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Patrie murder trial pushed back

Judge grants defense motion for a continuance, trial may be months away

By BOB FENSKE
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The trial of a Charles City man accused of murdering a retired grocer in rural Nashua 10 years ago could be months away after a district court judge granted a defense motion asking for a continuance.

Forty-year-old Randy Patrie has been charged with the killing of Kenneth Gallmeyer in September 2012, and his first-degree murder trial

had been scheduled to begin in Chickasaw County District Court on Jan. 25.

But earlier this month, Patrie's attorney, assistant public defender Steven Drahozal, asked for a continuance.

In his filing, Drahozal told the court that the defense was continuing to



Gallmeyer

review information provided by prosecutors and that he had communicated with prosecutors and was told that his motion for a continuance would not be contested.

He also wrote that "based on counsel's schedule, it is believed that the trial date will need to be after August



Patrie

2023."

Drahozal also said his client has waived his right to be tried within one year of his arraignment.

District Court Judge Richard Stochl granted the continuance and scheduled a hearing on Jan. 17, when a new trial date will be set.

Patrie had long been considered the chief suspect in the murder of Gallmeyer, whose body was discov-

ered by Chickasaw County sheriff's deputies when they were called to do a welfare check on Gallmeyer at his home north of Nashua on Oct. 4, 2012.

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A LOOK BACK AT THE TOP-10 NEWS STORIES OF THE YEAR



Bob Fenske/Tribune

RAGBRAI riders head down New Hampton's Main Street on their way to Lawler during the morning of July 29.

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CHICKASAW COUNTY'S AMBULANCE SAGA REPEATS AS TOP STORY OF YEAR

No story dominated the front page of the Tribune in 2022 like the ongoing ambulance saga; in fact, at one point, we went 26 straight weeks with some kind of EMS story on Page 1.

But as 2022 gives way to 2023, the story that wouldn't go away is about to become a reality, for on Sunday, Chickasaw County EMS will begin offering ambulance service to rural residents of the county and to those

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who live in six county cities — New Hampton, Bassett, Fredericksburg, Ionia, Lawler and North Washington.

But boy oh boy, it was a process — one hell

of one.

At the beginning of 2022, the idea of a county-owned ambulance service had been floated, but this was a story that had so many twists and turns, ups and downs, that it resembled the wildest roller coaster ride.

After opting out of a two-year contract, the current provider, Chickasaw County Ambulance

SEE AMBULANCE, 2

REPUBLICANS HAVE PLENTY TO CELEBRATE

There was a time when Iowa was considered a "purple" state, i.e., a toss-up when it came to elections.

And there was a time when Chickasaw County was supposedly a Democratic county.

Those days are long gone, and for proof we offer the mid-term election of 2022, which brought a red tidal wave to the state in general and the county in particular.

If you were a Republican on Nov. 9, you were one very, very happy camper.

To say the GOP dominated the Nov. 8 election would be an understatement. Republicans won every statewide office, save

SEE ELECTION, 2



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

New Hampton resident Brian Carolan, one of the key figures in bringing expanded daycare to New Hampton, talks before officials hold the ribbon cutting for Little Sprouts Daycare in May.

NEW, BIGGER DAYCARE OPENS IN NEW HAMPTON

It had been years in the making, so when the ribbon was cut on May 26, Amy Ameling had plenty of reason to let her emotions get to her.

Ameling is the director of Little Sprouts Daycare, and on that late spring day, the dreams of scores of New Hampton residents came true. Gone was Great Plays Day Care; in its place was Little Sprouts.

"I am beyond excited," Ameling said as she and her staff opened New Hampton's newest daycare center, "because it shows you just how much New Hampton cares for working families and children. ... We're going to be able to provide daycare for almost 50 more

SEE DAYCARE, 2

Supervisors will move ahead with interviews to replace sheriff

County resident says board is wasting time by not appointing chief deputy to replace Hemann

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors received an "earful" from an area resident about how it is filling the soon-to-be-vacant sheriff's office, but board members moved ahead with their original plan to interview those who had applied for the job.

Late last month, Sheriff Marty Hemann announced his intention to resign and retire, effective Jan. 19, and although Hemann endorsed having the board name his chief deputy, Ryan Shawver, to the post, supervisors opened up the position to applicants.

Board Chairman Matt Kuhn on Tuesday said the county received four applications — from Shawver, Douglas Kollmann, Kennan Seda and Dan Sargent — and New Hampton resident Chuck Stanton questioned the board on why they were going down the application path.

"Why can't the sheriff be appointed and they can file for a special election, according to the law," he said. "You have a candidate that is very well groomed for the position, under the recommendation of a county-wide elected official. You would be foolish not to appoint Ryan Shawver to be the sheriff. ... I think it would be a slap in the face to Marty and Ryan if you do not appoint Deputy Shawver to the position, and I speak for

SEE SHERIFF, 5

Board OKs resolution to give elected officials 9 percent pay increases

By BOB FENSKE
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The Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors made 9 percent pay hikes for elected office holders official on Tuesday. Just how official, though, is a matter of interpretation.

Board members voted 3-1 — Tim Zoll cast the lone nay vote while Jake Hackman voted "present" — to approve a resolution that will lead to pay increases for the 10 elected officials — five supervisors, attorney, auditor, recorder, sheriff and treasurer.

The vote came after County Attorney David Laudner for a second consecutive week expressed frustration with Iowa law that is, as he puts it, "confusing" and "illogical" when it comes to when county's should act on compensation board recommendations.

During a Dec. 19 meeting, the county attorney pointed out that on one hand, the code seems to be telling counties it shouldn't act on a compensation board's recommendation until the public hearing is held on the budget, yet it also states that wages should be set before putting the budget up for the public hearing.

"The code doesn't to me reflect the practical realities of the budgeting process and is illogical and totally does not support the compensation board itself," Laudner said. "That's why it's a mess. The fact of the matter is that every county

SEE WAGES, 5

Breakthrough win

New Hampton girls rout Comets, get first NEIC victory

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Farewell to good dude

Tribune Editor Bob Fenske says goodbye to retiring director and one heck of a good friend

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Welcome respite

After a week where Old Man Winter threw a lot at us, we're getting a 'heat wave'

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Old Man Winter giving us a break

After a week of snow, cold, wind and blizzard, we're basking in a heat wave

By BOB FENSKE
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Here's our belated Christmas gift to you: Winter's grip on Northeast Iowa has loosened this week.

After a week in which New Hampton received six inches of new snow, endured arctic temperatures and spent 36 hours under a blizzard warning, we deserve a little break.

And the weatherman is providing us one as we're in the midst of a relative heat wave.

New Hampton officially received three inches of new

snow Sunday night into Monday morning, and Monday's high temperatures in the area didn't make it out of single digits in a number of places.

But by today (Thursday), we might be breaking out the shorts as the high temperature in New Hampton is expected to be 40.

Best of all, it looks like we'll stay on the warm side through at least the New Year's holiday — with highs above freezing each day — although forecasters say there is a slight chance of rain and snow falling on Saturday.



Photo courtesy of Noah Fenske

The snow that fell Sunday night into Monday morning makes for a beautiful winter scene at Smith Estates, the mobile-home park located on New Hampton's west side.



And the winners of lighting contest are ...

The votes are in and all counted and the winners of the annual New Hampton Parks and Recreation Holiday Lighting contest include the Travis Thiele home (above) at 217 S. Locust Ave., the Kipp and Jamie Jones home (right) at 415 N. Chestnut Ave. and the Steve and Virjean Chapin home (below) at 414 N. Hartwell Ave.

The Thiele home received 75 votes on the Parks and Rec Facebook page, the Jones home, which also includes inflatables that weren't up when we took this picture because of the wind, garnered 68 votes and the Chapins got 51 votes.

Parks and Recreation Program Manager Tara Hackman, who will take over as the department's director on Jan. 9, said she appreciated all those that participated in the contest.

Bob Fenske/Tribune



Patrie reduced sentence led to state charges

TRIAL: FROM 1

In June 2014, Patrie was sentenced to life in prison in federal court after he pleaded guilty to possession of firearms by a felon as an armed career criminal and possession of sawed-off shotguns.

That sentence, however, was later overturned by a federal appeals court, and Patrie was re-sentenced to 20 years in federal prison.

Earlier this year, Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann said that once Patrie's life sentence had been rescinded, his office's goal was to bring him to trial in state court.

"We want justice for the family," he said, "and we felt like we had that with the life sentence. Once that was removed, we knew we were going to do everything we could to bring him to trial."

Gallmeyer was a 70-year-old

retired grocer who had moved to rural Nashua after selling his store in Clarksville.

In a complaint and affidavit filed in federal court, law enforcement authorities said they discovered that Gallmeyer had suffered a gunshot wound to the head and that numerous items — including several firearms and Samsung 40-inch flat-screen TV, had been taken from his home.

The affidavit went on to say that on Oct. 4, 2013, the Charles City Police Department executed a search warrant at Patrie's residence in Charles City and that investigators from the Sheriff's Office and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation contacted Charles City police and obtained a copy of the items seized during the execution of the search warrant.

It was discovered that several of the items seized were items taken from Gallmeyer's

home. They included three firearms, one of which, according to the affidavit was "consistent with the firearm used to kill" Gallmeyer.

An additional search warrant was then executed by the Sheriff's Office and the DCI at Patrie's home, and additional items belonging to Gallmeyer were located and seized. During the second search, officers discovered a Samsung 40-inch flatscreen TV mounted on the

wall of Patrie's bedroom.

Patrie was moved from a federal prison in New Jersey to Iowa in March, and he is currently being housed at the Fayette County Jail in West Union.

Hemann has said that Patrie is being held out of the county because the jail in West Union is more modern and offers more "segregation" and "classifications" than the aging Chickasaw County Jail in New Hampton.

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New Year's Eve SPECIALS

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- Prime Rib
- Drink Specials

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A NEW ERA FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE BEGINS SUNDAY

AMBULANCE: FROM 1

Service, agreed to provide ambulance service through the end of the year, but the service owner, Jeremy McGrath, made it clear that once 2022 was completed, he had no interest in extending his contract.

Throughout the spring and summer, the Chickasaw County Ambulance Council met and tried to hammer out a deal that would make a county-owned service a reality.

Two cities — Alta Vista and Nashua — opted out of the service, but the Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors approved starting the service with the six remaining cities.

Board members spent hours deciding if they would buy McGrath's used equipment or purchase new rigs and equipment and finally opted for the latter.

Twice, supervisors made job

offers to potential EMS directors; twice, they were turned down.

The third time proved to be the charm as New Hampton resident Joel Knutson, a flight paramedic, agreed to take the job on a part-time basis, but contract negotiations dragged on until the two sides finally reached a deal less than two weeks before the end of the year.

Interest in working for the new service proved high, and by the end of the year, more than 30 employees — ranging from paramedics to EMTs to drivers — had been hired.

Late in the fall, the Ambulance Council voted itself out of business.

In other words, it was a hectic year when it came to ambulance services.

And that leads us to Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, when a new era begins.

MANY COME TOGETHER TO MAKE LITTLE SPROUTS DAYCARE A REALITY

DAYCARE: FROM 1

families. To me, that's such a huge win, such a huge statement about our community."

A week later, the center located in the former education wing of the First United Methodist Church welcomed kids for the first time, and although New Hampton's daycare challenges had not been completely overcome, they had certainly been mitigated as the new daycare has a capacity of 45 kids more than the old one had.

And it ever there was a team approach to working a problem, New Hampton found it.

There was the church, which "had a mission to help kids."

There was Brian Carolan, the New Hampton resident that Ameling called "the money

man."

There was New Hampton Economic Development Director Tammy Robinson, whom Ameling dubbed the "get-it-done girl."

There were the countless donors who contributed to the project.

There were the residents who lobbied long and hard for New Hampton to get a federal daycare grant that helped fund a project that cost north of \$1 million.

For Robinson, whose office has made a larger daycare a priority for years, last week's ribbon cutting was also emotional.

"I just think of all the people who contributed to this in some way or another," she said, "and it makes you realize what a special place New Hampton is."

REPUBLICANS HAVE PLENTY TO CELEBRATE DURING A 'RED-WAVE' ELECTION IN IOWA

ELECTION: FROM 1

for state auditor, where incumbent Democrat Rob Sand eked out a narrow win. In Chickasaw County, they won every race that included a Republican and a Democrat, save for the recorder's office, where incumbent Shirley Troyna beat GOP challenger Tim Zoll.

Otherwise, it was a deep red election.

Gov. Kim Reynolds easily won election, as did senator-for-life, or so it seems, Charles Grassley.

Republicans won all four congressional seats. The GOP knocked off longtime Democrats Tom Miller (Attorney General) and Michael Fitzgerald (treasurer). And here in Chickasaw County, they elected two supervisors, a county attorney and a county treasurer.

About the only comfort for Democrats was the "red wave" was basically confined to the Hawkeye State as Democrats barely lost control of the U.S. House and maintained control of the U.S. Senate.

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Bob Fenske/Tribune

Can anyone explain why we let Rick Kramer have a whistle (above) at a Farmers Market in 2012, and they say a picture is worth a 1,000 words, but the look on the face of Kramer (below) can be summed up in five — get rid of that camera — during a Breakfast with Santa several years ago.

Happy retirement to a great Park & Rec director and good pal

It’s a memory forever seared into my mind.

The date was Dec. 12, 2009, and I was six days into my New Hampton Tribune career as I made my way to the New Hampton Community Center for something called Breakfast with Santa.

It had been a hectic six days. I started work on the previous Monday, the same day the boys headed off to New Hampton Elementary School for the first time. The next day, a snowstorm that dropped more than a foot of snow on our new hometown, sent the boys home early from school and me scurrying to figure out where I had put the shovel.

The storm closed down New Hampton for much of Wednesday and Thursday so I hadn’t gotten out and about to meet people, like the Parks and Recreation director, a guy named Rick Kramer.

So there I was on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, walking into the Community Center, and I did what I always do — I started snapping pictures.

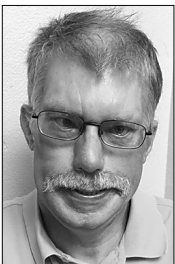
A few minutes later, this guy named Kramer comes up to me and says, “Can I help you and why are you taking pictures of all these kids?”

I couldn’t help but laugh because it hit me why someone had come up to Kramer a few minutes before and said something like “who’s the strange guy taking pictures of kids?”

“Oh God, this doesn’t look good, does it? I’m the new editor at the Tribune,” I said, “and seriously, I’m just here to get pictures for Tuesday’s paper.”

It’s a story both Rick and I have shared consistently over the years, and while I may have scared a few people that day — oh my gosh, stranger danger! — I’ll always be grateful for Dec. 12, 2009.

It was the day I met one of the best friends I’ve had during my 57 trips around the sun.



Bob Fenske has been the editor of the New Hampton Tribune since 2009, and he can be reached by email at editor@nhtrib.com.



Kramer to be honored at Jan. 4 open house

Longtime New Hampton Parks and Recreation Director Rick Kramer will be honored during a retirement open house that will be held Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Kramer’s fellow city employees will celebrate his accomplishments and 32 1/2 years of service to the department during the event that will run from 3 to 5 p.m. at the New Hampton Community Center and will include plenty of refreshments and, of course, good conversations.

Kramer worked the first half of his career as the “parks guy” before being named director in 2006, and his final day with the department will be Friday, Jan. 6.

is supposed to do. He’s made me rethink the direction I was going. Sometimes, I’ve listened to him. Sometimes, I haven’t. And quite frankly, friends like Rick Kramer have kept me on the rails more often than not.

THERE ARE A few naysayers in the community, I know, that think Rick Kramer is all bluster and all talk. And they’ll tell you that this reporter gives him a pass too often.

So this next sentence will probably gall the hell out of them. Rick’s going to be a tough act to follow.

He cares passionately about his hometown in general and its parks and recreation in particular. Since I moved here, the list of accomplishments his department has achieved is almost endless. From the revival of Garnant Pond to the many additions at Mikkelson Park to the makeover at the New Hampton Municipal Pool to the

TRIBE Trail, at least the first two-thirds of it, to the events like the Father-Daughter Valentine’s Day Dance and the annual Halloween Parade, I’d put our Parks and Recreation Department up against any in the state.

Look, it hasn’t been a one-man show, I know that. Tara Hackman, who will take over as the department director, and Laurie Marzolf were huge parts of the department’s successes, as was that guy who occasionally answered the phone or helped at the counter when Rick was soloing in the office and occupied with something else.

OK, that was me, and I may have overstated my importance in that last paragraph!

But what I’ve appreciated the most about the professional Rick is that — at least since I’ve known him — he’s always put kids and programs first. In a world of travel and AAU ball, he understood that every kid has value.

And I appreciate that.

NEXT FRIDAY, RICK Kramer will work his last day at the office that has employed him for more than 32 years.

Thankfully, for me at least, he’s not going anywhere. Wow, scratch that. I’m sure there will be more time spent with his kids — Scott, Travis, Nicole and Ryan — and his seven grandchildren.

But he and his wife, Donna (God help her; sorry Rick, I couldn’t get through this entire column without one smart-aleck comment), will remain in New Hampton, which means that in between visits to see Bryson, Addie, Fletcher, Lainey, Eden, Cal, and Jamie, his garage will be open.

Sometimes, I’ll stop to BS. Sometimes, I’ll pop in to give him grief.

And sometimes, I’ll walk in knowing I need a kick in the rear end and there’s a friend who’s more than willing to set me straight.

NEWS BITS FROM OUR PAST COMPILED BY TERRI JOSEPHSON

Week of Dec. 25

1947 (75 years ago)

- A huge building expansion was dedicated by the Oliver Company in Charles City recently, and during the celebration, it was noted that employees travel from near and far to work at the tractor factory.

Figures showed 111 of the 2,347 employees of the plant lived in New Hampton, 112 in Nashua, 61 in Ionia, 29 in Elma, 20 in Bassett, 18 in Lawler, 9 in Fredericksburg and 8 in North Washington plus office personnel from these communities also.

- New Year’s Midnight Jamboree at the Firemen’s Theatre advertised “Copacabana” as the main feature, starring Groucho Marx.

1972 (50 years ago)

- Thursday afternoon saw the climax to the 1972 New Hampton Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Treasure Hunt with 19-year-old Tim Angell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Angell, garnering the prize of \$300 in New Hampton Chamber Bucks as he correctly deciphered the final clue and found the medallion.

Tim was working at Coast to Coast when the final clue came across the radio and he heard it and made a guess as to the location of the medallion. The Treasure Hunt has caused considerable excitement in the area.

- A longtime New Hampton businessman and a native of the community, Lloyd D. Snyder has been associated with the Blue Line Oil Company for 42 years. His son, Richard L. (Dick) Snyder purchased his interest in the company and became a partner with Robert Weber.

Dick Snyder, a 1963 graduate of New Hampton High School, recently returned to his hometown from Omaha, Neb. He and his wife, Betty Jo, are parents of two children, Sheila, 4 and Johnny, 1.

1997 (25 years ago)

- The Hospice Tree of Life was lit on Dec. 11 and will remain in the Chickasaw County Courthouse throughout the holidays. During the ceremony Hospice staff and volunteers read the role of loved ones “honored” or “remembered”. This year 693 lights adorn the tree as they signify the extra light in our lives we need in times of grief and sorrow to help us bring light and hope into our lives.
- The Chickasaw varsity wrestling team completed the pre-holiday portion of their 1997-98 season with a very successful outing in Saturday’s New Hampton Dual Team Invitational. The Tribe was the team champion after defeating four opponents, including defending state placer and top-ranked Independence.

The Chickasaws had six champions for the day with perfect 4-0 records, Adam Kramer in the 112-pound division, Ryan Utterback (130), Jamey Pesek (135), Cory Beckman (140), Matt McGrath (152) and Jason Reicks (171).

2012 (10 years ago)

- Michelle Good, a senior at New Hampton High School, will perform with an all-American dance team both before and during halftime of the game between Texas A&M and Oklahoma in Cowboys Stadium, which is located just outside of Dallas in the suburb of Arlington.

But throwing a group of elite dancers from around the country for couple of days of practice isn’t enough so organizers have sent Good her choreography and notes so that come Jan. 3, she and her new teammates will at least have an idea of what their routine will look like.

Good said a ton of time is put into dance and it is such a great way to express yourself.

- The first major winter storm of the season not only made travel treacherous, it caused scheduling issues for New Hampton Community Schools.

New Hampton High School students will start their holiday break without finishing up semester tests, they will finish up the first semester on Jan. 7, when they return to class.

The early start to Christmas break also means the end of the academic year will come a little later than originally planned.

2017 (5 years ago)

- Heading into Friday night’s quadrangular at Osage, the New Hampton/Turkey Valley wrestling team was ranked first in the latest Class 2A dual-meet rankings while Clarion-Goldfield-Dows was No. 2.

The Chickasaws came out firing from the start, winning the first seven matches and building a 34-0 lead and rolled to a 54-15 victory. There is no other way to put it than this was just a good old-fashioned butt kicking.

- New Hampton girls basketball coach Chad Pemble came up with a one-word description, “chunky,” to describe the first half on Thursday night.

Coach Pemble said foul trouble caused the team to get out of any normal rotation. The second half was more graceful, with lots of intensity thrown in, as New Hampton scorched North Fayette Valley for 25 third quarter points on it way to a 68-43 win that gave the Chickasaws a 7-3 record heading into the holiday break.

Legal Notice • Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF RENE REICKS
Deceased, CASE NO. ESPR003087
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Rene Reicks, Deceased, who died on or about November 9, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on December 20, 2022, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court,

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

Dated on December 27, 2022.

Terry Reicks, Administrator of the Estate, 5772 29th Avenue Drive, Vinton, IA 52349

James T. Peters, ICIS#: AT0006120
Attorney for the Administrator
Peters & Longmuir, PLC, 309 First St. E. Independence, IA 50644

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHICKASAW COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
Ethel R. Steven, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR003084
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Ethel R. Steven, Deceased, who died on or about November 27, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on December 16, 2022, the Last Will and Testament of Ethel R. Steven, deceased, bearing date of January 11, 1996, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Gary L. Steven and Laurie L. Sorensen were appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated December 19, 2022.

Executors of Estate:
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Laurie L. Sorensen, 2675 205th St., New Hampton, IA 50659

Kevin J. Kennedy, ICIS#: AT0004198, Attorney for Executor, Kennedy & Kennedy, 12 E. Main St., PO Box 406, New Hampton, IA 50659

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Pastors Kevin Frey
and Dan Christensen
Service times: 9 a.m.,
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202 N. Broadway
641-394-2105
Father Jim Goerend
Mass times: Saturday, 4
p.m.; 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday;
Spanish mass at 11:30 a.m.
Sunday.

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at First United Methodist
201 N. Locust Ave.
Pastor Dong Hun Shin
Service times: 9:15 a.m.
Sunday at FUMC and 10:30
a.m. Sunday at UCC.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN

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

HARVEST CHURCH

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harvestcares.com
641-394-4380
Pastor Anthony Harris
Service time: 5 p.m.
Saturday; 10:30 a.m.
Sunday.

PRAIRIE LAKES

234 S. Linn Ave.
prairielakeschurch.org
641-456-6880
Pastor Cory Orr
Service times: 3:30 and
5:30 p.m., Saturday.

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JERICO LUTHERAN

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saudejerico.com
Pastor Peter Faugstad
Service time: 8:30 or
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Service (check website).

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Service (check website).

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8 a.m.

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Father Jim Goerend
Mass time: Saturday, 6
p.m.

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Rev. Jerry Kopacek
Mass time: Saturday, 4
p.m.

ALTA VISTA

ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC

Rev. Jerry Kopacek
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p.m.

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Student Pastor Sue Cira
641-364-2115
Service time: Sunday,
8 a.m.

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Father Jim Goerend
Mass: Saturday, Jan. 7,
6 p.m.

Two graces

Let's say thank you to God with a pair of graces in our hearts

As we meditate on the birth of Jesus, two great things come.

The first is the grace of Immanuel.

“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, God with us” (Matthew 1:23, NIV). Jesus was called “Immanuel.” Jesus was God’s son, but He was also God Himself, appearing here on earth to be with the people of the world.

Sometimes, the Lord seems far away, but He comes close to us. We feel as though the Lord is on high, but He comes close to us, and

He allows us to associate as much as we want as friends. God has come to our side.

We can feel it in our hearts. That is Jesus Christ, the God of Immanuel.

Another grace that we can receive through Christmas is the grace of

the Atonement lamb. God told Joseph and Mary to name Him “Jesus.”

The name Jesus means “the Lord saves.” The name was important because Jesus was sent by God to save the world from sin. God loved us so much that God sent His only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sin.

I hope that it will be a week in which you give thanks before God with two graces in your hearts. Amen.



Dong Hun Shin is the pastor for the First United Methodist Church in New Hampton and United Church of Christ in both New Hampton and Ionia.

Exploring the wise men

No nativity scene is complete without the three wise men presenting their gifts to baby Jesus, a gigantic star hovering over a stable bathing them in light. It's such a beautiful picture, majestic kings kneeling in the hay with the shepherds among the oxen and cattle, all adoring a baby in a manger.

Except that isn't what happened. Who were the wise men really? Where did they come from? Did they ever see the stable? And were there actually three of them?

The answers may not be what you think.

What Does the Bible Say about the Wise Men and the Christmas Story?

The wise men are mentioned in Matthew 2.

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, ‘Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him’” (Matthew 2:1-2).

Matthew goes on to record their search for Jesus. They went to the court of King Herod and asked him where they would find “the king of the Jews” that had been born. Herod called together the chief priests and teachers of the law, who determined that, according to the Old Testament prophecies, the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem.

They discovered Jesus in a house (notably, not a stable) in Bethlehem according to the prophecies and brought him gifts. God then warned them in a dream not to let King Herod know where Jesus was, so they returned home without telling Herod, who was secretly plotting to kill Jesus.

Who Were the Wise Man/Magi in the Christmas Story?

The Greek word μάγοι (mágoi) is translated as “wise men” or “magi” depending on the English translation. This word was originally meant to refer to a class of Persian wise men that were something like priests, interpreters of special signs, and especially astrology.

Eventually, the word came to be used for anyone who had supernatural knowledge or ability, or a magician. The same word is used in Acts 13:6 to describe the false prophet Bar-Jesus. It could even mean a deceptive person; the NIV translates the word to “sorcerer” in describing Bar-Jesus.

Mágoi as used to refer to the wise men is probably in line with the first definition. Like these Persian wise men, the magi were interested in astrology (they followed a star) and they were from the east (the direction of Babylon/Persia).

Sometimes the magi are referred to as kings, but the Bible never calls them that.

How Many Wise Men Were There in the Christmas Story?

The Bible never says how many magi



there were. There were at least two, but there is no indication other than that. The idea of three wise men probably comes from the fact that they brought three gifts. Early church traditions actually suggested that there were twelve wise men, but we have no idea.

What Was the Star They Followed in the Christmas Story?

No one is exactly sure what star the wise men followed, or whether it was even a “star” in the strictest sense at all.

Some have suggested a supernova. Others have suggested a comet. Many theories concern a specific massing of planets, such as Jupiter and Saturn, inside of meaningful constellations, like Pisces.

There are many astronomical happenings that could potentially fit the bill due to the meanings planets and constellations had for ancient astrologers. For example, Jupiter and Saturn were planets of rulers, and Pisces was associated with Israel. When these three came together in 7 B.C., some scholars postulate that this could have been what the magi saw. There are other such theories involving various other planets and constellations. You can read about some of them here.

Others, however, believe that the star was a supernatural manifestation that can't be explained scientifically.

Whatever the star was, the important thing is that it led the wise men to Jesus.

Why Did the Wise Men Bring Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh in the Christmas Story?

These three gifts were very costly, and thus the very best, fit for a king. These were also traditionally imported from the Arabian peninsula or Africa, which means the wise men were bringing the best of their homeland.

Christians now point to more symbolic reasons, which the wise men may or may not have originally intended.

Gold is a symbol of divinity, pointing to Christ's identity as the Son of God.

Fragrant frankincense was often burnt as an offering to God. This could symbolize the fact that Jesus would give Himself up as a sacrifice.

Myrrh was a spice used in embalming. It symbolizes bitterness and suffering. This could symbolize how Jesus would grow up to suffer and die.

How Old Was Jesus When the Wise Men Came in the Christmas Story?

Contrary to traditional nativity scenes and Christmas pageants, the wise men most likely did not arrive to see Jesus in the manger. Most scholars believe Jesus was a year or two old by the time the wise men visited.

At the point the wise men reach the house in Bethlehem, the word Luke uses to describe Jesus means “young child.”

Herod was also aware of the time the star appeared, courtesy of the wise men, and when he tried to have Jesus killed to protect his own power, he had all the baby boys two years and younger killed.

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Father Nick Radloff
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Father Nick Radloff
Mass: Saturday, 6 p.m.

PROTIVIN

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10:30 a.m.

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Protect Financial Accounts from “Cyberthieves”

Cybercrime is booming. In 2021, the FBI reported that cybercriminals scammed nearly \$7 billion from Americans — a figure slightly higher than the gross domestic product (GDP) of Switzerland for that year, according to research organization World Economics. How can you protect yourself from cyberthieves? Here are some suggestions that can help:

- **Watch out for “phishing” attempts.** You may receive emails that appear to be from a legitimate firm, requesting information your financial institution would never request online — confirmation of an account number, password, Social Security number, credit card number and so on. These notes can look official, often incorporating a firm’s logo, so pay close attention to what’s being asked of you.
- **Think twice before clicking or downloading.** If you are suspicious about a communication, don’t click on a link or download an attachment — instead, go to your financial firm’s website or use their app to verify they sent the information or request.
- **Become adept with passwords.** Use a different password for each of your accounts and change your passwords regularly. Of course, maintaining multiple passwords can be confusing, so you might want to consider using password management software, which generates passwords, stores them in an encrypted database and locks them behind a master password — which is the only one you’ll need to remember.
- **Use your own devices.** Try to avoid using public computers or devices that aren’t yours to access your financial accounts. If you do use another computer, clear your browsing history after you log out of your account.
- **Be cautious about using Wi-Fi when traveling.** When you’re on the road, you may want to use public hotspots, such as wireless networks in airports and hotels. But many people don’t realize that these hotspots reduce their security settings to make access easier, which, in turn, makes it easier for cyberthieves



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to intercept your information. In fact, some hackers even build their own public hotspots to draw in internet-seekers in an effort to commit theft. So, if at all possible, wait until you can access a trusted, encrypted network before engaging in any communications or activity involving your financial accounts.

• **Don’t give up control of your computer.** Under no circumstances should you provide remote access to your computer to a stranger who contacts you, possibly with an offer to help “disinfect” your computer. If you do think your device has an issue with malicious software, contact a legitimate technician for assistance.

• **Know whom you’re calling for help.** If you need assistance from, say, a customer service area of a financial institution, make sure you know the phone number is accurate and legitimate — possibly one from a billing or confirmation statement. Some people have been scammed by Googling “support” numbers that belonged to fraudsters who asked for sensitive information.

• **Review all correspondence with your financial services provider.** Keep a close eye on your account activity and statements. If you see mistakes or unauthorized activity in your account, contact your financial institution immediately. Advanced technology has brought many benefits, but also many more opportunities for financial crimes. By taking the above steps, and others that may be needed, you can go a long way toward defending yourself against persistent and clever cyberthieves.

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

Edward Jones, Member SIPC

Revisiting pay hikes may be option for supervisors

WAGES: FROM 1

is interpreting this differently."

In Chickasaw County, the Compensation Board, on a 5-2 vote, recommended that elected officials receive 20 percent hikes, but during that Dec. 19 meeting, supervisors agreed to have Laudner draw up a resolution that cut the recommendation by 55 percent, which in effect reduced the pay increases to 9 percent.

Compensation Board members who supported the 20 percent pay increases said the county needs to have competitive wages to offer elected officials and also have pointed out that Chickasaw County officials are among the lowest paid in northern Iowa.

But the key question — can the Board of Supervisors revisit the issue in the near future? — went unanswered Tuesday.

"You're asking can we revisit

this a month from now and change it," Laudner said in response to a question from Board Chairman Matt Kuhn, "and my answer is that's a political question, that's a political process, and I think there are different opinions as to whether or not that can be done."

Hackman pointed out that when the board requested budgets from its departments, it noted that department heads should keep their budget increases to 6 percent or less.

"Six isn't nine," he said, but Laudner pointed out that if the Board of Supervisors puts out a budget increase before the Compensation Board makes a recommendation, "you're eviscerating the process of the Compensation Board."

Board members eventually approved the resolution for the pay hikes, which will take effect on July 1, when the new fiscal year commences.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Chickasaw County Sheriff Marty Hemann (left) makes a point as County Attorney David Laudner and Chief Deputy Ryan Shawver look on during Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting.

Resident terms application process ‘foolish’

SHERIFF: FROM 1

many, many people in this county.”

County Attorney David Laudner reiterated that the qualifications for being sheriff included being at least 21 years of age, never having been convicted of a felony and be a certified peace officer.

He added that to be eligible for appointment, an applicant will have to have lived in the county for at least 60 days. Laudner did add that if the supervisors decided to wait and appoint someone who is currently living outside the county, state law automatically calls for the chief deputy to serve as acting sheriff until the vacancy is filled.

Hemann said he would be willing to work with the board to vet the candidates and help with interviews.

"I have hired, I do understand the sheriff's office [with] 32-years-plus [of experi-

ence]," he said. "Let's determine if any or all four have met the requirements that the county attorney has mentioned, and let's do an interview process. ... I can certainly ask the tough questions."

Hemann added that he would be disappointed if the board passed on his offer.

"I'll be honest, if you don't want me involved, that is kind of a slap in the face," he said. "I said in my letter I want to make this as smooth of a transition as possible, so I guess still allow me to help out with that transition."

Stanton, though, characterized the entire discussion as a waste of time.

"I appreciate Marty being very diplomatic about the interview process, but you have a person in front of you that is qualified in every category and can meet every standard you set. ... The board has way more important things to do than this. You can

get it off your plate and you could be done. ... This is foolish, we're wasting time talking on something that is cut and dried."

Supervisor Jason Byrne, who is in his last week on the board, agreed.

"He's been working here for many years," he said of Shawver. "I've seen his work. He's done a good job. I don't even know why we would question it."

In the end, the board asked Hemann to vet the candidates and work to set up interviews with those who have the qualifications.

But by then, Stanton had left the meeting, but before he did, he took one last shot at the board.

"Marty opened the position, but you guys opened the can of worms," he said. "You guys made it a big deal, and I'm going to quit talking because this is absolutely asinine."



Photo courtesy of Rich Grote

Knights of Columbus helps out Food Pantry

The New Hampton Knights of Columbus Council 1697’s Grand Knight Rich Grote donates a check for \$1,000 to Chickasaw Food Pantry Treasurer Nancy Wegner and volunteers at the pantry.

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Register today for A Matter of Balance. Classes will be held virtually online from Jan. 16 through Feb. 8 each Monday and Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The link to join the meeting will be sent when you register.

For more information or to register, contact Elise Bovy at ebovy@nei3a.org or call 319-231-6798 or Missy Anders at manders@nei3a.org or call 319-231-1623.



Bob Fenske/Tribune

Thanks for a job well done, Sue!

We'll be honest here, Sue Matthews wasn't all that excited about having her photo taken, but after a 36-year career in the Clerk of Courts office, we insisted and she caved! Matthews is working her final full week at the office before retirement, and trust us, she's really, really looking forward to the next chapter!

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Eugene “Gene” Meier, age 80 of Elma and formerly of Cresco, passed away on Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, at Howard County Regional Health.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Church in Elma with Father Jerry Kopacek celebrating the mass.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the church on Friday.

Burial will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Elma with military rites provided by Cresco American Legion.

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Memorials may be directed to Howard County Community Hospice at www.rhshc.com.

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Thursday: Mostly cloudy with high near 40 and low of 29.

Friday: Partly sunny with high of 32 and low of 23.

New Year’s Eve: Mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain or snow; high 35, low 26.

New Year’s Day: Mostly cloudy; high 34, low 26.

Extended forecast: We’ll start the work week with rain and snow but highs will be in the upper 30s and lows in the 20s.

Meetings

TUESDAY

- Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Courthouse.
- New Hampton City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

History

- In 1778, the British score one of their last major victories of the Revolutionary War as the “Redcoats” rout Continental forces and take control of Savannah, Georgia.
- In 1845, six months after the congress of the Republic of Texas accepts U.S. annexation, Texas is admitted into the United States as the 28th state.
- In 1890, in one of the final chapters of America’s long Indian wars, the U.S. Cavalry kills 146 Sioux at Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota.

Birthdays

- Charles Goodyear, American chemist and manufacturing engineer who invented the vulcanization process for rubber, was born in 1884.
- Andrew Johnson, the 17th president of the U.S., was born in 1808.
- Emmy award winning actress Mary Tyler Moore was born in 1936.
- Former New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton turns 59.
- Longtime TV actor Ted Danson, who starred on “Cheers,” turns 75.

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Auditor Stephanie Mashek takes notes during a July Board of Supervisors meeting.

COUNTY AUDITOR, SHERIFF SUBMIT RESIGNATIONS

There isn’t a literal revolving door at the Chickasaw County Courthouse, but in 2022, there definitely was a figurative one.

This past spring, long-time Treasurer Sue Breitbach announced that she would not seek re-election and would retire at the end of the year.

In July, Auditor Stephanie Mashek, citing family reasons, resigned.

And earlier this month, Sheriff Marty Hemann announced that he would retire, effective Jan. 19.

The resignations of Mashek and Hemann took some by surprise. Both were elected in 2020 - Mashek to a first term and Hemann to a second term.

“I work with a great staff and I’ve got a good working relationship with department heads,” Mashek said, but she

added that the county is “very political and I only wanted to do what’s best for the residents of Chickasaw County.” The Board of Supervisors appointed Sheila Shekleton to replace Mashek, and Shekleton ran unopposed as a Republican in November to fill out Mashek’s original term that runs through Dec. 31, 2024.

Hemann, meanwhile, said he felt the time was right for him to call it a career after a 32-year career with the Sheriff’s Office.

It was a hard decision in so many ways because I love the people I work with,” he said last month. “They are as professional as they come and I’ll miss them dearly. But it’s time to put my family first.”

Who will replace Hemann, though, remained up in the air and won’t be known until at least Jan. 19, when Hemann officially steps into retirement.



Lydia Gessner/Tribune

Schueth Ace Hardware owners Doug Schueth and Jackie Perkins lead the Heartland Days parade this past June.

NEW HAMPTON FAMILY-OWNED HARDWARE BUSINESS TURNS 100

In a retail world where so much has changed, a family-owned business that celebrates a century in business is a rarity.

And in New Hampton, in 2022, it was a reality as Schueth Ace Hardware celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding during the city’s Heartland Days parade.

Co-owners and siblings Doug Schueth and Jackie Perkins led New Hampton’s biggest parade and honored the legacy of their grandfather, J.G. Schueth, who bought an existing store in the city in 1922 and then passed on the business to his two sons — Jim and Don, the latter the father of the current owners.

The secret to Schueth’s success? Follow the examples their grandfather, father and uncle set.

“But honestly, I guess the answer about what’s next is probably this: We’re going to do what we’ve done for 100 years,” Doug Schueth said. “Sell good products, stand by them and treat our customers the way they should be treated. That’s really it. That’s been the secret for all these years so why not keep doing it?”

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CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ MINUTES

December 19, 2022

The Board convened on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 9:00 AM with members Breitbach, Zoll, Kuhn and Hackman, on the phone was Byrne, in the Boardroom on the second floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Terry Johnson, Kathy Shekleton, Bob Fenske, member of media, incoming Supervisors Travis Suckow and Scott Cervinske, Treasurer Sue Breitbach, incoming Treasurer Matt Ysbrand, Recorder Shirley Troyna, Librarians Jackie Kush, Crystal Offnen, Carrie Becker, Heather Hackman, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Bridget Edson, Compensation Board Mike Kennedy, Assistant to Engineer Liza Herold, Public Health Administrator Lisa Welter, Board of Health Joan Knoll and Toni Friedrich.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve the agenda for December 19, 2022. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve the meeting minutes from December 12, 2022 with changes. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Abstained Byrne. Motion carried.

Public Comment
Chickasaw County Attorney, David Laudner gave updates on 910 E Main St, Nashua Tower, and if we want him at Board of Supervisors meeting, on January 3, 2023 to move the time to noon.
Chickasaw County Librarians discussed FY23-24 Budget Request.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve employee vacation carryover for Donna Geerts of 23.5 hours to be used by March 1, 2023 Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to approve employee vacation carryover for Laura Wickham of 8 hours to be used by January 31, 2023 Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Byrne Kuhn, Zoll, and Hackman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to discuss Compensation Board Recommendations on January 9, 2023. Roll Call

Aye-Zoll, Hackman Nay-Breitbach, Byrne, Kuhn Motion failed.

Motion by Byrne, seconded by Breitbach to decrease Compensation Board Recommendation of 20% by 50% which is a 10% increase of wages. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach Nay Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Failed.

Motion by Breitbach, seconded by Byrne to decrease Compensation Board Recommendation of 20% by 55% which is a 9% increase of wages. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn Nay Zoll, Abstained Hackman Motion Passed.

Discussed that the new ambulance arrived for the EMS and passed annual inspection. State coming December 20, 2022 for site visit.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the (month to month) lease for crew quarters for the EMS at 208 S Walnut, starting January 1, 2023 for \$750.00 per month and \$750.00 down for deposit and chair signature. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to add to previous motion for lease agreement to be paid out of ambulance fund and going forward. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Discussed rent insurance for crew quarters for EMS will be increased by \$303.00 annually.

Known by many names throughout the years — county home, the “poor farm” and the Heritage — the county-owned building located just south of New Hampton had an eventful year.

When 2022 dawned, the building was home to Inspiring Lives, a mental-health agency, but when county leaders could not reach a new lease agreement, the building reverted back to county control on July 1.

After considering selling the building, the Board of Supervisors switched gears.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

A RAGBRAI participant jumps into the Little Turkey River as the annual bike ride made its way through the area on July 29.

COUNTY LOSES LONGTIME PUBLIC SERVANT

The year 2022 got off to a rough start with the passing of Chickasaw County Board of Supervisors Chairman Rick Holthaus.

The longtime public servant died on Jan. 2 at the age of 62 and was remembered by his colleagues with a moment of silence during the first board meeting of the calendar year.

A call-it-like-he-saw-it kind of guy, Holthaus was a 1977 graduate of New Hampton High School, who stayed home to farm, married his wife Cindy and help raise his kids — Brandon, Miranda, Lindsey, Justina and Jarrett.

CITY COUNCIL MAKES TRIBE DONATION, GETS LOST WIN

New Hampton’s City Council faced several challenges during 2022, including how to spend its American Rescue Plan Act, better known as ARPA, dollars.

City leaders already had decided to use the money to fund roof improvements for the Community Center and for televising the city’s water and sewer lines before they met on April 18 to consider a proposal to give \$200,000 of the federal funds

to the third and final phase of the TRIBE Trail project.

Trail advocates had asked the city to borrow up to \$250,000 for the project, but the council balked because property-tax rates would increase.

When the TRIBE Trail received an anonymous donation that was tied to the city contributing to the project, Councilman Cory McDonald said “we simply can’t walk away from a \$100,000 donation,”

NEW HORIZONS WELCOMES NEW CHAMBER DIRECTOR

Liz Zweibohmer couldn’t hide her excitement about coming home.

“It’s such a cool community,” the director of New Horizons-Chamber said in October, a couple of months after she was tabbed to replace Jason Speltz as the chamber’s administrator. “I just want to help people see this is a great place to live, raise a family, and yes, shop.”

The former Liz Laures graduated from New Hampton High School in 2014, and said one of her goals is to tout her hometown to young families.

“I can say my opinion is we have a lot of irons in the fire,” Board Chairman Matt Kuhn said, “and speaking to other individuals as well as taxpayers ... I’m not going to vote to sell the property for \$300,000.”

Those irons included the selling of a county-owned building located at 910 E. Main St., so although the deal still hasn’t been finalized, a number of county offices and non-profit groups moved this fall to the old county home.

And more offices may head south to the renamed Chickasaw Heritage Building Center.

FIVE YEARS LATER, WE THROW OUT RED CARPET AGAIN

Let’s put it this way, in and around Chickasaw County knows how to throw one hell of a party when it comes to RAGBRAI.

For the second time in five years, the famed bike ride made its way through the area — stopping in Ionia, New Hampton, Lawler and Waucoma — and for the second time in five years, Mother Nature cooperated beautifully as we enjoyed a day with few, if any, clouds and temperatures in the 70s.

New Hampton Mayor Bobby Schwickerath was like every other mayor in the area. He was proud.

“We just heard so many positive comments from so many riders. It was so much fun showing off our city.”



Holthaus

He served on the New Hampton School Board and was in the midst of his third term on the Board of Supervisors.

Steve Breitbach was appointed to fill out the term, but after District 1 residents petitioned for a special election, voters gave us a civics lesson.

In the five-person race, Breitbach beat GOP nominee Mike Winter by two votes, 145-143 to claim the remainder of Holthaus’ term.

and the council agreed, voting 4-2 to make the donation.

The other big issue facing the city was how it could pay for a dramatic increase in its ambulance bill, and city leaders took their case to the voters — asking them to allow them to use local-option sales tax (LOST) dollars to cover the costs of joining the county-owned ambulance service.

And that measure easily won passage in November.



Dorothy Huber/Tribune

Chamber Director Liz Zweibohmer enjoys a light moment during Live Windows.

Motion Passed.

Motion by Zoll, seconded by Hackman to appoint Cindy Shoemaker to the Board of Health for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to appoint Lori Carey to the Conservation Board for a five-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to appoint Dale Liddle to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to appoint Judy Liddle to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission for a three-year term starting January 1, 2023. Roll Call Aye Byrne, Breitbach, Kuhn, Zoll, Hackman Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve claims of \$375,630.92. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn. Motion Passed.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve prior claims of \$19,699.22. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Zoll, Byrne, Kuhn. Motion Passed.

Committee Assignments
Supervisor Kuhn-December 5-INRCOG REGIONAL TRANSIT, December 13- Ambulance Advisory Committee, December 15-INRCOG & INRCOG EXECUTIVE Meeting
Motion by Hackman, seconded by Zoll to adjourn at 12:26 PM. Roll Call: Ayes-Breitbach, Hackman, Zoll, Byrne and Kuhn. Motion Passed.
Matt Kuhn, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Sheila Shekleton, Secretary to the Board

Trojan boys take big win into break

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Make a play – but do it the Turkey Valley way — is coach John Izer's plea for his Trojan boys basketball squad.

Turkey Valley rolled to its second blowout victory in as many tries last week Tuesday. Central Elkader (2-4, 0-3) was no match for the Trojans as they thumped the Warriors on the road, 66-36.

The Trojans' previous win came over West Central, 64-28. "It's not about winning them two games, it's about we did it the way we should have did it," said Izer.

Izer, in his second season, would prefer his team share the basketball and look for the best available open shot.

"They're starting to pass the ball around more," said Izer. "My little, goofy way of emphasizing it is – early, I felt like too many guys were trying to make an ESPN play. Let's make a Turkey Valley play. Make a

Turkey Valley play and it can lead to an ESPN play."

TV led Central, 20-4, after the first period of play and out-scored the Warriors 17-4 in the third period.

TV senior forward Calvin Bodensteiner busted out of his early-season shooting slump with a game-high 17 points. He nailed over half his shots on 8-15 shooting.

"Calvin is coming around. He still leaves too much on the plate. We're pushing him to do more. Still every game there's half a dozen shots or moves that he did not take that we're wanting him to do," Izer added.

TURKEY VALLEY 66, CENTRAL ELKADER 36									
TV	20	16	17	13	-	66			
CE	4	16	4	12	-	36			
Carson	Busta	2-4	0-0	5,					
Noah	Hanson	4-7	0-0	8,					
Calvin	Bodensteiner	8-15	1-2	17,					
Oliver	Schmitt	7-10	0-0	16,					
Chase	Hayek	1-4	0-0	2,					
Caleb	Kurtenbach	4-9	0-0	9,					
Logan	Busta	0-1	0-0	0,					
Russell	Nieman	1-2	2-2	5,					
Tristan	Pullman	0-0	0-0	0,					
Braylen	Byrne	2-3	0-0	0,					
Aidan	Holthaus	0-2	0-0	0.					
Totals		29-57	3-4	66.					

3-point field goals	-	Busta	1-2,						
Hanson	0-2,	Bodensteiner	0-1,						
Schmitt	2-3,	Kurtenbach	1-4,						
L. Busta	0-1,	Nieman	1-2,						
Byrne	0-2,								

Rebounds	-	Hanson	6,	Schmitt	6,				
Kurtenbach	6,	Byrne	3,	Bodensteiner	3,				
C. Busta	2,	Hayek	2,	L. Busta	2,				

Holthaus	1,								
Assists	-	Hanson	4,	Bodensteiner	3,				
Schmitt	3,	Kurtenbach	3,	C. Busta	2,				
L. Busta	2,	Hayek	1,						
Steals	-	Schmitt	4,	Hanson	3,				
Bodensteiner	2,	Hayek	2,	Kurtenbach	2,				
C. Busta	1,	Nieman	1,						
Blocks	-	Byrne	1,						

BOWLING

COFFEE CUP

STANDINGS	W	L
Mid-Tech Machining	14.5	5.5
Elma Gals	13	7
ExSalont	12	8
Geerts Plumbing	12	8
Hugeback/Johnson	10.5	9.5
Rochford Insurance	10	10
Vern Laures Auto	5	15

DEC. 21 RESULTS		
Elma Gals	3,	Hugeback/Johnson
Geerts	3,	ExSalont
Vern Laures Auto	3,	Rochford Insurance
Mid-tech	3,	Dummy

LEADERS		
High individual games:		

Rita Geerts 245, 199, Linda Lechtenberg 231

High individual series:
Geerts 610, Lechtenberg 543, Lorraine Pullman 542

High team games: Geerts Plumbing 491, 458, ExSalont 465

High team series: Geerts Plumbing 1,336, Elma Gals 1,283, ExSalont 1,255

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (GAME)
Lechtenberg 73

MOST PINS OVER AVG. (SERIES)
Pullman 113

Karen Schmitt, Secretary

Chickasaw Men's Pool

Week 10 • Dec. 19			
	W	L	
HereZ	2	U	49 32
Dak's Tap	1		47 43
Brite Spot			46 35
Big Willie's			45 36
Butch's I			41 40
Dak's Tap	2		40 41
The Pub			40 41
VFW			38 43
Butch's	2		35 46
The Office			35 46
Hide-A-Way			34 47

RESULTS	
Dak's Tap 5, Bill Willie's	4
HereZ 2 U 6, Dak's Tap	
Butch's 2 6, Butch's 1 3	
Office 6, Hide-A-Way 3	
VFW 5, Pub 4	
Brite Spot, bye	
THREE-GAME WINNERS	
Butch's 2: Derek & Trent	
Dak's Tap 1: Dak & Tyler	

Chickasaw Women's Pool

Week 11 Dec. 21			
	W	L	GB
Butch's II	51	39	0
Dak's Tap II	47	43	4
Dak's Tap I	44	37	7
Bowlaway	43	38	8
Schucky's	41	49	10
Butch's I	38	43	13
Hide A Way	33	48	18

RESULTS			
Dak's Tap I	6,	Butch's II	3
Hide A Way	5,	Dak's Tap II	4
Bowlaway	Lanes	5,	
Schucky's	4		
Butch's I,	Bye	Week	
THREE-GAME WINNERS			
Hide-A-Way - Helen Geerts & Candy Schoba			

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Board Proceedings The Board of Directors for the New Hampton Community School District met in regular session, Monday, December 19, 2022, in the High School Media Center. President Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with Directors A. Schwickerath, N. Schwickerath, Ayers, Superintendent Jurens, and Board Secretary Roethler present. Director Denner was absent. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the agenda. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none. Director Ayers moved to approve the consent agenda items. Approve minutes of the November 21, 2022, regular session. Approve the November monthly financial report and the December 2022 bill listing. Accept the resignations of Jeannie Pfaffle (7th Grade Teacher), Diane Sumner (paraeducator) both resignations will take place at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Accept the resignation of Elaine Beatty (Food Service) at the end of December. Director A. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none.	New Business Director Ayers moved to approve Hayden Houser as an additional early graduate. Director N. Schwickerath seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none. Superintendent Jurens presented information on a food service Nordic Ware Pan fundraiser to help offset negative lunch balances. Director N. Schwickerath moved to approve the food service fundraiser. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: Matthews, A. Schwickerath, Ayers, and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none. It was discussed that superintendent Jurens mid-year evaluation will take place at the January 16, 2023, board meeting in closed session. Next regular meeting will be Monday, January 16, 2023, at 6:30 pm. Director N. Schwickerath moved to adjourn at 6:42 pm. Director Ayers seconded the motion. Ayes: A. Schwickerath, Matthews, Ayers and N. Schwickerath. Nays: none. Monthly Bills, December 2022, General Fund (10) Vendor Name, Amount AERUS Electrolux243.99 AFLAC90.27	Amazon Capital Services4,081.65 Apple Computer Inc.549.00 Apptegy7,500.00 Avondale Innovative Products LLC29.00 Bericik, Kassie65.40 Blackhawk Automatic Sprinkler287.50 BlueAlly Technology Solutions, LLC924.00 Booksource187.30 Bowlaway Lanes200.00 CARQUEST OF NEW HAMPTON154.84 Casey's Business Account(45.55) Chemsearch2,609.95 Chickasaw Chassis54.00 Chickasaw Wellness Complex300.00 Circle K Communications218.04 City Laundering Co.1,009.90 City of New Hampton12,196.45 Dawley, Lydia25.00 Decorah Community School District5,184.00 Decorah Mobile Glass, Inc.495.55 Doors Inc.71.00 Fareway886.55 Five Star Cooperative10,328.49 Flinn Scientific Inc.214.09 Follett Content Solutions, LLC.371.82 Fritcher, Katie772.20 Geerts Plumbing & Heating379.91	Hanson Tire Service6,006.00 Huinker, Bob84.50 Imagine Learning LLC12,000.00 Iowa Department of Human Services1,541.92 Jaymar Business Forms, Inc.2,028.62 Jendro Sanitation Services Inc1,290.60 John Deere Financial104.98 JourneyEd.com Inc612.92 Keystone Area Education29,123.71 Krueger Pottery Supply48.79 Kwik Star1,482.41 Larsen Lawn & Landscaping LLC1,400.00 LS Supply & Rental85.90 Madison National Life Insurance1,881.03 Martin Bros. Distributing141.94 Vendor Name, Amount Marv & Zip's Repair, Inc.45.00 Mercy Medical Center4,083.33 MITKO Specialty Sales & Service584.73 NAPA Auto Parts39.93 New Hampton Auto Body125.00 New Hampton Electric851.49 New Horizons-Chamber-Commerce200.00 NHMU Fiber300.00 Northeast Iowa Comm. College Student Accounts26,642.18	Office World882.42 Oriental Trading Company Brands, INC.68.32 Paper Corporation, The945.19 Pitney Bowes Inc791.12 Pitney Bowes Reserve Account5,000.00 Postmaster275.00 Principal Life Insurance Company871.71 Quill Corp220.90 Really Great Reading Company1,924.30 Rieman Music, Inc.462.19 Saunders, Latrice858.31 Schmitt, Bradley97.94 School Specialty, LLC108.69 Schueth Ace Hardware7,142.53 Schueth Ace Hardware1,584.00 Schumacher, Timothy24.96 Screen Print To Go980.00 Stanton Electric688.76 Steve Smith Snow Removal2,255.00 Superior Welding Supply2,034.80 SupplyHouse.com191.37 Swisher & Cohrt, P.L.C.55.50 Teachers Pay Teachers (Teacher Synergy LLC)22.75 Thronsdon, Stefanie54.65 thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation1,312.43 Timberline Billing Service LLC	United Parcel Service11.43 Vern Laures Chev-Buick755.38 Visa924.16 Wagoner Bros. Repair5,921.55 Washington National Ins. Co. ..1,081.21 Weber Paper Company - Division of Capital Sanitary14.00 WEX BANK393.96 Windstream1,986.08 Fund Total:\$180,351.56 Physical Plant & Equipment (36) Grant Wood AEA19,397.83 Marco, Inc.1,659.46 Mick Gage Plumbing13,672.07 Wagoner Bros. Repair12,56.86 Fund Total:\$46,886.22 Capital Projects (33) Cresco Building Service, Inc. ..1,125.00 FEHR GRAHAM Engineering & Environmental3,276.25 Fund Total:\$4,401.25 Attest: December 19, 2022 Jay Matthews, Board President Christy Roethler, Board Secretary No. 22588 12/29/22
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City of Alta Vista Council Meeting Monday, December 12, 2022 The regular meeting for the City Council of Alta Vista convened on Monday, December 12, 2022, at 6:03 pm with the following Council members present: Kevin Crooks, Rick Heying, Dean White, and Amy Laures in the Alta Vista City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Crooks. Agenda was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the agenda. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Crooks. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried. November 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes were discussed. Heying made the motion, seconded by White to approve the November 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Crooks. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried. Visitor concerns were discussed. Ambulance was discussed. 911 was discussed. Emergency Management was discussed. Library was discussed. Library budget was presented. The Library is requesting \$12,402.50, which is a 2.5% increase from the 22-23 budget. White made the motion, seconded by Heying the 23-24 budget. Roll call vote. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Crooks. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried.	Fire Department was discussed. IMWCA return to work policy was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by White to approve the IMWCA return to work policy. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Crooks. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried. Old Creamery was discussed. Grants were discussed. Budget was discussed. Northeast Iowa Community Action is requesting \$1.00 per capita. White made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the NEICAC request. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Crooks. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried. Nonexempt salary employee reclassification was discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to change Dales pay from salary to hourly with a set wage of \$20.77 an hour, 160 hours of vacation, and 1 ½ overtime pay commencing on January 1, 2023, and being paid out for all comp time. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Crooks. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried. Health insurance was discussed. Delinquents were discussed. Water was discussed. Sewer was discussed. Streets were discussed. Sanitation was discussed. Parks were discussed. Municipal Hall was discussed. Electric was discussed. Financial reports were discussed.	Heying made the motion, seconded by Laures to approve the November financial reports. Roll call vote. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Crooks. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried. Disbursements were discussed. Laures made the motion, seconded by Heying to approve the disbursements. Roll call vote. Ayes: Laures, Heying, White, Crooks. Nays: none. Absent: Slick. Motion carried. November Disbursements To Whom, Amt, Purpose Halvorson, Patricia R\$366.17 Wages, Holthaus, Jarrett\$1,254.11 Wages, Alliant Energy\$10,114.88 Electric Purchase, Amy Laures\$54.75 Mileage, AV Express\$165.10 Fuel, AV Shopper\$18.75 Publication- Flush Hydrants AB Brueening Rock Products\$259.25 Rock, City of Alta Vista\$101.92 Utilities, Cooley Pumping\$186.60 Toilet Rental, Farmland Hardware\$62.00 Batteries, Holthaus, Jarrett\$50.00 Class Registration Reimbursement\$954.00 Work Comp Premium- Installment 5\$19.80 Locates, Iowa Rural Water Association\$225.00 Membership Dues, Iowa Utilities Board\$84.00 Assessments, Jendro Sanitation\$1,403.31	Garbage Pick-Up, Leisure Time\$15.25 Shipment- Wastewater, Marv & Zip's Repair Inc.\$609.55 Oil, Oil Filter, O Ring- Pump Repair Mic's Plumbing & Heating\$381.86 Furnace Repair, Microbac Laboratories, Inc.\$61.75 Wastewater Pre-discharge, Drinking Water Analysis, New Hampton Tribune\$252.72 Publication, O'Brien Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling\$195.11 Ball Valve Replaced, People's Savings Bank\$240.24 HSA- October and November, Rapid Printers\$103.00 Utility Cards, Stanton Electric LLC\$160.00 Blown Cut Outs, Wellmark\$619.88 Health Insurance- December, Windstream\$369.14 Telephone/Internet, Postmaster\$192.00 Stamps, Heiman\$364.05 Adapter, Gated Wye, Buchholtz, Dale W\$986.98 Wages, Halvorson, Patricia R\$76.18 Wages, Holthaus, Jarrett\$448.81 Wages, Burke, Francis\$92.35 Mayor Pay, Crooks, Kevin\$46.17 Council Pay, Heying, Richard\$46.17 Council Pay, Laures, Amy L\$46.12 Council Pay, Slick, Samantha\$46.17 Council Pay, White, Dean A\$46.17 Council Pay, IPERS\$1,111.88	Withholdings, US Treasury ... \$1,800.80 Withholdings\$23,631.99 Library Account Windstream\$131.58 Telephone/Internet, Campbell, Stacy\$510.06 Wages, Flatjord, Christina\$204.16 Wages, Taylor-Griffen, Crystal ... \$89.07 Wages, Patricia Halvorson\$192.00 Library- Fill In, Patricia Halvorson\$33.75 Mileage- 54 Miles, City of Alta Vista\$33.54 Utilities, Patricia Halvorson\$24.00 Contract Pay, Windstream\$131.58 Telephone/Internet, Campbell, Stacy\$59.39 Wages, Flatjord, Christina\$19.79 Wages, Taylor-Griffen, Crystal\$180.94 Wages\$1,609.86 Total\$25,241.85 November Disbursements General\$7,217.56 Road Use Taxes\$976.96 Snow Removal\$ Water\$1,843.00 Water Control\$28.50 Sewer\$1,475.73 Electric\$12,090.24 Library\$1,609.86 Economic Development\$ Debt Services\$ Total\$25,241.85 November Receipts General\$2,722.57	Option Tax\$1,111.78 Road Use Tax\$1,311.64 Water\$ Sewer\$ Electric\$7,132.31 Utility Deposits\$ Debt Service\$ Economic Development\$0.05 Library- Account\$ Library- County\$ Library- City\$ Library- State\$1,289.08 Library Donations\$98.00 Library Sales\$56.50 Sales\$ Transfers In\$ Total\$13,721.93 Council and Mayor concerns were discussed. White made the motion, seconded by Heying to adjourn at 6:56 pm. All ayes. Motion carried. The next council meeting will be January 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM at Alta Vista City Hall. Kevin Crooks, Mayor Pro Tem Attest: Jarrett Holthaus, City Clerk No. 22581 12/29/22
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CITY COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022, 7:00 P.M. The City Council of the City of New Hampton met in regular session in the Council Chambers at 112 East Spring Street, New Hampton Iowa at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwickerath at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Speltz, Daly, Denner, Fisher, Humpal and McDonald. Also in attendance were Zach Nobsisch, Casey Mai, Austin Hageman and guests, Kenna Sada, a NHHS student and City Attorney Todd Prichard. Moved by Speltz, seconded by Daly; That the consent agenda be approved as presented. Ayes – Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. 1. Approve meeting agenda 2. Approve City Council Minutes of December 5, 2022 3. Approve Special Council Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2022 4. Approve City Claims of \$108,512.16 5. Department Head Minutes of December 6, 2022 6. Approve and place on file Committee as a Whole Minutes of December 7 & December 8, 2022. 7. Approve and place on file Airport Commission Minutes of December 12, 2022 8. Upper Wapsipinicon River Watershed Management Board request for funding - \$600.00 9. November 2022 Finance Reports FUND, RECEIVED, DISBURSED GENERAL\$89,756.35 ROAD USE TAX\$137,730.37 SPECIAL REV/EMPLOYEE BEN\$33,861.59 LOCAL OPTION TAX\$15,945.55 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX\$23,027.65 HOTEL/MOTEL TAX CAP RES\$0.00 TIF- INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL\$17,935.41 TIF PROJECT EXP\$0.00 HOUSING REHAB. GRANT\$18,158.00	SPECIAL REVENUE- GRANTS\$106.00 DEBT SERVICE\$6,256.48 LIBRARY SPECIAL PROJECTS\$5,770.00 COMM CENTER RENOVATION\$172.75 ROADS CAPITAL PROJECTS\$350.00 STORMWATER CAPITAL PROJECTS\$9,369.20 CAPITAL PROJECTS\$5,348.72 CAPITAL PROJECTS\$0.17 WATER UTILITY\$8,311.90 SEWER UTILITY\$33,984.04 WASTEWATER PROJECT\$12,798.45 SOLID WASTE\$27,049.80 INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELO\$0.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS-WATER\$0.00 CAPITAL PROJECTS-SEWER\$4,632.30 CAPITAL PROJECTS-SANITARY SR\$0.00 CUSTOMER DEPOSITS\$2,054.00 TRUST & AGENCY\$973.00 TOTAL\$362,456.85 Mayor Schwickerath announced now is the time and place fixed for the public hearing on the proposed sale of three parcels within the city limits of the City of New Hampton. The Council investigated and found that the time and the place of the hearing had in accordance with the law and as directed by the City Council been published in the New Hampton Tribune on the 8th day of December 2022 in New Hampton in the County of Chickasaw. Mayor Schwickerath asked for oral comments. There were none. Mayor Schwickerath asked for written comments. There was one bid. Parcel #1: 191007126408 - \$3,000 Mayor Schwickerath declared the hearing closed. Moved by McDonald	seconded by Fisher; That Resolution No. 6552 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF Logan and Kayla Smith IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 FOR PARCEL #1: #191007126408 Section/Township/Range 07-95-12, W/2 S 113.2/3' OF LOT 3, be approved. Ayes- Speltz, Daly, Denner, Fisher, Humpal, McDonald. Nays – None. Absent – None. Resolution 6552 approved. Police Chief Zach Nobsisch explained the equipment build on the new Chevy Tahoe will cost \$15,585 from Racom. He did receive another quote from Karl Chevrolet for \$18,638 so Zach will be going with the lower price from Racom. The IDOT is awarding the City of New Hampton funding for replacement of the bridge on East Hamilton. The current estimate is \$985,000 for construction costs and \$265,000 for engineering amounting to \$1,250,000. This funding would cover up to \$1,500,000 in construction costs and the City would be responsible for the engineering. Moved by Daly, seconded by Fisher; To direct Mayor Bobby Schwickerath to sign the Acceptance of Funding for Bridge Replacement and forward the agreement to the Iowa DOT, be approved. Ayes–Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. The cleaning service help wanted ad was advertised for an additional two weeks. A bid was received from Bill Richter and Tabitha Drewelow for \$20/hour. Moved by Denner, seconded by McDonald; To approve an Agreement for Cleaning Service with Bill Richter and Tabitha Drewelow at the rate of \$20.00 per hour and require the contractor to sign a confidentiality agreement and carry liability insurance, be approved. Ayes –Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. Chief Nobsisch introduced Austin Hageman as a new police officer. Hageman started on December 12th and will attend a multi-week law enforcement training school. Hageman recited the Oath of Office with Mayor Schwickerath. Moved by Denner, seconded by Fisher; that the meeting adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Ayes–Six. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried. ROBERT SCHWICKERATH, Mayor ATTEST: COURTNEY LECHTENBERG, Deputy City Clerk COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL MONDAY, DECEMBER 19,	2022 7:00 PM CITY - WRITTEN SINCE DECEMBER 5, 2022 State of Iowa, Sales Tax November 20223,511.57 Kwik Star, Gas (Police Street) ..1,775.75 NAPA, Supplies (Street Sewer)326.17 USPS, Postage for Utility Bills (WA SR)117.02 Verizon, Data Charges (Police)160.10 Chickasaw County Sheriff, Service fee for City vs. Precision195.00 Five Star Coop, Gas, Diesel (St Fire SR WA) Supplies (ST WA SR)2,216.76 Windstream, Phone Service (Sewer Water)252.21 TOTAL WRITTEN8,554.58 CITY - TO BE WRITTEN- 20/20 FX LLC, Set up new emails, Fix VPN (Police)90.00 Barco Municipal Products, Cones, No Turn on Red Signs (Street)848.66 Black Hills Energy, Natural Gas (PD WA Clerk Cust Carnegie ST Fire SR)6,935.95 CarQuest, Air Filters, Oil Absorb, Blower Motor (Street)204.46 Environmental Resource Assoc, Lab Supplies (Sewer)630.22 Fire Service Training Bureau, FF1 for Cain (Fire)50.00 Galls LLC, Uniform Allowance (Police)576.70 Geerts Plumbing & Heating, Service HVAC & Heater in Vault (Comm Ctr)575.04 Hawkins, Chlorine, Meter, Switchover (Water)2,538.98 Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Transfer for MMPI-2 Hageman, Taser School (Police)100.00 Jendro Sanitation, Refuse Pickup (Fire PD Carnegie
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BOATS

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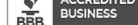


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Bowlers fall but continue to exceed coach’s expectations

By Kelly Terpstra
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The best may be yet to come for the New Hampton High School bowling teams. That’s saying something – because in their inaugural season, the co-ed Chickasaws have paved plenty of ground in their pioneering first year.

With four home dates left at Bowlaway Lanes in New Hampton – New Hampton should feel awfully good about its chances to pull out more victories in the second-half of the 2022-2023 season.

“We’ll be a little bit more relaxed and a lot more comfortable because it will be on a shot that they’re used to,” said New Hampton head coach Andy Aries. “I expect their scores to be a lot better.”

New Hampton (1-3) returns from Christmas break with its second home meet of the season against Oelwein on Tuesday, Jan. 10.

The NH boys team has already exceeded Aries’ expectations by bowling in the 2,400 range. The Chickasaws broke 2,500 at home with the first win in program history two weeks ago versus Grundy Center. While this fourth contest of the season at Lilac Lanes in West Union on Tuesday, Dec. 20 versus North Fayette Valley wasn’t a victory, NH is still being competitive.

The Tigerhawks (3-0) stayed undefeated with a 188-pin victory over New Hampton – 2,667 to 2,479.

“We’re getting our kids to about shoot 150-plus each game,” said Aries.

Landon Marr, a sophomore, continued to lead the Chickasaws the last two meets with a 358 round. He rolled a 168 in his first 10-frame outing, followed by a 190. Jackson Brincks (321), Jamison Porath (314), Chase Gebel (312), Jaxon Porath (300) and Jarrin Robinson (260) filled out the varsity score sheet for New Hampton.

The Chickasaws’ baker round total was



Kelly Terpstra/Tribune

New Hampton’s Jarrin Robinson attempts to pick up a spare during a bowling meet against Grundy Center earlier this season.

874. That bested NFV’s 807. NH has won every baker round this year, sans the contest against Charles City.

“They’re definitely improving in the individual part, but the team part – when we get into the baker part – they’re bowling excellent there,” said Aries.

Aries said he expected the boys squad to roll around 2,300 before the start of the second half of the season. They’ve upped that total and more.

The NH girls team competed in its second meet of the season and lost to the Tigerhawks, 2,260 to 830.

The story out of this meet on the girls side was freshman McKenzie Herzberg. She tallied a 70-69-131 in the first meet of the season at Charles City. She went above and beyond that score in West Union with a combined total of 201. Her high game was 124.

“She did really well for what she had been doing from the beginning of the year until now,” said Herzberg. “She definitely improved considerably. With that being

said, it seemed like she had a lot more fun because she was a little more relaxed. That helped out a lot.”

Mary Jane Schmitz, a senior, rolled a 192 and junior Chickasaw Madison Dreckman notched a 167.

The girls’ baker round was 270.

“I think this break for them is going to be a big help,” said Aries. “A lot of them aren’t used to going full tilt like this,” said Aries. “I definitely think this break is going to give them a chance to relax and kind of refocus again.”

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 2,667, NEW HAMPTON BOYS 2,479

Medalist - James Bauml, NFV 189-255-444.

New Hampton scores - Landon Marr 168-190-358, Jackson Brincks 178-143-321, Jamison Porath 144-170-314, Chase Gebel 161-151-312, Jaxon Porath 139-161-300, Jarrin Robinson 119-141-260.

NORTH FAYETTE VALLEY 2,260, NEW HAMPTON 830

Medalist - Hailey Wurzer, North Fayette Valley 213-178-391.

New Hampton scores - McKenzie Herzberg 77-124-201, Mary Jane Schmitz 98-94-192, Madison Dreckman 70-97-167.

Seniors appreciate opportunity

Brincks, Schmitz grateful they get to bowl for Chickasaws

By Kelly Terpstra
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Once Mary Jane Schmitz starts talking about bowling – her eyes light up.

The sentences get longer – the words more descriptive.

Her new-found enthusiasm centers around a sport that often takes decades for its competitors to master. She’s just starting out and getting better with each and every practice.

The New Hampton High School senior has also realized that’s she’s having a pretty good time at it, too.

She’s not alone.

Schmitz, like a large portion of her Chickasaw teammates, is just beginning to realize her potential in a now-sanctioned high school activity that is new to New Hampton.

The sport of prep bowling in the state of Iowa has come a long way in a relative short amount of time. Almost 17 years ago the sport was first sanctioned by the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union in 2006. Then came the boys four years later in 2010 by the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

The state of Iowa has different governing bodies that oversee its high school sports – the only one in the nation.

The sport took a considerable amount of time to get to New Hampton – but Schmitz, like her teammates, is glad it’s here.

40s or 50s. We heard bowling came out and I was like there’s no way I’m doing that.”

But she was convinced by her fellow senior teammate – Jackson Brincks – to give it a try.

“He encouraged me to,” said Schmitz about Brincks.

Brincks led NH in average in the first two meets of the season. The Chickasaws boys squad is 1-3 overall in four matches before Christmas break, but head coach Andy Aries’ bunch has flipped that record (3-1) in baker games against Grundy Center, Charles City and North Fayette Valley.

“It’s really fun. It’s something different,” said Brincks. “I’ve always thought bowling was fun, so I thought I might as well try it.”

The New Hampton girls team has just three girls out – just enough to field a team. But that also means they are filling in zeros when other schools are jotting down official scores.

That makes it difficult sometimes, Schmitz said, but her teammates pull through and finish their rounds.

“I just think it’s kind of discouraging and overwhelming, especially for the girls because we only have three girls,” said Schmitz. “Every time we do baker’s we put zeroes in four frames.”

an incredible game in the home opener two weeks ago versus Grundy Center. He bowled six-straight strikes to start his first round. He finished with a 220 – which was comprised of nine strikes in 10 frames.

Schmitz talked about the early portion of the season, when nerves and unfamiliar surroundings were a challenge at times.

“I think it’s kind of scary at first, but when you get into the rhythm of doing it, it gets better. I always bowl bad on my first or second ball, but with a little more time, like accepting that there’s people here, they’re watching, it gets better,” said Schmitz.

The Chickasaws will finish the season with four home meets at Bowlaway Lanes in New Hampton. That means a decent-sized, hometown crowd could be a difference-maker.

Brincks is hoping more potentially interested would-be bowlers hear about his team’s success and give it a shot.

The more, the merrier is his motto.

“I think if more people just hear about what bowling entails and just like the team environment – I think it’s going to be really fun if they just try it,” said Brincks.

The New Hampton bowling team’s season has already been a tremendous success and the Chickasaws are learning life lessons along the way – like dealing with pressure and being able to succeed when the chips are all on the line.

“We have what’s called a pressure ball. We do it every once in awhile,” said Schmitz. “One person bowls and we have the rest of the team standing up on both sides. It’s honestly kind of nerve-wracking, but it like teaches us, hey, there’s going to be people around you, noises – you just gotta kind of get through it.”

That’s a life metaphor almost all of us can relate to.



Schmitz



Brincks

Trojans fall to No. 8 Central

By Kelly Terpstra
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A tight battle for first place in the Upper Iowa Conference didn’t materialize.

In fact, this showdown between two league undefeated’s was almost over before it even started.

Central Elkader, ranked No. 8 in Class 1A, dominated Steve Hoffert’s Turkey Valley girls basketball team last week Tuesday by a score of 70-40.

Central raced out to a 28-7 first-quarter advantage and never looked back.

TV (5-3, 5-1) committed 23 turnovers and shot just 27 percent from the field.

“I thought we did a better job handling the pressure after we settled in,” Hoffert added.

Turkey Valley did have two players notch double-digit scoring in seniors Jacqlynn Schmitt (11 points) and Aubrey Hoffert (10 points).

CENTRAL ELKADER 70, TV 30

TV 7 12 8 13 - 40
CE 28 14 15 13 - 70

Alison Leibold 2-8 0-2 6, Brianna Busta 0-0 0-0 0, Aubrey Hoffert 3-10 1-2 10, Mariah Thronsdon 0-0 0-0 0, Jacqlyn Schmitt 4-13 3-6 11, Addison Steinlage 1-5 1-2 3, Annika Bodensteiner 1-4 0-0 2, Maici Weber 1-6 0-0 2, Ashlyn Busta 0-0 2-2 2, Alexis Elsbernd 0-0 0-0 0, Layni Schuchhardt 0-0 2-2 2, Delaney Busta 0-0 0-0 0, Haylee Hanson 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 13-48 9-16 40.

3-point field goals - Leibold 2-6, Hoffert 3-8, Schmitt 0-1, Steinlage 0-1.

Rebounds - Schmitt 5, Steinlage 4, Weber 4, B. Busta 2, A. Busta 1, Elsbernd 1, Leibold 1.

Assists - B. Busta 1, Schuchhardt 1.

Steals - B. Busta 2, Weber 2, Leibold 1, Schmitt 1, D. Busta 1.

Blocks - Hoffert 2, Schmitt 2, Schuchhardt 1.

‘Communication’ is key for New Hampton girls

NH Girls: FROM 10

New Hampton raced up-and-down the court, en route to a 42-12 halftime advantage. The Chickasaws continued to play hard and held CC to just nine second-half points.

“This was like a game where we could just play,” said Leichtman. “It was a game where we could just be ourselves.”

And that the Chickasaws did, as a more balanced scoring attack was tough to handle for the 0-7 Comets.

NH’s leading scorer – all-stater Carlee Rochford – once again paced the Chickasaws with 18 points. Wegner’s 13 points was a welcome sight. She wasn’t alone in double-digit scoring as sophomore guard Taylor Ries hit for 11.

“Each of us individually are really strong basketball players and if we focus on that it will come together perfectly as a team,” said Wegner. “That’s exactly what it did.”

Rochford – one of the top scorers in the entire state – had an impressive stat line with six rebounds, six assists and five steals.

Braelyn Rosonke, a sophomore center, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked four shots to go along with her five points.

“In all-around basketball, we completed everything we wanted to,” said Leichtman.

NH shot almost 78 percent from the free-throw line (14-18) and prevented the Comets from getting to the charity stripe themselves.

“In the second half we did not want to put them on the line. We talked about goals of five fouls was going to be our max for the second half,” said Leichtman. “The girls only allowed three. This is a game where we have to defensively get better.”

NH collected 17 steals and grabbed 38 rebounds as a team.

“Our communication was really strong. We went after every ball. We were always in the passing lane,” said Wegner, who led NH with two 3-pointers.

New Hampton gets right back at it after break with a road game at Clarksville on Thursday, Jan. 5 and a key conference clash at home the next day on Friday versus Crestwood. NH travels to No. 11 Waverly-Shell Rock on Friday, Jan. 13.

NEW HAMPTON 67, CHARLES CITY 21

NH 26 16 14 11 - 67
CC 2 10 5 4 - 21

Carlee Rochford 7-16 3-5 18, Kandice Eggerichs 1-7 2-2 4, Molly Wegner 4-12 3-3 13, Taylor Ries 4-8 3-4 11, Braelyn Rosonke 2-5 1-2 5, Kirsten Reicherts 2-2 0-0 4, Josie Speltz 1-1 0-0 2, Elaina Rosonke 1-1 0-0 2, Megan Pickar 0-2 0-0 0, Gracie Reicks 1-3 0-0 2, Cora Schwickerath 0-2 2-2 2, Jackie Pickar 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 25-63 14-18 67.

3-point field goals - Rochford 1-2, Wegner 2-5, Ries 0-1, M. Pickar 0-1, J. Pickar 0-1.

Rebounds - B. Rosonke 11, Rochford 6, Eggerichs 5, Ries 4, Reicks 4, E. Rosonke 2, Reicherts 2, Wegner 2, J. Pickar 1, Speltz 1.

Assists - Rochford 6, Reicks 3, B. Rosonke 2, Wegner 1, Ries 1.

Steals - Rochford 5, Eggerichs 2, Wegner 2, Ries 2, Reicherts 2, E. Rosonke 2, M. Pickar 1, J. Pickar 1.

Blocks - B. Rosonke 4, Reicherts 1, E. Rosonke 1, Eggerichs 1.

Shooting woes prove costly for Chickasaws in loss to Comets

NH Boys: FROM 10

taking care of the basketball, the shots just aren’t dropping. The Chickasaws were 3-20 from beyond the arc and shot 30 percent from the field. Fifteen makes in 50 shot attempts isn’t going to get it done according to Rausch.

“They did play their best game of the year by far, but we definitely made them look good. Between our lack of aggression on the glass and the fact that we went 3-20 from three – and off those 17 misses about 15 were really good looks. We just need to shoot the ball better,” said Rausch. “You cut their offensive rebounds in half and make six more threes – it’s a game that goes down to the wire.”

Charles City led 37-17 at intermission and took a 56-24 lead into the final period of play.

The Chickasaws were paced by senior guard Gannon Shekletn’s nine points. He was 4-14 in the shooting department. Carter Steinlage added eight points and five rebounds.

Charles City’s Kam Mestas and Brennan Schmidt led the

Comets with 18 points apiece.

Rausch said rebounding and shot making in the second half of the season is paramount for New Hampton (2-5, 1-3).

“Our job is to compete in our league and be battle-tested when the playoffs come around. That’s the bottom line and we look forward to the challenge,” said Rausch.

CHARLES CITY 69, NEW HAMPTON 40

NH 8 9 7 16 - 40
CC 22 15 19 13 - 69

Ben Gilbert 2-7 0-1 5, Adam Ewert 0-5 2-2 2, Gannon Shekletn 4-14 0-0 9, Carter Steinlage 3-6 1-1 8, Aiden Roberson 2-3 1-2 5, Hunter Serie 0-0 1-2 1, Evan Knowlton 0-3 2-2 2, Reid Rausch 0-2 0-0 0, Brady Speltz 1-1 0-0 2, Nick Brincks 1-3 0-0 2, Cale Laures 1-4 0-0 2, Carsyn Leistikow 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 15-50 7-10 40.

3-point field goals - Gilbert 1-4, Ewert 0-4, Shekletn 1-7, Steinlage 1-1, Knowlton 0-1, Rausch 0-2, Leistikow 0-1.

Rebounds - Steinlage 5, Brincks 5, Gilbert 4, Laures 3, Rausch 3, Ewert 2, Shekletn 2, Leistikow 1.

Assists - Ewert 3, Gilbert 2, Shekletn 1, Steinlage 1.

Steals - Gilbert 1, Ewert 1, Shekletn 1, Rausch 1, Speltz 1.

Blocks - Laures 2, Shekletn 1.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 3

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THURSDAY, JAN. 5

TV basketball vs. Riceville, JV girls at 4 p.m., JV boys at 5 p.m., varsity girls at 6:15 p.m., varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

NH/TV girls wrestling vs. Crestwood, 6 p.m.

NH girls JVV basketball at Crestwood, 6 o.m.

NH/TV boys wrestling vs. Crestwood, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7 p.m.

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New Hampton's Molly Wegner looks for a teammate as she tries to save a ball from going out of bounds during a game against Waverly-Shell Rock earlier this month.

Chickasaw girls get first NEIC win

Balanced New Hampton cruises to an easy road victory at Charles City

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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TCOB. That acronym stands for taking care of business – if you didn't already know. The New Hampton girls basketball team did that and then some in last week Tuesday's rout of Charles City on the road. "We wanted to finish the week before break with a good win," said NH junior guard Molly Wegner. "We knew we could go out there and take care of business. That was actually our game motto – is take care of business. We had a goal and that's what we did."

In the last game before Christmas break, the Chickasaws (2-6, 1-3) pulverized the winless Comets on their home floor by a score of 67-21.

NH head coach David Leichtman's NEIC

group was looking to keep the ball rolling and the momentum on an upswing after the first league win of the year was accomplished over the Comets.

Mother Nature – as everyone in the midwest found out – had other plans on Thursday as almost all activities – sports related or not – were cancelled by the blizzard that forced many to stay inside for the holiday season.

That meant New Hampton's planned non-conference date with Kee High last Thursday at home was postponed and more than likely will not be made up. But New Hampton still has a league victory to hang its hat on headed into the second half, where the Chickasaws are working toward a team goal of spreading the offensive wealth around and locking down opponents on defense.

The number one way to attain that goal

according to Leichtman is to focus on what his team can control and that's the quality of their play. Worrying about what the opponent is trying to do – although necessary at times – is not the focal point at this juncture of the season.

"We're worried about Chickasaw basketball. That's our No. 1 worry is our ourselves and how we can push ourselves and make ourselves better," said Leichtman. "The practice in the lead-up to Charles City was more about us taking care of ourselves."

New Hampton took that mantra to heart versus the Comets right off the bat. NH exploded for a first-quarter advantage of 26-2.

"This game was one of those games when you really saw how good we can be," said Leichtman.

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Slow start dearly costs New Hampton boys in NEIC defeat

Charles City jumps out to big advantage early in 69-50 win over the Chickasaws

By KELLY TERPSTRA
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Ryan Rausch knows his New Hampton basketball team can make a run come postseason time.

The task at hand in the foreseeable future for his Chickasaws is to make one during the regular season.

New Hampton ran into a brick wall at Charles City last week Tuesday. The Comets played their best game of the season as they rolled to a convincing 69-40 victory in New Hampton's fourth NEIC contest of the still young season.

New Hampton swept CC last year, but not this time around as the Comets repeatedly worked for rebounds and succeeded in that effort against the shorter Chickasaws.

"We came out flat and got killed on the glass – just killed. I warned the guys the day before that if we didn't block out against an ultra-athletic Charles City team, we would get run out of the gym," said Rausch.

Charles City, 5-2 overall and 2-1 in league play, outrebounded New Hampton 36-25.

While New Hampton is

SEE NH BOYS, 9



New Hampton junior Ben Gilbert "spots up" for a 3-point shot in a game against Waverly-Shell Rock earlier this month.



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