration in the small Howard County town, will take place on Saturday, July 26 and the following day the Our Lady of Lourdes church will celebrate its sesquicentennial, marking 150 years the church has been in existence.

The Saturday events include a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m., a 10 a.m. tractor pull and an FFA kids pedal pull at 11, the same time as a garden tractor pull takes place. From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. bingo will be held in the church hall and a parade will be presented at 2 p.m.

Entertainment includes Brian Arnold's All-Star Band, Madison Kolbet and The Traitors.

— We'll have more on this story in next week's Tribune

Late-night swims set for today, July 24

The New Hampton Municipal Pool will hold two late-night swims this month, including one tonight (Thursday), which will run from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Pool passes will not be honored and admission is \$10.

The second event is set for Thursday, July 24, and is being sponsored by Prairie Lakes Church of New Hampton. Admission is free and the event will run from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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Chickasaw County EMS to start receiving funding designed to bridge ‘gap’

Fund balance remains above threshold; it appears highly likely quarterly payments will be waived again

By Bob Fenske
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Here’s some good news for Chickasaw County and the six cities that contract with Chickasaw County EMS: It appears another quarterly payment will be waived.

But there’s even better news for the county, New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington: Chickasaw County EMS will begin a new revenue stream during the first quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal year that began on July 1.

EMS Director Joel Knutson told the Board of Supervisors during its Monday morning meeting that he has been notified that the county will begin to receive payments from the Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) program.

“Essentially, what it does is it helps bridge the gap from what we receive from Medicaid and what it actually costs us to transport Medicaid patients,” Knutson said following the meeting. “It doesn’t cover everything, but it’s going to go a long way when it comes to covering our actual costs.”

GEMT is a program where publicly owned or operated ambulance services can get extra payments, and state officials say it’s a way to support ambulance providers in delivering essential services.

Providers get extra payments based on their costs for transporting Medicaid members in emergency ground ambulances, but before Chickasaw County

EMS could begin to collect GEMT payments, it first had to show its “history.”

“Basically, we were probably thinking year four or year five so this is really good news for us,” said Knutson, who has served as Chickasaw County EMS’ director since it went into service on Jan. 1, 2023. “To be 2 1/2 years in and already getting funding, that’s a huge positive.”

He said the amount the service will collect from GEMT is based on the number of Medicaid patients it transports, but he added that the county-owned service could receive around \$100,000 a year from the program.

“It’s certainly going to help our bottom line,” he said, “and it definitely will help our fund balance.”

That balance as of Monday was \$799,000, which is about \$49,000 above the threshold in which the county is required to wave quarterly payments from itself and the cities.

If the fund balance remains above \$750,000 this coming Tuesday — which it almost certainly will be — the quarterly payments due on Oct. 5 will be waived.

The fund balance on April 15, the last reporting date, was just a tad over \$804,000.

“If we can add, you know, \$20,000 or \$25,000 of revenue a quarter, that’s certainly going to help us stay above that mark,” Knutson said. “We’ve gone more than a year without cities — or the county for that matter — having to make a payment and this GEMT can help us keep it that way.”

Drake University dean’s list

Two New Hampton High School alums have been named to the Drake University dean’s list for the spring 2025 semester.

Both Chloe Ashley and Chloe Reicherts are students in Drake’s Ziplen College of Business.

To be eligible for the deans’ List, students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Spring 2025 semester at Drake.



Travis Fischer/Charles City Press

Well at least we didn’t have to go far ...

Fireworks explode over the Cedar River as part of Charles City’s annual Independence Day celebration on Friday evening, and while Chickasaw County’s “Festival Month” may have come to an end, there were plenty of fireworks to be seen Friday as the New Hampton Golf and Country Club shot off fireworks. And in addition to Charles City’s celebration, Frederika just across the border in Bremer County also had a show as part of its Fourth of July celebration.

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Special events on tap for New Hampton’s Farmers Market today

Live music with Madison Kolbet will be featured at the New Hampton Farmers Market today (Thursday) at the corner of Main and Chestnut, next to the Riley’s Inc. store.

Kolbet, a 2018 graduate of New Hampton High School, will be performing a set of songs from 4 to 6 p.m.

The Here’s 2U food truck will also be on the grounds.

Ionia Fun Days in August

The theme for this year’s Ionia Fun Days — which is to be held Aug. 1 and 2 — is “Honoring Hometown Heroes.”



Grand Marshals of the 11 a.m. Saturday parade will be the “past, present and future Ionia Military Heroes.”

But kicking off the weekend will be kid’s painting at 6 p.m. Friday at the Ionia Community Library meeting room, kids must pre-register by contacting Heather Hackman.

A softball tournament will be held starting Friday at 7 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m. “free family fun for all ages” tout games of knowledge, skill and chance. The Little Miss and Mister and Miss Teen Ionia will be crowned at 8 p.m. Friday, with a fireworks show at 9 p.m.

The slate on Saturday includes a free will donation pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m., the softball tournament continues at 9 a.m., with a Bloody Mary bar from 9 to 1 p.m.

The annual two-way parade at 11 will be followed by kids’ games from noon to 2 p.m. and a car, truck and antique tractor show from noon to 3 p.m. Other events on tap for Saturday include a bags tournament, puzzle, pop and pizza challenge and the Southland Band performing during the evening.



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202 N. Broadway
641-394-2105
Father Christopher Podhajsky
Mass times: 4 p.m., Saturday; 8 and 10 a.m., Sunday.

NEW HAMPTON
METHODIST
201 N. Locust Ave.
641-394-2893
Pastor Paula Hemann
Service time: 9 a.m. Sunday.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN
611 W. Court St.
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Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: Saturday, Divine Service, 6 p.m.

HARVEST CHURCH
481 S. Linn Ave.
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641-394-4380
Pastor: Josh Jacobs
Service time: 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

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

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

JERICO
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2512 120th St., New Hampton
saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., Sunday Divine Service.

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Rev. Telesphore Dusabe
Mass time: Saturday, July 19, 4 p.m.

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

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

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
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107 Wood St. Elma
Service time: 9 a.m. Sunday.

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

Find God's goodness in grief

It's important to remember that God walks with us in all chapters of our lives

In a world where we often seek reasons and answers, many of us have grappled with a profound question: What gives us the right to endure suffering?

The truth is, we all face crises that shake our faith to its core, turning our lives upside down. From the depths of despair to the flickers of hope, this is a journey that can lead us to a painful and yet beautiful rebuilding of our spirits.

I know this struggle personally. Like many, I have walked through valleys of heartache, faced my greatest fears, and encountered some of life's most challenging moments. I've experienced the loss of a loved one, the pain of a broken relationship and the fear of uncertainty.

You may find yourself thinking, "Even if God doesn't..." But often, we find that "But God did" reveals a surprising truth—God walks alongside us, even in our darkest hours.

Suffering is an enigma. While we may recognize shared experiences of grief in others, the depth of our pain remains intimately ours. Our griefs are unique, and the act of comparing suffering can diminish understanding and compassion. It's easy to go from feeling carefree to cautious, and eventually, to calloused if we don't navigate these feelings properly.

Fifteen years ago, I would have confidently

sung the praises of faith and hardship, boasting about how to possess a life free from suffering. I believed hardships could easily be pinned down to our choices. However, I've come to learn that many challenges arise without a clear cause. Religion often presents a formula—accept Jesus, minimize sin, and practice giving—but life doesn't adhere to such a simple formula.

When we encounter pain that disrupts our faith equation, our beliefs can become rattled. The faith equation here refers to our understanding of God's role in our lives and how suffering fits into that understanding. In those moments, it's tempting to assign blame, either to ourselves or others.

But how can we truly support our brothers and sisters in Christ if we believe their suffering is solely their fault? How can we extend unconditional love when our theology promotes conditional compassion?

The heart of the matter lies in how we engage with our pain. Avoiding it only keeps us distanced from understanding God deeply. I've waded through trials with shaky faith and, at times, unwavering trust, but I've always found God's goodness—even in grief.

Sometimes, all we can grasp are the shards of faith that remain unshaken. Yet, those pieces become anchors

that guide us through turmoil.

Our responses to suffering are shaped by our beliefs about God. If we see Him as good and faithful, hope lingers even in despair. But if we perceive Him as distant or punitive, we might spiral into self-condemnation when facing hardship.

Prayer can become a mere transaction rather than a lifeline, leading to feelings of abandonment when answers are delayed. Similarly, how we, as Christians, react to pain in others can either foster grace or instill judgment.

I've endured spiritual wounds, lost loved ones, witnessed violence, and faced trauma. I've become all too familiar with pain and loss, yet I refuse to consider myself an expert. I'm simply someone who has suffered. Heartbreak has a way of softening our hearts, sharpening our empathy, and transforming our capacity to love.

Trials may surprise us, revealing unexpected beauty amidst ashes. Familiar biblical stories come alive in new ways when we are living through our struggles. At some point, many of us will encounter a pain that rattles the very foundation of what we believe.

If you find yourself navigating through profound heartache, I urge you to cling to anchors of hope. Seek the Spirit's



Josh Jacobs is the pastor at Harvest Church in New Hampton.

comfort, lean on a community of believers, and allow God's peace to wash over you.

In the fog of sadness, let the light of Christ illuminate your path. Remember, God is with you, not just in your joyful moments but, crucially, in your deepest pain. The support of a loving community can be a powerful source of comfort and healing.

In times of hardship, I invite you to experience the God who walks with you through every chapter of your life. Embrace the journey of healing, understanding that beauty can indeed rise from the ashes of our struggles.

Nurture compassion in your hearts for yourselves and others, for it is within this embrace that we find true restoration.

Remember, it's OK to be kind to yourself in times of suffering. Self-compassion is a crucial part of the healing process.

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

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

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

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602 Cedar Street
Father Tom Heathershaw
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222 S. Washington Ave.
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221 Oak St.
Pastor Scott Smith
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111 S. Hamilton Ave.
Pastor Alex Johnson
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218 3rd St. NW
Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

ST. LUCAS
ST. LUKE CATHOLIC
215 East Main
Father Nick Radloff
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Father Nick Radloff
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The importance of setting strong financial goals

There’s a quote about the importance of setting goals that says, “If you don’t know where you’re going, any path will take you there.” You probably have dreams about retirement, vacations, hobbies and more. But if you don’t have a strategy with financial goals in place, you may not make the choices that can best set you on the path to achieve those dreams.

Setting goals helps define and showcase your purpose, passions and priorities. And establishing your own strong financial goals can help you earn and enjoy a wide variety of short- and long-term achievements throughout your life. When you reach your financial goals, you can feel a sense of accomplishment in seeing your efforts literally pay off. But how do you get started?

Prioritize your needs and wants. Think about the things that are most important to you and then outline them as financial “must-haves” and “wish-list” targets. Start with the big-ticket items and work through to ideas that may not cost as much. A must-have for many people is having enough to live comfortably through retirement. Being able to afford the college of your child’s choice, without incurring mounds of debt, is another. Your wish list, on the other hand, may include things like saving for vacations, hobbies or entertainment expenses.

Create detailed short- and long-term goals within your financial strategy. It’s important to be specific about the goals you want to achieve and how much you’ll need to achieve them. One way to do this is by making your goals measurable. Assign estimated dates and costs to each goal so you can plan how much to save and how much time you have before you need the money. For example, for your retirement goal, be specific about how many years before you want to retire. And once you do, how you plan to spend your time — perhaps traveling



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the world, turning your hobby into a business or taking your grandkids on outings. These can have vastly different price tags.

Be willing to compromise. Reaching one, or more, of your goals may mean compromising. If your must-have is building your dream home but it’s not looking quite affordable, you may need to make a trade-off — build it a bit smaller, work a year or two longer or trade in some of your wish-list goals so you can stay focused on your must-haves.

Hold yourself accountable to stay on track. Once your strategy is in place, it’s not a set-and-forget exercise. Actively tracking your progress and managing your decisions and actions can help you be better positioned to reach your goals. Use time-tested principles for making financial decisions, not predictions. Diversify, own quality investments and keep a realistic perspective, especially for your long-term goals. Maintain your focus and don’t let your emotions control your investment decisions. It can be helpful to meet with a financial advisor at least annually to review your full financial strategy, address any changes in your life or your goals, and discuss your progress and new ideas.

As you achieve certain milestones, celebrate them. You may even want to refresh your outlook with new goals. Take pride in your ability to strategize and accomplish a personal financial goal for yourself by following the path you envisioned and created.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors and County Auditor Sheila Shekleton listen Monday morning as Sheriff Ryan Shawver pitches the idea of starting a capital projects fund for his office.

Sheriff proposes using some of fund balance for capital projects

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budget — one that included eliminating a position each from the Auditor’s, Treasurer’s and Sheriff’s Office and three positions for Chickasaw County Public Health and Homecare.

The auditor said she knew the question on most people’s minds was could the healthier fund balance have been anticipated?

“I’ve always been taught,” she said, “when in doubt, always recognize all of your expenses and none of your revenues.”

The county also brought in \$336,000 in interest earnings that were not in the budget.

Board Chairman Jake Hackman gave kudos to department heads after County Attorney David Laudner said that from his viewpoint, the documents showed that county departments were projected to have a budget shortfall from General Basic and General Services of \$88,000 but actually those departments had a \$1.18 million

surplus.

“That’s good work by our department heads,” the board chairman said, “but at the same time, we need to know that in March, right?”

When Hackman asked his fellow board members how the county should react to the better-than-expected fund balances, Supervisor Scott Cervinske had one idea.

“I think we all know we have a lot of infrastructure needs — air conditioners, furnaces, roofs, concrete,” Cervinske said. “It’s time that we start doing some of that.”

Earlier in Monday’s meeting, Sheriff Ryan Shawver suggested that his office be allowed to set up a dedicated capital project fund for vehicles and supplies.

Shawver told the county in May that he expected to return about \$100,000 to \$120,000 to the ending fund balance, but on June 30, the office had \$229,000 returned to the ending fund balance.

“Why don’t we start a capital projects fund so that I am able to purchase a vehicle

or need a vehicle and it’s not budgeted for,” he said. “It’s kind of like a savings account, but it lessens the ask year after year after year for the budget.”

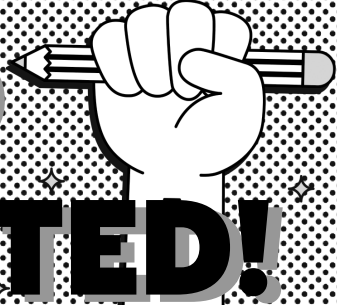
He suggested that supervisors take some of that \$229,000 and “jumpstart” the capital projects fund and “then we either budget for it every year — put money into it — or we see what the ending fund balance is at the end of every year and decide once a year, we put a deposit in there. Put a cap on it if you want.”

Hackman, though, had concerns about having a “savings account.”

“To me, I always have been told that we were supposed to levy taxes and spend taxes and not save money,” he said. “I’ll look into it with other counties and see what the private auditor thinks.”

Supervisors made no final decisions during Monday’s meeting on Shawver’s proposal and also want Shekleton’s “working document” to be firmed up before deciding how they will react to the higher-than-expected fund balance.

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4-H member Carrie Schwickerath (above) talks with a judge about her project while Raelynn Nosbisch (below) presents her “fairy garden” during the Static Show Tuesday.

Achievement Show is off to a rousing start

The Chickasaw County 4-H and Achievement Show kicked off in a big way late Tuesday afternoon as scores of 4-H and FFA members, along with the younger Clover Kids, brought all kinds of projects to the Big 4 Fairgrounds in Nashua for the Static Show.

For those not up on fair lingo, the Static Show is for all the non-livestock projects that kids put together for the annual fair that began its six-day run on Tuesday.

One highlight of Tuesday’s kickoff was the sheer number of Clover Kids who took part in the

Static Show as 65 youngsters in grades K-3 brought projects to the fairgrounds.

While Wednesday was a relatively light day at the fairgrounds — the only show involved dogs and pets — the Achievement Show kicks into high gear today (Thursday) with the Horse Show in the morning and the Sheep and Meat Goat Show this afternoon that will be followed by the Celebrity Show.

Friday’s schedule includes the Beef, Bucket Bottle and Poultry shows, as well as the Horse Games in the evening.

The Swine and Rabbit shows are set for Saturday, and that evening the new Chickasaw County Fair queen will be crowned during the BBQ and Award Show that runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

This year’s meal is being sponsored by the Chickasaw County Pork Producers.

The Dairy Show is set for Sunday and the Achievement Show comes to an end in the morning with the annual pancake breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and the livestock auction that is set to run from 9 a.m. to noon.

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During Saturday’s BBQ, a silent auction is being put on by the fair royalty candidates, who are putting together goody baskets that will be auctioned off.

The silent auction will end at the conclusion of the coronation and winners will be announced.

The new royalty will also be selling baked goods at the livestock auction on Monday.

— For more on the Achievement Show, visit the Tribune’s website at nhtribune.news and see the July 17 Tribune.



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Monday	89	64	--
Tuesday	82	62	--

Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny but slight chance of a pop-up storm; high 81, low 66.

Friday: Showers and thunderstorms likely with a high of 80 and a low of 63.

Saturday: Partly sunny with a high of 77 and a low of 58.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high of 80 and a low of 58.

Extended forecast: Seasonable weather will be on tap as we start the work week; highs in the 80s, lows in the 60s and chances for pop-up storms.

Meetings

MONDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 1 p.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton Light Plant and Telecommunications Boards, 5 p.m., NHMU Board Room.

History

- In 1850, a day after Zachary Taylor dies, Vice President Millard Fillmore is sworn in as the 13th president of the United States.
- In 1925, in Dayton, Tennessee, the so-called Scopes Monkey Trial begins with John Thomas Scopes, a young high school science teacher, accused of teaching evolution in violation of a Tennessee state law.
- In 1940, the Germans begin the first in a long series of bombing raids against Great Britain, as the Battle of Britain, which will last 3 1/2 months, begins.
- In 1943, the Allies begin their invasion of Axis-controlled Europe with landings on the island of Sicily, off mainland Italy.
- In 1992, the Alaska Court of Appeals overturns the conviction of Joseph Hazelwood, the former captain of the oil tanker Exxon Valdez.

Birthdays

- Serbian-American physicist, electrical engineer and inventor Nikola Tesla who developed alternating current was born in 1856.
- Longtime NBC news anchor David Brinkley was born in 1920.
- Tennis star and AIDS activist Arthur Ashe was born in 1943.
- American singer Jessica Simpson turns 41.
- American actor Adrian Grenier turns 49.
- Hall of Fame baseball player Andre Dawson turns 71.
- American singer and songwriter Arlo Guthrie turns 78.

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Edward Heimdal, 69

Edward Heimdal, age 69 of Nashua, died Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Whispering Willow Assisted Living in Fredericksburg.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory/Olson Chapel in Nashua with Andrew Hugeback, certified funeral celebrant, presiding.

Interment will be at a later date.

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

Dennis Dean Hereid, 77

Dennis “Denny” Dean Hereid, age 77 of Fredericksburg, passed away on Monday, June 30, 2025, at UnityPoint Health – Allen Hospital in Waterloo, surrounded by his loving family.

A memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with the Rev. Dan Christensen officiating.

Inurnment was held at Saude Lutheran Cemetery.

Friends greeted the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 7, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton. Visitation continued an hour prior to the memorial service at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Mary Lou M. Roethler, 87

Mary Lou M. Roethler, age 87 of Fayetteville, Georgia, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 30, 2025 at Southwest Christian Care.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2025, at Holy Family Catholic Church in New Hampton with the Rev. Chris Podhajsky celebrating the Mass.

Interment will be at St. Mary’s Cemetery, North Washington following the Mass.

Friends may greet the family 9 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2025 at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Southwest Christian Care in Union City, Georgia.

ISU Extension and Outreach to hold farmland leasing meeting in August

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Chickasaw County is hosting a farmland leasing meeting on Aug. 5 at 1 p.m., at the Chickasaw County Extension Office, 115 N. Broadway Avenue in New Hampton. The annual meeting is offered to address questions that landowners, tenants or other interested individuals have about leasing farmland.

The 2025 annual survey of cash rental rates for Iowa farmland shows that rates decreased, on average, by 2.9% in 2025 to \$271 per acre. This is the first decline in cash rents since 2019, after a peak of \$279 per acre the previous two years of the survey.

Topics will include land values, market outlook, and cash rent trends, cost of production, methods for determining a fair rental rate, legal updates regarding leases and communicating with tenants or landowners. Farm Management Field Specialists will also address common questions when a lease is impacted by a farm estate or succession plan.

“More than half of Iowa’s farmland is rented, and strong landlord/tenant relationships are important for the long-term viability of Iowa’s valuable farmland,” said Ann Johanns, program specialist at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “While the trend in rental rates is fairly steady, individual agreements vary and attending a workshop is a great way to learn more or ask questions on specific aspects of farm lease arrangements.”

The two-and one-half-hour workshop is designed to assist landowners, farm tenants and other agri-business professionals with current issues related to farmland ownership, management and leasing arrangements. Attendees will gain a better understanding of current cash rental rate surveys and factors driving next year’s rents such as market trends and input costs.

Each registrant will receive a 100-page workbook with resources regarding land leasing agreements such as surveys, sample written lease agreements and termination forms, along with many other publications. The workbook may be included in the registration fee in some county meetings and available for purchase in others.

Registration is \$25 per individual and includes materials. Pre-registration is encouraged as an additional \$5 fee may be added if registering less than two calendar days before the meeting date. To register contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Chickasaw County office at 641-394-2174 or atupper@iastate.edu.

Property Transfers

Wayne Horning and Michelle Z. Horning to Michael M. Burkholder; PARCEL 2025-15 SE SE 30-96-14.

Annette Wood to Matthew Goddard and Jada Goddard; PARCEL 2024-8 SW SW 20-95-14 Parcel: 191220350001.

Annette Wood to Andy N. Glaser and Dale R. Glaser; PARCEL 2024-8 SW SW 20-95-14 Parcel: 191220350001.

Robert L. Reissner EST and Martha Clancy EX to Martha Clancy; PARCEL B SE SE 15-96-11.

Emily M. Deutsch and Emily Deutsch to Clinton J. Deutsch; S1/4 EX RR & EX PARCELS A, B & C NW SW 08-94-14 E1/2 NW SW SW 08-94-14 L1 OF NE SW SW 09-94-14.

David L. Tank and Barbara J. Tank to David L. Tank and Barbara J. Tank; UNDIVIDED ONE HALF INTEREST E1/2 NE NW 10-94-13 W1/2 NW NE 10-94-13.

Jane M. Seelhammer TR and John R. Seelhammer LIV TR to Jane M. Seelhammer TR, Amanda J. Uhlenhake TR and John R. Seelhammer MARTIAL TR; S11R L10 NW SW 20-96-13 L1 OF L41 SW 20-96-13.

Galen Bigelow to Fredericksburg Community Development Corporation; W2’ FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 9 Block: 10 E20’ FREDERICKSBURG ORIGINAL PLAT (FB) Lot: 10 Block: 10.

Kyle James Bouska to Jordyn T. Fye and Bethany Fye; PARCEL 2025-18 IN L25, 26 & 27 SE SE 12-95-13 PARCEL 2025-18 IN SE SE 12-95-13 PARCEL 2025-18 IN NE NE 13-95-13.

Betty Lou Orric EST and Amy Jean Labounty EX to Douglas D. Labounty and Amy J. Labounty; NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 1 Block: 4 EX S60’ NASHUA COLERS ADDITION Lot: 4 Block: 4.

Cody Holthaus, Cody J. Holthaus, Kristine K. Holthaus, Kristine Holthaus and Kristine McKenzie to Brian K. Yaklin; LOTS 47, 48 & 1/2 L46 SW SW 20-97-13.

Marianne Meissen EST. Brian Meissen EX and Gregory Meissen EX to Kayla Brown and Dylan Brown; N88’ NEW HAMPTON WEST VIEW ADDITION Lot: 8 Block: 4 N88’ NEW HAMPTON WEST VIEW ADDITION Lot: 9 Block: 4.

Debra Johnson and Debra S. Johnson to Floyd M. Zimmerman and Marie M. Zimmerman; PARCEL 2025-12 SE NE 09-95-14.

John Burgart to John Burgart and Nancy Burgart: EX PARCEL A NW 05-95-12 EX PART OF PARCEL C WITHIN NE SW 05-95-12 PARCEL C 05-95-12.

Roger Pleggenhuhle to Robert Meier and Jody Meier; FREDERICKSBURG MATTKES SECOND ADDITION Lot: 8.

Brady Bond to Jeremy D. Bahe and Emily M. Deutsch; NASHUA WEST HEIGHTS FIRST ADDITION Lot: 15.

CUSB Bank to City of Nashua; N222’ E16R S42R SW NE 19-94-14.

Mason W. Hyde, Mason Hyde, Madalyn P. Hyde, Madalyn Hyde and Madalyn P. DeBoer to Nicholas K. Henningson and Bethany C. Henningson; NASHUA FIRST ADDITION TO COUNTRY CLUB SUBDIVISION Lot: 3 Block: B.

Lynn Wade Mathias, 75

Lynn Wade Mathias, age 75 of New Hampton, died Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at his home.

Funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Hugeback-Johnson Funeral Home & Crematory in New Hampton with Andy Hugeback, certified funeral celebrant, presiding.

Interment will follow at New Hampton City Cemetery.

Friends may greet the family from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11, 2025, at the funeral home.

Born on March 19, 1950, to Fred W. Mathias and Lillian H. (Bowers) Mathias, Lynn was raised in New Hampton where he attended New Hampton High School.

He embarked on a life defined by dedication and a strong work ethic.

Over the years, Lynn held a variety of jobs — driving truck, delivering and installing LP tanks, working at a gravel pit, and most recently, lending his talents to a local manufacturing plant. No matter the job, Lynn



Lynn Mathias

earned a reputation for being dependable, hardworking, and always willing to lend a hand.

Lynn found his greatest joy in the outdoors. An avid fisherman, he spent countless hours casting lines on the Mississippi River and the lakes of northern Minnesota.

He cherished the peace and quiet of nature, yet he also found fun in the friendly competition of seeing who could land the biggest catch—often

Harold Borlaug, 97

Harold Borlaug, age 97 of Waukon, died Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at Aase Haugen Senior Services in Decorah.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 12, 2025, at Saude Lutheran Church, rural Lawler, with the Rev. Peter Faugstad officiating.

Inurnment will be held at Saude Lutheran Church cemetery following the service.

Friends may greet the family from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 12, 2025, at the church prior to the memorial service.

Harold Charles Borlaug — a cherished father, grandfather and great-grandfather — passed away peacefully on July 2, 2025, at the age of 97. Known affectionately as Harold to his friends and family, he was born on March 26, 1928, the son of John and Clara (Johnson) Borlaug.

He lived a life marked by dedication to his family, his farm, and his community.

Harold’s life was one of steadfast commitment, beginning with his education at West Saude Grade School, where he completed the eighth grade.

Shortly thereafter, he embarked on a lifelong journey of farming, a vocation that he approached with passion and diligence.

On Sept. 13, 1959, Harold married his beloved Eunice Buri at Greenfield Lutheran Church in Harmony, Minnesota, and together they nurtured a family and a farm that would stand as a testament to their love and hard work.



Harold Borlaug

The Borlaug farm was Harold’s pride and joy. He poured his heart and soul into raising cattle, chickens, turkeys, hogs and meticulously tending to the land. His two expansive gardens were a source of great pride, and his tomato plants were renowned for their size and beauty. Harold’s skill as a master of smoking fish was well-known, and his ability to provide for his family and friends through his harvests and hunts was unmatched.

Beyond his agricultural pursuits, Harold was a pillar of his congregation. He served in various roles, including janitor, secretary, and trustee, and for several decades, he took on the solemn duty of digging graves. His dedication to his faith and community was unwavering, and his service was a reflection of his generous spirit.

Harold’s love for the outdoors was profound. He was an

alongside a good friend.

His love of fishing wasn’t just about the fish; it was about the experience, the company and the stories that came with it.

In addition to his time outdoors, Lynn enjoyed the thrill of a good rummage sale or auction. It was through one of these shared passions that he met the love of his life, Brenda, at a produce auction in 2018.

Together, they shared over seven wonderful years filled with laughter, companionship and a deep bond built on mutual love and appreciation.

Lynn will be remembered as a loyal friend, a dedicated worker and a man who lived simply but fully — finding happiness in quiet moments, meaningful connections and the beauty of the world around him.

Lynn is survived by one brother, Alan Mathias of Hinckley, Minnesota; special friend, Brenda of Charles City; and many nieces, nephews and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Lyle and Roy Mathias.

avid outdoorsman, with deer and fox hunting, as well as fishing, being among his favorite activities. His expertise in these areas was respected by all who knew him, and his camaraderie was cherished by his fellow hunters and anglers.

Each morning, Harold could be found at Jerico Jo’s, where he would gather with friends over coffee to exchange stories and share a laugh before starting his day. These moments of connection were a cherished part of his daily routine, and through them, he forged lasting friendships.

Described by those who knew him as handy, spirited and generous, Harold’s legacy is one of love, laughter, and a life well-lived.

Harold Charles Borlaug’s memory will be held in the hearts of his family and friends forever. His example of dedication, hard work, and compassion will continue to inspire those who knew him, and his legacy will live on in the land he loved and the community he served so faithfully.

He is survived by his two sons, Jonathan Borlaug of Waukon, and Tom (Monica) Borlaug of Prior Lake, Minnesota; his three grandchildren, Ashlee Borlaug, Benjamin (Katie) Borlaug, and Molly Borlaug; and three great-grandchildren, Peter, Quentin and Harold Borlaug.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Eunice in 2018; his son, Todd Borlaug; and his sisters, Charlotte Swehla and Anna Borlaug.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of July 6 1950 (75 years ago)

- Something new was introduced at East Park when the Lawler-New Hampton baseball game was announced play-by-play over a loud speaker.
- This added much to the game and was especially appreciated by those who are not so well acquainted with the players, both home and away teams. It also makes the game more enjoyable for some of the ladies who do not understand everything they should about the game.
- Carroll Konecne acted as announcer and the loud speaker was loaned through the courtesy of Earl Lampson.
- George Cooney of New Hampton purchased the Grove and Hoffman Tavern on West Main Street from L.A. Grove and C.J. Hoffman. Cooney is a former employee of the Leichtman Mill. He has extended a welcome to all the former patrons for their continued patronage. Grove and Hoffman have not announced their future plans.
- 1975 (50 years ago)**
- Winning a girls softball game by a 20-2 margin after suffering a loss could probably be safely considered getting back on the victory track. The Chi-sawette varsity had dropped its first decision in 11 starts two days earlier to Turkey Valley. Then Gene Voss’ club returned to its winning ways in emphatic fashion against the Osage Green Devils.
- The 12-runs-after-3 rule ended the game prematurely, New Hampton scored all of its runs in the first inning, by the second frame Voss had virtually a new lineup on the field. There were a lot of faces in and out of the New Hampton lineup in both the varsity and junior varsity games. Voss called on 15 girls and JV coach Bill Roths used the same number as the girls romped to an 11-5 victory in the second game of the evening’s program.
- 2000 (25 years ago)**
- Lt. Governor Sally Pederson joined executives from Iowa Telecom, a new, Iowa-based telephone company, to announce the completion of the purchase of GTE’s Iowa Operations and initiation of service to 296 exchanges in Iowa. On July 1, nearly 400 Iowa employees who previously worked for GTE will become Iowa Telecom employees. The company has also hired more than 150 employees to staff its corporate headquarters in Newton.
- Playing at Riverfront Stadium in Waterloo

has earned the Fredericksburg boys baseball team the privilege to take part in the Waterloo Bucks Baseball “Tribute” to Northeast Iowa High School. Fredericksburg was given 50 tickets for players, coaches and fans to attend the game featuring the Waterloo Bucks and Mankato Masher.

Prior to the game, a special tribute will be given to area teams that have played at Riverfront through the summer of 2000. A “Parade of Champions” will be held, with each team being led into the ballpark and introduced individually, taking a moment to recognize each school.

2015 (10 years ago)

- The mission statement of Project Flo may just say it all, “Project Flo improves communities by restoring homes and building hope.” The late Florence “Flo” Thronson was known for her help in bettering the community.
- After her passing, her 15 children made it their mission to keep her memory alive through service projects. The projects include remodeling one to two homes with her children coming from around the country to help for a week each summer. 2015 marks the fourth year and this year all 47 people, including Flo’s 13 remaining children came out to redo two homes, one in New Hampton and one in North Washington.
- Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson said the Iowa Workforce Development office wants to bring back a presence to New Hampton. Northeast Iowa Community College’s Diane Diiro will be relocated from city hall and the council has decided to offer the Iowa Workforce representative Diiro’s office.
- The representative will be coming one day a week to start and will help community members looking for applying for jobs and will also help answer questions when an employee is laid off.
- 2020 (5 years ago)**
- The MidSummer Classic is a uniquely New Hampton deal. Years ago, former Major League Baseball All-Star and New Hampton native Duane Josephson started the two-day tournament at the New Hampton Golf and Country Club, and it’s been a hit every since. And not even the pandemic can stop it.
- On Friday night, the MidSummer Classic will kick off its 2020 run with a “fun night” that will have food donated by Reicks View Farms, a kids putting game sponsored by Larson Lawn and Landscaping and a “Top Golf” Competition sponsored by Community Insurance of Iowa.

First orders of business for new superintendent are ‘conversations,’ board meetings

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forgiven if he breathed a figurative sigh of relief. No longer was he a superintendent and high school principal in one district and an incoming superintendent for two districts. Instead, he could focus on taking over the reins in New Hampton and Turkey Valley.

“I will say this, it’s nice not being an hour and 15 minutes away and getting up here when I can,” he said with a laugh.

Later in the interview, though, he focused on the enthusiasm he has for the new challenges and opportunities that await both him and his family.

Smith will be the first to say that he doesn’t want to upset the New Hampton and Turkey Valley “apple carts,” but he also won’t be a clone of his predecessor.

“We are excited to be here. We’re excited for this opportunity,” he said. “I’ve seen superintendents stay and get their kids graduated from the school, but for us, it was truly a decision as a family to move in and be a part of the district that we’re living in. We saw it as an opportunity, not only for us for me personally but for us as a family .

“We know it’s not going to always be sunshine and roses. There’s going to be ups and downs, but we’re looking forward to the challenges, looking forward to working through those with the people that we have here and just continuing to improve on what’s already here.”

A SWIMMING POOL, of all places, put Erik Smith on the career path to education.

Growing up in Sumner, he spent summers working at the local pool, and after graduating from Sumner High School in 1998, he headed to Wartburg College to major in elemen-

“It’s NOT MY DISTRICT. IT’S OUR DISTRICT. IT’S WORKING WITH THE BOARDS, WORKING WITH THE ADMIN TEAMS, WORKING WITH THE STAFFS AND THE COMMUNITIES TO FIND OUT, YEAH, THAT THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO MOVE FORWARD.”

— NEW HAMPTON AND TURKEY VALLEY SUPERINTENDENT ERIK SMITH

tary education.

Smith’s older brother was already in the education program at the Waverly college, and he had plenty of experience working with children at the Sumner Municipal Pool.

“I had worked there a long time — eight to 10 years — so I had worked with kids by lifeguarding and lessons and working with the swim team. And so, you know, I knew I enjoyed it. So it was a natural fit to kind of move that direction.”

After graduating from Wartburg, he taught middle school science and math at Don Bosco before taking over as the high school principal at Nashua-Plainfield, where he remained for seven years.

He then served as the high school principal for two years at Clarion-Goldfield High School before making his way to AGWSR — that’s Ackley, Geneva, Wellsburg and Steamboat Rock by the way — in 2018.

For two years, he served as both the superintendent and high school principal before spending three years as the shared superintendent between AGWSR and Gladbrook-Reinbeck.

When the latter decided to go its separate way,

he returned to serving as AGWSR’s superintendent and high school principal.

“It is a little bittersweet,” he said. “We’re always going to have good memories of AGWSR, and it wasn’t like they were chasing me out. ... I was the superintendent and high school principal, and that was not really something that I felt like I wanted to continue to do. That’s a tough combination. And I honestly didn’t feel like it was a good fit for the district to move forward that way. I wasn’t able to really do justice for the building leadership of the high school.”

Smith also believes being the “new guy” will be a plus as he embarks on his second journey as a shared superintendent.

“I feel like it’s going to be better coming in new to this, like new to both these districts,” he said. “I think that’s going to be helpful and a little bit different than what I have done in



the past.”

FOR NOW, SMITH is focused on meeting as many people as possible and getting ready for his first school board meetings in the districts he now serves.

As he talked in his New Hampton office last week, the sounds of silence enveloped the hallways of the high school.

“It is quiet when there aren’t students or other staff in the building,” Smith said, “and obviously, it’s a lot more exciting when we have staff and especially students in the buildings. That’s why we got into education, right? But it’s not like there’s not a lot to do.”

Step No. 1, he said is getting a board meeting planned, and Turkey Valley’s monthly meeting is set for this coming Monday while New Hampton’s is a week later.

“My first year at AGWSR, it was that second Monday and I think it was the earliest you can get, like the eighth,” Smith said and then added with a laugh, “so the calendar was a little nicer to me with this move.”

He said he’s spending his first days reviewing documents and meeting with principals and directors.

Smith’s goal is to “start to meet with others that are willing to come in and have those conversations. I’d say my No. 1 goal is to have as many of those conversations as I can have.”

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Francis Reicks, Deceased
Probate No. ESPR003304

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Francis Reicks, Deceased, who died on or about June 18, 2025:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 26th day of June 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Francis Reicks, deceased, bearing date of January 29, 2016, was admitted to probate in the abovenamed Court and that Susan M. Keune and Timothy J. Reicks were appointed co-executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 abovenamed district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 26th day of June 2025.

Susan M. Keune
2523 245th Avenue
Decorah, IA 52101
Co-executor of estate

Timothy J. Reicks
1311 Windsor Avenue
Waucoma, IA 52171
Co-executor of estate

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT CHICKASAW COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MALEE K. ROSONKE, Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR003301

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

To All Persons interested in the Estate of Malee K. Rosonke, Deceased, who died on or about April 29, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of June, 2025, the last will and testament of Malee K. Rosonke deceased, bearing the date of the 16th day of October, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that LaCinda Tilton was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated this 27th day of June, 2025.

LaCinda Tilton
Executor of estate
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Casper, WY 82604

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189.00	DUNGEY'S FURNITURE , COURTHOUSE BREAKROOM FURNITURE- GEN SVC	949.95
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1,363.48	IOWA STATE ASSOC OF COUNTIES, 2025 ISAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE - SHEILA	260.00
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BODENSTEINER IMPLEMENT , PARTS #41, #86, CONCRETE SAW SEC RD	JAMES ALLISON, MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- 2ND HALF FY2025	13.40
1,548.45	JEFF BERNATZ, CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENT- EMS	223.76
BOEHMER, KATIE..VA MEETING- JUNE 2025	JENDRO INC, GARBAGE PICKUP/ CONSERVATION	512.92
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83.39	JOHN DEERE FINANCIALSUPPLIES, PPE/ SAFETY SEC RD	610.48
BRUENING ROCK PRODUCTS INC, ROCK - SHOULDERING SEC RD	JURGENSEN, NICKOLAS, UNIFORM REIMBURSEMENT- EMS	73.03
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MAINT S19-7 - SHERIFF	195.80
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278.48	WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS, INC. PHONE/ INTERNET - 7/1 - 7/13 - 911
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Confederate soldiers (above) march to battle while a horse (below) nuzzles a baby on the grounds of the Old Bradford Pioneer Village Museum a few weekends ago in Nashua. The Civil War Re-enactment was a two-day event.

Living historians find ‘comfort zone’ at re-enactment

Annual Civil War Re-Enactment is a way for Civil War buffs to not only educate but also meet up with friends

By Kelly Terpstra
sports@nhtrib.com

Roughly 160 years ago there was no Internet or widely available phones for most people to use that resided in the United States in the mid-1800s.

It’s a time and an important part of American history almost forgotten by a large segment of modern-day society.

Heck, you’d even be hard pressed to find a motorized vehicle of any sort prior to the invention of the Model T automobile by Henry Ford some 40 years later.

It was a tumultuous era in America – to say the least – as a country that wasn’t even yet 100 years old was still a nation divided, despite the end of the Civil War in April of that year in 1865.

Not even a week later, the burgeoning country, with the stars and stripes as its flag, was torn apart yet again after the assassination of one of the most revered and beloved U.S. Presidents ever, Abraham Lincoln.

But for a select group of “living historians” who converged on the east side of Nashua during the last weekend of June, they took a step back in time to relive that storied and gloried past that helped define a nation.

They were there tending to a campfire near their tents on the grounds of the Old Bradford Pioneer Village – right next to the town’s famous Little Brown Church – to pay homage to a way of life that has long since passed.

There was Cassandra Joles, who hails from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Her group were period-piece dresses that represented what homesteaders really looked like back then.

“That’s what we do is more of a homestead. My husband is in the war – the Confederate,” said a matter-of-fact Joles.

If you wouldn’t have seen the cars parked right next to the museum that welcomes your entrance – you couldn’t tell the difference between 2025 and 1865.

They all play a part as reenactors and also help educate the public, who walked past Union and Confederate soldiers who were preparing for battle Saturday afternoon.

“This is our comfort zone. This is where we’re comfortable,” said Joles. “A lot of us aren’t high-tech. We don’t want to live day-to-day attached to our phones or Internet. In this we get to go back in time – even for just a few days.”

Joles was trying to stay cool in the summer heat, protected by the shade of a tree that could well have been as old as the present day was removed from this actual Civil War time period. She chatted with her friends – one of whom she met at her first reenactment when she was around her daughter’s age.



“She was born into doing this,” said Joles. “I’ve been in this since I was 12 and that was 24 years ago.”

When there’s no television to stare at for long periods of time or a phone to scroll through, people talked back then and shared stories – face to face. They still do today, but not like back then.

“We get to talk and spend time with family and not worry,” said Joles.

There’s also an historical element to reenacting. It’s almost like a classroom underneath the stars.

“I do more of the actual research behind it. They need to teach history so we don’t repeat it. History can be fun,” said Joles.

Joles has a daughter, Brittany, who will enter eighth grade this fall and she’s enamored with history as well.

“I love learning. I love history – it’s one of my favorite subjects,” said Brittany.

Asked when she participated in her first reenactment, also called “rendezvous” – which is essentially recreating a certain time period from the 1820s to 1840s – and Brittany’s sharp wit and humor became readily apparent.

“I was in the womb,” smiled Brittany.

Cassandra said the family often goes to Brittany’s school and informs her fellow classmates on what they do at reenactments or to just give them a quick history lesson.

“I like to do trapping, hunting and I just like outside, even though I also like the comfort of my own room,” said Brittany, who said she would love to work for the Department of Natural Resources one day.

The bloody Civil War between the north and south states of the U.S. at that time sometimes pitted brother versus brother and was fought to preserve a way of life back then. Slavery by the south was also a big issue.

Aaron Saterdalen said he was inspired by his father – that’s why he made the trek to Nashua

as part of the Third Minnesota Company C, a volunteer infantry group that he’s representing and educating the public about Minnesota’s involvement in the Civil War.

“I was influenced by my dad. He kind of imparted that on to me,” said Saterdalen.

Saterdalen described his role in fighting for the Union – which officially defeated the South on April 9, 1865 at the Appomattox Course in Virginia. The surrender by the Southern states was signed by Confederate General Robert E. Lee and the Union’s leader of its Army, Ulysses S. Grant, who would later become the nation’s President in 1869.

Saterdalen wanted to play his part in what the South called the “War for Southern Independence.”

“I do an impression of a company quartermaster sergeant. I would be in charge of supplying the needs of 100 men in a company,” said Saterdalen. “That could mean rations, ammunition, arms or clothing.”

He fights for the Union – who were often clad in dark blue wool uniforms over a century-and-a-half ago. This was in stark contrast to the Confederates’ clothing – often a rag-tag conglomeration of color that comprised their fabric worn in some regiments. The standard South uniform – who were often called “Rebels” – was some shade of gray.

Saterdalen – who said he goes to about five or six reenactments a year – worked for an historical society for six years before he became a maintenance technician for a 100-unit family property.

“I took up a trade that pays better,” laughed Saterdalen.

He said enjoys the time spent with friends – even out on the battlefield – where mock “engagements” are played out in front of an audience, just like they were in the 1860s. Although those skirmishes or integral parts of the war that were played out over a hundred years ago were real and

cost over 600,000 lives during a time when there were only 31 million people in the U.S. In today’s numbers with the current population, the lives lost would have reached a staggering seven million dead if fought during the present day.

Saterdalen described why he keeps portraying this part of Americana and continues to be a living historian. You get the feeling it’s out of respect, above and beyond all else.

“Just being able to immerse myself into the time period and being able to educate people that wanted to learn about it,” said Saterdalen.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES June 30, 2025

The Board convened on Monday, June 30, 2025, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, and Hackman present in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Absent: Carter. Chairperson Hackman called the meeting to order. Also present were Board Secretary Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of media, Engineer Roman Lensing, EMA Jeff Bernatz, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, 20/20 F/X Dennis Unga, Land Use/Assessor Raymond Arnel.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for June 30, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the minutes for June 23, 2025 meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to authorize the chair's signature to a letter of support for Northeast Iowa Community Action. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach. Nays: Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion failed.

Public comment. Attorney David Laudner shared that after receiving word back from the private auditor's office, Gardiner + Company CPA Firm, Attorney Laudner's recommendation is to give the volunteer for the Conservation Department a 1099 NEC. Attorney David Laudner shared an Opioid update.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve RESOLUTION 06-30-25-27WHEREAS, Chickasaw County completes an inspection of all bridges and structures on the Secondary Road System of Chickasaw County and WHEREAS, part of this inspection involves the recalculation of the safe load capacity of any structure showing remarkable deterioration of the structural components of that structure and WHEREAS, that structural evaluation has resulted in the recommendation to increase the safe load capacity that can be supported by certain structures, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors on this 30th day of June, 2025 as provided in Sections 321.471, 321.472, and 321.473, Code of Iowa to erect and/or maintain weight limit signs in advance of the following bridges located on the Local Secondary Road System as follows: Passed and approved this 30th day of June, 2025, the vote thereon being as follows: /ss/ Jacob Hackman, Chair, Ayes: Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. ATTEST: /ss/ Sheila Shekleton, Auditor Detailed document on file at Auditor's office and on county's website https://www.chickasawcounty.iowa.gov

Consensus of the Board of Supervisors to have Secondary Roads send out Request for Proposals for architectural consultant for

Student Achievement

Turkey Valley second semester honor roll

Turkey Valley Community Schools has announced its 2025 spring semester honor roll students.

• **3.75-4.0:** Cooper Dietzenbach, Brody Hayek, Ashlyn Murray, Kinzey Rausch, Alexa Mueterthies, Annabelle Scheidel, Courtney Ball, Honora Chicken, Jocelynn DeSloover, Bynlee Hayek, Mya Ives, Caleb Kriener, Jacob Wurzer, Nicholas Wurzer, Ellaney Bodensteiner, Theresa Hanson, Ava Kuennen, Cale Langreck, Hazel Nieman, Anna Reicks, Karsyn Reicks, Bree Balk, Hunter Kruse, Karstyn Lukes, Delaney Busta, Brooklyn Kuennen, Ethan Orvis, Kinsey Reicks Avery Vseteka and Morgan Vseteka.

• **3.50-3.74:** Lauren Ball, Lydia Chicken, Mason Gebel, Avery Lantow, Aisha Quenas Lauryn Dagit, Cole Fencel, Treyton Franzen, Mitchell Kriener, Jadeyn Mueterthies, Isaiah Wheeler, Larry Vrba, Autumn Maklenburg, Jonah Orvis, Annie Raymond and Adysen Wurzer.

• **3.25-3.49:** Gracyn Dagit, Keira Fencel, Liam Langreck, Madeline Rausch, Morgan Reicks, Kole Adams, Bryn Franzen, Jacob Hanson, Annika Kuennen, Claire Bentley, Callie Busta, Dawson Humpal, Levi Kruse, Chloe Schmitt, Sara Adams, Jordan Kriener, Annika Bodensteiner, Colton Kurtenbach, Aymar Lopez, Makinley Lutgen, Jenna Thronson, Andrew Brown, Ella Drilling, Alexis Elsernd, Calen Franzen and Luella Reicks.

• **3.00-3.24:** Serenity Geisler, Cidney Tiedt, Bentley Hulbert, Kesley Reicks, Alexis Gruenberg, Emersyn Hoffert, Kaden Jirak, Kendall Kuennen, Raelen Manderfield, Kaden Schmidt, Tyler Forbes, Haylee Hanson, Traejin Keel, Maria Klimesh, John Kruse, Addison Steinlage, Myah Adamkiewicz, Emma Brincks and Ashlyn Busta.

NICC graduates

These local students recently graduated from Northeast Iowa Community College:

Elma: Abigail Retterath, Associate Degree Nursing, Associate of Applied Science Degree.

Fort Atkinson: Jordan Buchheit, Applied Management, Associate of Applied Science degree; Ryan Franzen, Agriculture Business, Associate of Applied Science Degree and Animal Science Certificate; Kale Kuennen, Agriculture Business, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Animal Science Certificate and Dairy Science Technology, Associate of Applied Science Degree; Tyson Vick, Industrial Electrician, Associate of Applied Science Degree.

Fredericksburg: Rylee Kruse, Associate of General Studies Degree, Lane Morris, Practical Nursing, Diploma; Trinity Brincks, Agriculture Business, Associate of Applied Science Degree and Animal Science Certificate.

Ionia: Hayden Hackman, Associate of Arts Degree; Taylor Lantow, Production and Companion Animal Veterinary Technician, Associate of Applied Science Degree.

New Hampton: Carrie Hanson, Practical Nursing, Diploma; Alianna Holliday, Associate Degree Nursing, Associate of Applied Science Degree; Ashlyn Laures, Health Information Technology, Associate of Applied Science Degree.

Waucoma: Oliver Schmitt, Associate of Arts Degree.

Wartburg graduates

Wartburg College awarded diplomas to 318 students during spring commencement on Saturday, May 24.

Those recognized include New Hampton students Grace Burrett, who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in social work; Josette Knutson, who graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in biology and public health and Zoe Worple, who graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in political science.

Bank Iowa scholarships

Each year, Bank Iowa awards \$1,000 scholarships to commendable high school students across the state. This year's Spirit of Chandy scholarship award recipients totaled 19 seniors in Iowa high schools from as far west as Shenandoah to as far east as New Hampton.

Local students include:

New Hampton: Natalie Nosbisch who plans to attend Hawkeye Community College; Karla Pickar who plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa; Taylor Ries who plans to attend the University of Iowa.

Sumner-Fredericksburg: Saela Steege who plans to attend Iowa State University.

Chickasaw County Engineer's Office Building. Secondary Roads updates

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for the Alta Vista Aces 4-H Club to renew their Adopt A Highway permit for litter control along B-22 from Alta Vista east 1.5 miles and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for the North Washington Volunteer Fire Department to remove litter along V18 from 155th Street south to 180th Street and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for 4-H Ionia Rustlers to remove litter along B-57 from Durham Ave. east to Fayette Ave and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for the Ionia Volunteer Fire Department to remove litter along V-14 from Hwy 18 south to 230th Street and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the renewal of the Adopt A Highway permit for the Ionia Volunteer Fire Department to remove litter along V-14 from Hwy 18 south to 230th Street and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve Heartland Insurance Risk Pool invoice for \$529,450.37 to be paid in FY25-26 for county insurance. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to acknowledge increase in pay for Sheila Ferrell, Sheriff's office, from \$25.39/hr. to \$26.89/hr. per union contract effective June 30, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve Cellular lease agreement assignment. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Hackman to award a two-year contract for Chickasaw County's Human Resources to PJ Greufe & Associates at \$1,500.00 per month for two years. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Hackman. Nays: Breitbach, Cerwinske. Absent: Carter. Motion failed.

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Breitbach to award a contract for Chickasaw County's Human Resources to Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. at an hourly rate. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Breitbach. Nays: Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion failed.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to award a contract for Chickasaw

County's Human Resources to Ahlers Cooney Attorneys at same rate as before. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske. Nays: Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion failed.

Discussion of 28E Agreement with County Social Services (CSS).

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to appoint Lacey Kelly to the Upham Memorial Library Board as the rural member to fill vacancy ending December 31, 2026. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to enter closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(k)ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at county owned property at 10:00 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to exit closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(k)ref Iowa Code 22.7(50) to discuss updated security procedures at county owned property at 10:42 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

No action taken outside of closed session.

Discussion on Commercial Solar Farms with Land Use Administrator Raymond Arnel.

Discussion on Urban Renewal Plan's potential projects.

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to approve payroll check date June 27, 2025. Roll Call: Ayes: Suckow, Cerwinske, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Suckow to approve prior bill in the amount of \$153.19. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Cerwinske to approve claims in the amount of \$342,653.21. Roll Call: Ayes: Breitbach, Cerwinske, Suckow, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Committee Assignments

Supervisor Suckow, June 26, 2025, Turkey River Water Shed & Iowa Workforce Supervisor Hackman, June 25, 2025, CSS, Courthouse Security, June 19, 2025

All Supervisors attended 6 County Meeting, June 26, 2025

Motion by Cerwinske, seconded by Suckow to adjourn at 11:32 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Cerwinske, Suckow, Breitbach, Hackman. Absent: Carter. Motion carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

Chickasaws use final regular season games to prepare for regional

NH Softball: From 12

had a hit and seven Chickasaws managed at least two base knocks. Schwickerath was one of five New Hampton players that doubled. NH sophomore Caycee Crawford notched two doubles in the hit parade.

NH continued to scald the softball against Riceville with a 14-hit attack, including three hits apiece from Rings and junior catcher Maici Weber.

“Everybody seems to be hitting the ball well – knock on wood,” said Anderson. “So that’s a good thing.”

The exciting two victories were fun to be a part of, but Anderson would have preferred to have won the non-league games in a more “conventional” fashion. But wins are wins, regardless of how a team manages to slide into the win column.

“We’d rather not come from behind every time,” said Anderson. “I guess if that’s what it takes, then that’s what we’ll do.”

Riceville (18-13) – who was ranked earlier in the season in Class 1A – plated two runs in the top of the seventh to stake claim to a 6-3 lead.

Anderson said Sydney Laures reached base during that rally in the bottom half of the inning, followed by a two-out double by eighth-grade pinch-hitter Marley Schwickerath that inched New Hampton closer to taking the lead. Weber would walk after that key at-bat and that would set the stage for Rings’ theatrics, where the Chickasaws stormed the field in celebration.

“I’m just super proud of our girls. They continue to work hard, even when their backs are against the wall,” said Anderson.

NH eighth-grader Brynlie Ackerson pitched in relief in the NFV game and worked four innings. She allowed just one hit and zero earned runs. She struck out three and walked two. She also earned the win inside the circle versus Riceville. Her complete-game performance included eight strikeouts, four hits and three earned runs allowed.

NH did not commit an error versus NFV, but three errors plagued the Chickasaw defense against Riceville.

Now the focus turns to Crestwood – where New Hampton will essentially play the league foe three games in a row, starting with a suspended varsity game that began clear back on June 17. The Cadets (17-6, 9-1) are vying for the league championship, which will be the last Northeast Iowa Conference crown ever put in the books after the completion of softball play in the NEIC. The oldest league in Iowa will disband after summer sports.

New Hampton (15-11, 4-6) had a postseason preview of sorts as it took on the Cadets in that suspended game on Tuesday and followed that with another matchup with Crestwood that evening in the regular season finale.

Crestwood happens to be New Hampton’s first round opponent in the opening round of Class 3A regional play tonight (Thursday) in Cresco.

How is Anderson treating each and every matchup against Crestwood – including the suspended game which was resumed in the bottom of the third inning and the Cadets leading 4-0?

“We’re looking at it as a way to prepare for Thursday,” said Anderson. “The pressure’s on them.”



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Brynlie Ackerson hauls in a throw on a pickoff attempt at first base in an NEIC softball game against Crestwood on Tuesday evening.

Crestwood defeated New Hampton in the team’s first meeting by a score of 10-2. Anderson, in her first year as New Hampton head coach, talked about what is important for her team to focus on the rest of the way for her Chickasaws. She said consistency in pitching is crucial for her team in order for them to be able to come out on top.

“The key on Thursday is just making sure we have our head in the game, keeping focused on the task at hand. Ball first – we talk about that a lot,” said

Anderson. “Before we try to throw or do anything, ball first. We have to be aggressive at the plate – look for hits, not walks.”

NEW HAMPTON 8, NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 6
NH 111 002 3 - 8
NFV 051 000 0 - 6
Pitching - Caycee Crawford 3 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 3 BB, 2 K, Brynlie Ackerson 4 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

2B - Crawford 2, Kadence Rings, Cora Schwickerath, Ackerson, Sydney Laures. HR - Schwickerath. Runs - Schwickerath 2, Ackerson 2, Rings 1, Crawford 1, Laures 1, Kayme Hackman 1. Hits - Schwickerath 3, Maici Weber 2, Rings 2, Crawford 2,

Kaidence Hall 2, Ackerson 2, Laures 2, Chloe Weigel 1, Jackie Pickar 1. RBI - Schwickerath 2, Weber 2, Crawford 1, Weigel 1, Ackerson 1, Laures 1.

NEW HAMPTON 7, RICEVILLE 6
RICE 000 400 2 - 6
NH 100 101 4 - 7
Pitching - Ackerson 7 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 8 K.
2B - Crawford, Marley Schwickerath. 3B - Weber, Rings. Runs - Weber 2, Laures 2, Ackerson 1, Hackman 1, Elsie Kuehner 1. Hits - Weber 3, Rings 3, Crawford 2, Weigel 1, C. Schwickerath 1, Hall 1, Ackerson 1, Laures 1, M. Schwickerath 1. RBI - Rings 3, M. Schwickerath 2, Weber 1, Crawford 1.

Trojan pitcher gets plenty of fly-ball outs in district victory over Maquoketa Valley

TV Baseball: From 12

That meant batting practice in Jackson Junction started quite a bit earlier than it normally does. The Trojans got a few cuts in and headed down south to Delaware County – some one-and-a-hours away from the home base of Jackson Junction.

“We did 7:15 BP that morning to get there. We didn’t want to go any earlier than that,” said Stepan.

TV (10-18) beat the rain and the Wildcats. Although TV only mustered four hits on the day, they were of the timely variety and came right out of the gates. Turkey Valley strung together three hits in the opening frame – highlighted by RBI singles by juniors Hunter Kruse and Alex Hanson – to stake claim to 2-0 lead after one-half inning of play. J.D. Kruse, another of Stepan’s talented juniors, led off the third and scored on a Hanson sac fly.

That run support would be all Busta would need as he struck out eight in his two-hitter. The only runs MV (12-13) would score came in the third and fifth innings. Leadoff walks by “Mack Valley” would come around to score in those frames on an RBI double and a passed ball.

“He was in control. That’s kind of what you look for in a guy that’s been our district starter for three years,” said Stepan. “I’m not surprised with what he did. I kind of expect what he did. He’s got the ability to do that stuff and he stepped up and pitched us to victory.”

Amazingly, no outs record-



Photo courtesy of Leah Kruse

TV’s Jordan Kriener leads off third base in the Trojans’ postseason game at Maquoketa Valley on Saturday.

ed by TV came on the ground in Busta’s complete-game gem. Busta’s eight strikeouts, a picked off runner in the third inning and 12 fly ball outs comprised the punch-outs. Stepan didn’t know if he had ever witnessed something like that in his 23 seasons of coaching TV.

“I’ve never done that in my career – not had something on the ground,” said Stepan.

The Trojans did not com-

mit an error in the postseason contest.

TV would add an insurance run in the sixth when Jordan Kriener led off the inning with a walk and he scored on a passed ball.

“When we got people on base – they scored,” said Stepan.

TV took on a familiar foe in Kee High in the district semifinal at Shooky Fink Field in New Albin on Tuesday. The

Turkey Valley falls to Kee High in semifinal

Turkey Valley’s season came to a close in a 6-0 loss at the hands of ninth-ranked Kee High on Tuesday in each UIC team’s Class 1A district semifinal game in New Albin.

Cale Langreck pitched five innings for TV and gave up five earned runs.

Kee’s Jordan Cota struck out 10 in his five innings of work.

Turkey Valley ends the year with a mark of 10-19.

Kee (30-10) plays South Winneshiek (19-13) on Saturday.

ninth-rated Hawks (29-10, 16-2) won the UIC regular season title by a single game over MFL MarMac (22-6, 15-3) and swept Turkey Valley during the regular season – 14-3, 13-1 and 8-2 on June 30. TV’s defense was sloppy in that last meeting as the Trojans had five errors in that league game, three of those gaffes came via dropped fly balls.

Busta will not be able to pitch on Tuesday as he exceeded his pitch-count limit in his 101-pitch performance.

“We’ve got negative pressure if that’s possible,” said Stepan about the Kee matchup. “Anything that goes wrong for them is going to make that a little tougher on them.”

TV was swept by Clayton Ridge (9-17, 9-9) on Tuesday, July 1 by scores of 8-3 and 4-3. The Trojans also lost to Clarksville, 2-1, in the regular season finale that following evening on Wednesday of last week.

TV placed fifth in the conference with a mark of 7-11.

The Trojans defeated Riceville in last year’s first playoff game, 8-3, before bowing out to Kee High in the next postseason round, 10-0.

CLAYTON RIDGE 8, TURKEY VALLEY 3
TV 002 100 0 - 3
CR 312 002 x - 8
Pitching - Cale Langreck 5 IP, 8 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, Nicholas Bernhard 0 IP, 0 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 0 K, Hunter Kruse 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

Runs - Jayden Rausch 1, Mitchell Kriener 1, Ethan Orvis 1. Hits - Jordan Kriener 2, Alex Hanson 1, Langreck 1. RBI - Logan Busta 2, J. Kriener 1.

CR 4, TURKEY VALLEY 3
TV 102 000 0 - 3
CR 010 001 2- - 4
Pitching - Busta 5 1/3 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 4 K, Kruse 1 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 1 K.

2B - J.D. Kruse. Runs - Rausch 1, J.D. Kruse 1, Busta 1. Hits - J.D. Kruse 2, Busta 2, Hanson 1. RBI - J.D. Kruse 1, Busta 1.

CLARKSVILLE 2, TURKEY VALLEY 1
TV 001 000 0 - 1
Clark 200 000 x - 2
Pitching - J.D. Kruse 5 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 5 BB, 8 K, Hugo Busta 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

Runs - J.D. Kruse 1. Hits - L. Busta 1, J. Kriener 1, Langreck 1. RBI - J. Kriener 1.

TURKEY VALLEY 4, MAQUOKETA VALLEY 2
TV 201 001 0 - 4
MV 001 010 0 - 2
Pitching - L. Busta 7 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 8 K.

Runs - J.D. Kruse 2, L. Busta 1, J. Kriener 1. Hits - J.D. Kruse 1, L. Busta 1, H. Kruse 1, Hanson 1. RBI - Hanson 2, H. Kruse 1.

Senior says Chickasaws will ‘regroup’

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form of junior Braxton Bundy. Bundy is batting .393 and has racked up 35 hits and 21 RBI. Bundy has worked his way to a 5-2 record on the bump and a 3.38 ERA. He’s struck out 44 batters in 37.1 innings.

Rochford, a junior, leads the team in RBI (29) and is also one of NH’s better pitchers when healthy. He is 2-0 on the year in just 15 innings tossed where he’s registered a 2.33 ERA.

New Hampton began the season with a record of 12-0, but has gone 10-9 the rest of the way.

“I think that we all realized that we all switched our mindset and we haven’t been playing all of our best baseball recently,” said Eckley. “That’s why we’ve been losing games. I think that we all are going to regroup and agree that we need to get back to our mindset of being 12-0 and holding our heads high. I think that we can make a run with that mindset.”

New Hampton (22-9, 11-5) – who was ranked for a portion of the season – placed second in the NEIC behind Decorah (22-6, 16-0). The Vikings and head coach Alec Zwanziger – a 2012 NH grad and Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee – won Decorah’s 21st overall NEIC baseball crown and first since 2021. The NEIC championship was one of the last two league titles won by any NEIC sports team as the state’s oldest conference will disband this summer after the completion of all baseball and softball games.

The Chickasaws faced off against Osage (14-11) in the semifinal round of a Class 2A, District 14 matchup at Mikkelson Park on Tuesday. The winner plays either West Marshall (22-9) or South Hardin (19-8) in the district final on Saturday.

McDonald, who has guided New Hampton to 15-straight district finals berths since he first took over in 2009, talked about the task at hand this week in what amounts to survive-and-advance mode.

“It was a disappointing loss to end the regular season. Like every single team in Iowa, where they’ve won their last regular season game or they lost it – now the mindset completely changes starting with playoffs,” said McDonald. “Now it’s win and advance. That’s all that matters.”

DENVER 6, NEW HAMPTON 1
NH 000 010 0 - 1
Denver 000 051 x - 6
Pitching - Braxton Bundy 5 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 3 K, Caden Rochford 1 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

Runs - Colton Ashley 1. Hits - Carter Cajthaml 1, Bundy 1, Jay Pickar 1, Landon Marr 1, Ashley 1. RBI - Cajthaml 1.

OELWEIN 3, NEW HAMPTON 2
Oelwein 100 100 1 - 3
NH 000 100 1 - 2
Pitching - Jaxon Eckley 1 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, Marr 4 2/3 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, Rochford 2/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

2B - Cajthaml. Runs - Tate Schwickerath, Ashley. Hits - Bundy 2, Ashley 2, Cajthaml 1, Rochford 1, Pickar 1, Reid Rausch 1. RBI - Rochford 1, Ashley 1.

Bundy pitches well in tough loss to Osage

District: From 12

Bundy pitched his heart out after the Green Devils loaded the bases in the ensuing top of the fifth with no outs. The jacked up partisan crowd rose to their feet in admiration after Bundy stymied the rally after he struck out Cockrum, saw Chickasaw junior Jay Pickar make a tremendous play in left field on a fly ball after a long run and fanned Beau Taylor.

The Chickasaw dugout mobbed a pumped up Bundy as the ball was back in New Hampton’s corner.

The momentum shift was short-lived as Dalton Burkhardt roped an RBI single to left in the sixth to give Osage the lead back at 3-2. Bundy was pulled after 110 pitches with runners on first and second and no outs.

“Braxton pitched very well for us. He got us out of a bases-loaded, no out jam to give us a chance to win,” said McDonald. “Osage made the plays, got the hits when they needed to.”

A high hopper to short off the bat of Voigt that was not fielded cleanly a batter later in the sixth scored a run off Marr, who relieved Bundy. That fourth run would give way to Osage’s final run of the evening, an RBI single by Cockrum.

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Trojans could have veteran team in 2026

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going to be a classic pitcher's duel as the Trojans' Annika Bodensteiner and the Saints' Lexi Juhl took control.

St. Ansgar scored one run in the fourth and held that 1-0 lead into the sixth, when the Saints appeared to take command as they scored four runs, all unearned, to take what seemed like a commanding lead.

"When the girls came off the field, we said we had to go one pitch at a time, one batter at a time," Troyna said. "A lot of teams, after an inning like that, would roll over, but that's not the culture we're trying to build here."

And obviously, that culture is making inroads when it comes to Turkey Valley softball as the Trojans had a response.

Madi McDanel led off the bottom of the sixth inning with a double, and senior Morgan Vsetecka put the Trojans on the board with a two-run home run. Turkey Valley, though, wasn't done as Makinley Lutgen kept the rally going with a solid single.

A sacrifice bunt by Brynlee Hayek moved Lutgen into scoring position and Bodensteiner's two-out single made it 5-3 before Juhl finally was able to get out of the inning.

Turkey Valley did get a two-out single from McDanel in the seventh inning, but Juhl was able to escape unscathed to give the Saints a trip to the regional quarterfinals, where they played top-ranked Clarksville on Wednesday night.

Bodensteiner was solid for much of the night. Yes, the junior gave up eight hits and walked three, but save for that sixth inning, she was able to work out of trouble.

"Annika pitched a fantastic game," Troyna said. "I think both her and Raelen [Manderfield] have given us some pretty good pitching this year. It's a tough loss for her, I'm sure, but to have two pitchers hopefully coming back, that's huge."

Turkey Valley beat St. Ansgar last month 13-12 in a wild 13-inning game, and while the Saints came into the game with just a 9-18 mark, they do play in a Top of Iowa Conference East Division that includes four ranked teams.

"They're better than their record, I'll tell you that much," Troyna said, "but then again, so are we. We weren't real happy with the way we ended [the regular season with a loss to Sumner-Fredericksburg and getting swept by South

Winneshiek] last week, but our girls responded. We played a good game against St. Ansgar; unfortunately, we just came up short."

The Trojans opened the season 3-9 but rebounded to put themselves at least for a while in contention for the Upper Iowa Conference title. Turkey Valley ended up finishing fourth in the conference with a 9-7 mark.

Monday's game ended the prep careers of three seniors — Vsetecka, Layni Schuchhardt and Autumn Maklenburg — and Troyna said he was appreciative of their leadership both on and off the field.

Still, the Trojans have the potential to welcome back seven girls who started Monday's game.

"That's the key," Troyna said Tuesday morning. "We could have a lot back next year as long as everyone comes back out, which can be tough with summer sports. But like we told the girls last night, we are definitely on the right track. ... I know we were hoping for more than 11 or whatever wins we had, but the improvement we saw, the buy-in we saw, if we keep everyone out, we can take that next step next year."

SUMNER-FREDERICKSBURG 15, TURKEY VALLEY 1

Sumner-Fred 606 3 - 15
Turkey Valley 001 0 - 1
Annika Bodensteiner 1 IP, 3 H, 6 1
1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Raelen Manderfield 3 IP, 6 H, 9 R, 6 ER, 4 BB, 2 K.

Runs — Addison Lutgen 1. Hits — Kendall Kuennen 2, Morgan Vsetecka 1, Brynlee Hayek 1, Bodensteiner 1. RBIs — Kuennen 1.

SOUTH WINNESHEIK 6, TURKEY VALLEY 3

TV 001 200 0 - 3
SW 100 104 x - 6
Bodensteiner 5 2/3 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 6 K; Manderfield 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 0 K.

Runs — Makinley Lutgen 1, Hayek 1, Karstyn Lukes 1. Hits — Kuennen 2, Morgan Vsetecka 1, M. Lutgen 1, Hayek 1, Bodensteiner 1. RBIs — Bodensteiner 1.

SOUTH WINNESHEIK 11, TURKEY VALLEY 3

Turkey Valley 200 01 - 3
South Winn 324 02 - 11
Manderfield 1 1/3 IP, 2 H, 5 ER, 4 ER, 6 BB, 2 K; Bodensteiner 3 2/3 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 5 BB, 4 K.

Runs — Kuennen 1, Layni Schuchhardt 1, Lauryn Dagit 1. Hits — Kuennen 1, Madi McDanel 1, Vsetecka 1, Bodensteiner 1. RBIs — Vsetecka 2.

SAINT ANSGAR 5, TURKEY VALLEY 3

SA 000 104 0 - 5
TV 000 003 0 - 3
Bodensteiner 7 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 1 K.

2B — McDanel. HR — Vsetecka. Runs — McDanel 1, Vsetecka 1. M. Lutgen 1. Hits — McDanel 2, Kuennen 1, Vsetecka 1, M. Lutgen 1, Hayek 1, Bodensteiner 1. RBIs — Vsetecka 2, Bodensteiner 1.



Becky Walz/Decorah Leader
Turkey Valley's Madi McDanel makes solid contact with the softball during Monday's regional game against St. Ansgar.

Girls Union, IHSAA to streamline officials' registration process

The Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) and Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) have collaborated to streamline the officials' registration process in the 2025-26 school year.

When officials register through DragonFly ahead of their 2025-26 sports seasons, they will now be able to select IGHSAU and IHSAA shared sports for one registration fee. Sports that will no longer require separate boys' and girls' sports fees include basketball, cross country, soccer, swimming, track and field and wrestling.

When registration for the 2025-26 season opens on June 18 via DragonFly's Center for Officials Services, it will cost \$60 for one sport, then \$15 for each additional sport.

Previously, officials paid to register for each sport as offered by IGHSAU and IHSAA, like girls' basketball (IGHSAU) and boys' basketball (IHSAA).

Registration fees provide officials access to NFHS insurance and rules books, and the ability to work through IGHSAU and IHSAA member schools and postseason events.



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The fathers (above) of New Hampton senior baseball players throw out the "first pitches" after Thursday's game against Oelwein, when Landon Marr (below) delivers a pitch to the plate.

It's not the Senior Night Chickasaws wanted

New Hampton drops a pair of non-conference games to end regular season with a 22-9 record

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Landon Marr stood outside his team's dugout on Thursday evening and gave an honest assessment of his New Hampton baseball squad.

The Chickasaw senior hurler is a "tell-it-like-it-is" kind of guy — but in a good way.

Tone matters in moments of difficulty and that's what Cory McDonald's talented bunch were dealing with in a lackluster finish to another productive regular season for New Hampton.

His Chickasaws had just lost to the underdog Oelwein Huskies, who ended up upsetting the favored squad from the NEIC by a score of 3-2 in the regular season finale, New Hampton's fifth loss in its last eight contests.

This bummer of a game was fresh off the heels of a 6-1 setback at Denver last week Tuesday where the Cyclones scored five runs in the fifth inning to keep NH at bay and continue a skid of sorts — at least with the high expectations New Hampton has this season.

"These losses, they're gonna hurt because it's a close game. It's a game we think we could win, we should win, but at the end of the day it wasn't that bad of a game I don't think. It all came down to just hitting the ball when we needed to," said Marr about the Oelwein game.

Marr wasn't a headliner last season when the Chickasaws went on the most successful run in school history to reach the Class 2A state title game, where they lost to Underwood. Marr has a much larger role this season on the mound and at the plate.

He talked about overcoming losses — which are a form of adversity that can derail any squad or propel them to a winning streak as well. It's all how you look at it.

"I hate losing. Nobody likes losing. I think this loss really gets us in the mindset to just go out there and play some baseball," said Marr. "We just gotta play baseball. Tonight shows us that we can't think too much. We just gotta do what we do."

Marr pitched well enough to win in relief against the seven-win Huskies of Oelwein (7-18) — who finished in a tie for last place in the North Iowa Cedar League's (NICL) East division alongside Jesup. He tossed four-plus innings, allowed just one hit, struck out four and walked two. Statistically speaking, Marr is NH's ace as he's gone 5-1 (best record for a starter) on the year, worked the most innings (39.1) and struck out the highest number of batters at 49. He also sports a team-leading 1.78 ERA among starters.

He spoke about plays that



weren't made in the game versus Oelwein, whether it was a missed bunt on a suicide squeeze in the final frame that cost the Chickasaws or miscommunication on a slower roller to first that befuddled New Hampton in the field in the fourth inning and led to Oelwein's second run plated.

"It comes down to making the routine play routine and then hitting the ball. Our team overall — if you look at the last few games we've had — the games we lose are games we're not scoring that many runs," said Marr. "Going into Tuesday, we all know it. We just gotta hit that hole. Our pitching will do its job, our defense will do its job, we just gotta hit the ball when we need it."

New Hampton has hit .271 as a team through 31 games. That's not bad, as it ranks 30th overall in Class 2A out of 96 teams. A decent average is all fine and dandy, but stringing hits together at the right time is what it's all about — especially in the postseason when it's win and move on, lose and go home.

"It just didn't go the way we wanted it to, but we're still hitting the ball so I think at some point it has to drop," said senior second baseman Colton Ashley. "Timely hits are all that matters."

Ashley ripped an RBI single to left field in the fourth inning to score NH's first run of the game against Oelwein starter Landen Whitaker, who pitched six innings and allowed two earned runs.

New Hampton managed leadoff hits in the third, fifth, sixth and seventh innings but could only plate just those two runs. Carter Cajthaml's lead-off double that turned around Oelwein's left fielder and rolled

up against the wall in the fifth inning was wasted as he was left stranded. Jay Pickar's single to start the sixth started out promising but he was caught in a rundown after a pickoff throw to first proved fateful for the Chickasaws.

Ashley's bunt single down the third-base line was perfect to get the first runner on base to start the bottom of the seventh. New Hampton had the bases loaded with one out and came away with just one run — an RBI walk by Connor Rochford.

"Obviously, I think our main issue has been at the plate. I think we all need to go up there looking to swing the bat," said NH senior third baseman/pitcher Jaxon Eckley. "I think some of us are trying to do too much. Some of us are thinking too much."

Eckley is New Hampton's horse and he was a major player on last year's state runner-up team. Despite battling arm issues on the hill, the first team all-stater from a year ago went 4-3 on the hill this summer with a 1.59 ERA during the

regular season. He's fanned 35 batters in just over 26 innings of work. At the plate, Eckley leads the team with a .407 batting average, 37 hits, 34 runs scored (second on team) and three home runs. Eckley has also swiped 26 stolen bases, tops on the squad.

Eckley knows his team is capable of getting hot, going on a roll and generating another glorious run just like last year's magical state championship drive toward destiny.

"I just want to reiterate that I believe in this team and I know what we have," said Eckley. "I believe that we can do the same thing that we did last year."

Cajthaml, a sophomore transfer from Charles City, is hitting .402 and leads NH in doubles (9) and runs scored (36) to go along with 24 stolen bases, 35 hits and 22 RBI. Cajthaml, who also catches and pitches, is 4-2 on the mound with a 3.46 ERA in 32.1 innings.

Another quality arm and bat for New Hampton comes in the

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New Hampton's Jaxon Eckley (above) slides back into first while Caden Rochford (below) consoles Braxton Bundy after the Chickasaws' first-round playoff loss against Osage Tuesday night.

Chickasaws denied berth in district final

Osage upsets No. 1 seed New Hampton with timely hitting; Green Devils to face West Marshall next

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Give these Chickasaws credit, they overcame a lot this summer.

But the mountain was too steep to climb on Tuesday night at Mikkleson Park as a game Osage squad took down Cory McDonald's 2A power in a district semifinal matchup and prevented his Chickasaws from making a return trip to Carroll and the state tournament.

Osage – now 15-11 on the summer – upset the No. 1 seed Chickasaws by a score of 5-3 behind the pitching of Green Devil senior Maddox Cockrum and three runs plated in the sixth inning by the upstart team from the Eastern division of the Top of Iowa Conference.

New Hampton knocked out the Green Devils on this same field a summer ago in the district final and wound up advancing all the way to the state championship game in what was a magical run orchestrated by McDonald and perennial-power squad.

That wouldn't be the case this year as Osage pulled off the stunner and will face West Marshall (23-9) on Saturday on the Trojans' home diamond for the right to play in the substate final the following

Tuesday at a site yet to be determined. The Trojans are ranked highly by some media publications, making it clearly evident New Hampton was faced with a tough row to hoe if it was to compete yet again at state under McDonald, who took over the NH baseball program in 2009 and had guided his Chickasaws to 15-consecutive district final berths prior to this early exit in 2025.

"As I've said all season long, I am incredibly proud of this team. They handled the high expectations of always being compared to last year's group well with a 22-10 record and being ranked poll to poll in the top 15," said McDonald.

The Green Devils struck first with a run scored off a wild pitch in the opening frame. Heath Voigt cranked a solo home run in the third inning off Chickasaw junior hurler Braxton Bundy to give Osage a 2-0 lead.

New Hampton would have an answer as it plated a run in the bottom of the fourth on a Caden Rochford RBI ground-out to second to cut the lead in half, NH now down 2-1. A batter later the Chickasaws would knot the game up at 2-2 after Landon Marr smacked an RBI single to left field.

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Trojans get up early to pick up playoff win

Turkey Valley moves on to next round with 4-2 win over Maquoketa Valley

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Logan Busta was clutch and the Turkey Valley Trojans knocked their runners on home when they got on base.

That's a recipe for success no matter what month it is.

Dan Stepan's baseball squad won a postseason contest for the second consecutive season on Saturday in Delhi with a 4-2 victory over the host Maquoketa Valley Wildcats in the first round of Class 1A district play this past weekend.

"It was a good quality win. The kids played well. We jumped out to that lead – that's huge. You never know how tournament games are gonna go," said Stepan. "The kids see what we've worked for and what we've done. It was the right stuff."

Originally slated to be an evening tilt, the threat of severe weather bumped up TV's elimination contest to 11 a.m.

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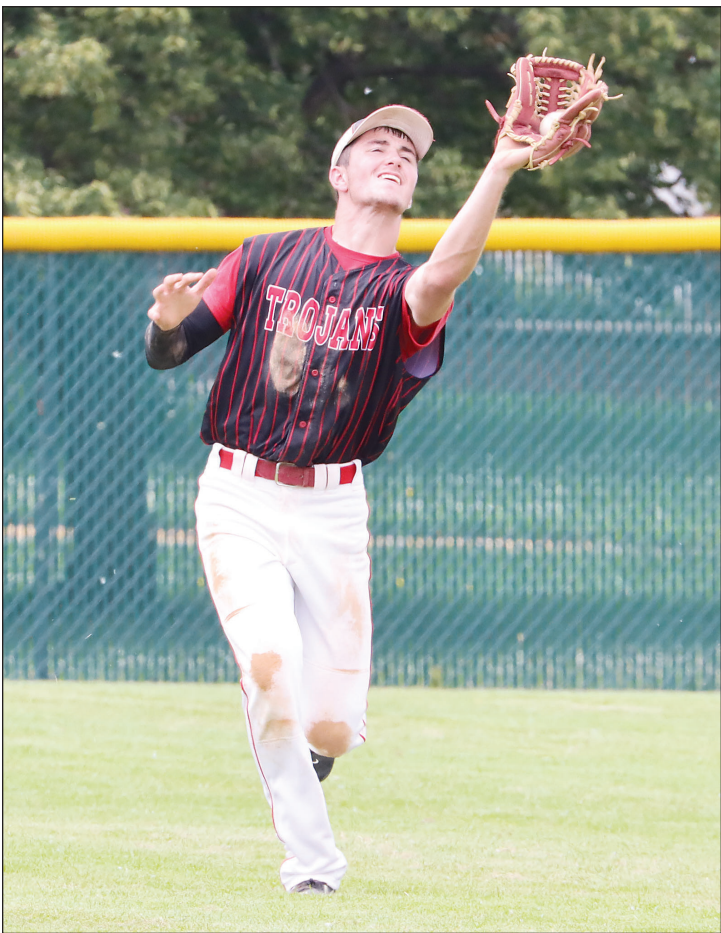
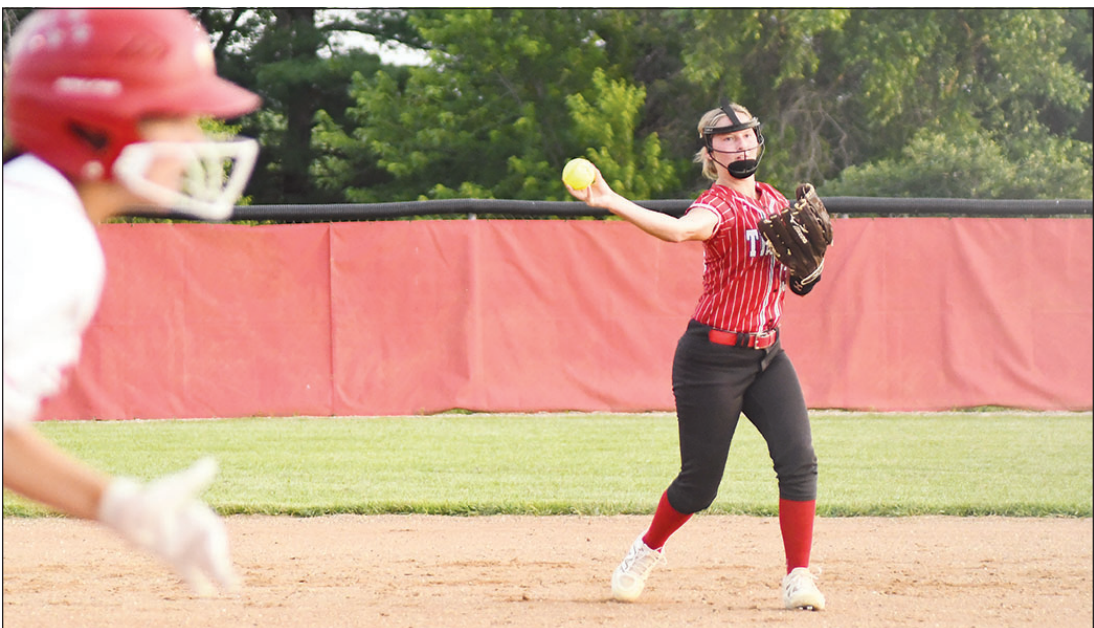


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Turkey Valley outfielder J.D. Kruse makes a nice running catch in Saturday's game against Maquoketa Valley.



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Turkey Valley shortstop Morgan Vsetecka gets ready to fire a throw to first to record an out in the Trojans' regional softball game with St. Ansgar on Monday night.

Turkey Valley rally comes up just short

Trojans battle back from 5-0 deficit but fall to St. Ansgar in 1A regional

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It wasn't the ending to the season that Turkey Valley obviously wanted, but the Trojans did not go quietly into the sunset.

Down 5-0 to St. Ansgar in the first round of the Class 1A

regional tournament, Turkey Valley responded with a stirring comeback that came up just short in a 5-3 loss to the Saints.

"Obviously, we wanted to win so in that regard, sure there's some disappointment," Turkey Valley coach Anthony Troyna said after his team closed out the regular season with an

11-20 mark. "At the same time, the way our girls responded, the way they battled, you know I can't be unhappy. Give us another inning or two and we win that game."

For a while, it looked like Monday's playoff opener was

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New Hampton's Caycee Crawford (above) tags a Crestwood runner out and teammate Chloe Weigel (below) pitches in a game against Crestwood Tuesday.

Never-say-die New Hampton rallies for wins

Chickasaws pick up thrilling non-conference victories over North Fayette Valley, Riceville

BY KELLY TERPSTRA
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Jumping jacks, sparklers or Roman candles?

No need as the New Hampton Chickasaws set off their own pre-Fourth of July fireworks last week.

When the pressure mounted for Krissy Anderson's diamond dwellers, they seemed to raise the bar and respond to an opponent's challenge with a dramatic flair all their own.

New Hampton started out last week's games with a 7-4 win over NEIC rival Waukon. Then the pyrotechnics popped off in the latter stages of non-conference games versus North Fayette Valley on Tuesday and Riceville two nights later on Thursday.

Amazingly, New Hampton

pulled out an 8-6 triumph on the road at West Union over the TigerHawks by scoring five runs in the last two frames. NH somehow managed to one-up themselves with another amazing rally to knock off Riceville at home by plating four runs in the bottom of the seventh to stun the Wildcats, 7-6.

NH sophomore Kadence Rings' triple walked off the win over Riceville.

"You can never count us out," said Anderson. "We just keep chipping away at it. It shows a lot of resiliency."

NH rapped out a season-high 17 hits against NFV (16-16), including senior third baseman Cora Schwickerath's first home run of the season. Every starter in Anderson's batting order

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